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## **Briefs**

#### Workshops help parents communicate with kids

SCOTCH PLAINS - Two parent-child workshops have been scheduled at the Resolve Community Counseling Center, located at 1830 Front

The workshops, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday and April 12, are intended for parents and children to explore better communication together.

Children and parents will separate at the beginning of each workshop. Each group will speak independently with a Resolve counselor who will help develop the issues the group most wants to discuss. The two groups will then be rejoined and together explore the issues that have been identified.

For registration, call (908) 322-9180.

Refreshments will served.

#### Westfield Lions name 'Peace Poster' winner

WESTFIELD — Strickland has won the local edition of the Peace Poster contest conducted by the Westfield Lions Club.

She received an engraved desk set, savings bond and certificate during a ceremony at Roosevelt Intermediate School, where Liz is in the seventh grade.

"I'm proud that we were able to provide the students ... with the opportunity to share their visions with us," said Douglas Schembs Jr., secretary of the Lions Club and chairman of the local poster contest.

"A New Beginning for Peace" is the theme of this year's contest.

Liz's poster is one of more than 300,000 submitted worldwide in the 12th annual contest sponsored by Lions International. The Westfield Lions have conducted the local edition at Roosevelt Intermediate School for the past six years.

#### Library to discuss Wilde's 'Dorian Gray'

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library on North Avenue will hold its book discussion group 7:30 p.m. April

Librarian Ruth Ahnert will lead a discussion on "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde.

Participants are asked to read the book before the meet-

Copies are available at the library for those who need

For more information, call (908) 322-6400.

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# Boys will be boys as officials stage latest Tuesday night fight

By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - Heated words peppered Tuesday night's budget meeting when Republican Councilman Neil Sullivan and

Democratic Mayor Tom Jardim went toe-to-toe over parking issues.

During a budget meeting following the regular council meeting, talk of a jitney bus to shuttle commuters to the town train station and appropriating money to with the councilman. hire more parking officers to enforce downtown regulations turned ugly. Sullivan said Jardim called his proposals for the bus and enforcement officers "dopey," something that did not sit well

On Wednesday, the mayor did not seem ready to back off that stance. "He's got a lot of ideas some of them have to be dopey," Jardim said.

The mayor said Sullivan's

ideas were aimed at derailing discussions on the town's proposed parking deck. "It seems like he's basically against the parking deck," Jardim said.

Sullivan denied he was trying

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# Westfield cops pop alleged burglar

Man may be linked to several town thefts

By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Police believe a man charged with a Tuesday burglary could be one of the men behind a recent string of burglaries on the south side of town.

suspect, Jeremiah Shoemaker, is also being eyed for burglaries in many other area towns, police said.

Shoemaker, 25, a Plainfield resident described by Westfield police as "semi-homeless," was taken into custody Tuesday after a Westfield Avenue woman

"Technically, he hasn't been charged with the (other burglaries) yet, but the charges are going to be soon."

> - Lt. John Parizeau Westfield Police Department

returned to her house at about 3 p.m. and saw a strange man near her front door. When she said, he told her he had lost his dog and then ran off. The woman called police, who picked up Shoemaker about 10 minutes later on the railroad tracks behind Lord & Taylor.

Shoemaker, who allegedly dropped a camera he had taken from the Westfield Avenue home before fleeing, was charged with one count of burglary and one count of theft after police discovered him to be in possession of a pair of gold earrings reported missing in Tuesday's theft. Officials said he was held by Westfield police in lieu of \$20,000 bail before being turned over Wednesday to Plainfield police.

Plainfield is one of the other towns eyeing Shoemaker for a number of recent burglaries, although police stressed that no charges other than the Westfield Avenue burglary have been filed — so far. "Technically, he hasn't been charged with the (other burglaries) yet, but the charges are going to be soon," said Lt. John Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department.

In connection with the investigation, Plainfield police also took who they believe to be an accomplice of Shoemaker into custody Wednesday, according to police reports. Representatives of Plainfield Police Department's Detective Bureau could not be reached for com-

ment by press deadline. Police would not say why they believe Shoemaker and his alleged accomplice were the suspects behind the number of south side burglaries appearing in recent Record-Press police logs, or how many of those crimes they might be charged with. But police officials did say Shoemaker and the second man were likely to be charged with additional crimes.

"I would imagine the (Detective) Bureau will charge them with the other burglaries within a day or so," said Parizeau. "They'll probably be charged in other towns as well. These guys are being looked at by Scotch Plains and Plainfield. Also possibly by North Plainfield and South Plainfield."



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# Pure fun, Purim-style

Nathan way through the obstacle course while 9-year-old Jaclyn Lazarus (left) counts her tickets and tries to decide what prizes to obtain at the annual Purim Carnival, hosted in Scotch Plains Saturday by the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey. Besides the obstacle course and the various prizes, the event included dancing, food, music and other fun activities, and attracted a number

Three-year-old of visitors to the JCC.

# Fanwood greets new councilwoman

#### Swindlehurst tabbed as Populus successor By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD - The Borough Council unanimously approved Tuesday night the appointment of Cynthia Swindlehurst to a council seat.

Swindlehurst, who was not present at Tuesday's meeting, will fill the seat left open by the recent resignation of Councilman Bill Populus

Council President Whittaker made the nomination to appoint Swindlehurst, who was attending Tuesday night a meeting of the borough Historic Preservation Committee, where a new ordinance was being drafted. Swindlehurst is a member of the Preservation Historic Committee.

The Borough Council had until March 30 to appoint a new council member, or the Fanwood Democratic Committee would have had the authority to choose their own candidate - without the council's input - to replace Populus, a Democrat.

I'm thrilled," the new council-

woman said Wednesday, noting that she knows how tough being a council member can be, since both of her parents are former council members.

excited, Swindlehurst said. "I think it's a good opportunity." Whittaker did not seem entirely sold on the idea of Swindlehurst, although the coun-

though,"

fications spoke for themselves. "If I was going to look at this from a purely political basis, I would choose someone else," said

cil president did admit her quali-

Whittaker, a Republican. He said the fact that Swindlehurst missed the meeting only because she was working with her committee to draft an ordinance, along with the fact that she was the only one of the three potential Populs replacements chosen by Democratic officials to have actually run for public office, showed she was qualified for the position. "That in itself speaks volumes," Whittaker

"We're very fortunate that we have to make a difficult choice." said Mayor Louis Jung, who along with other officials praised all three candidates chosen by the Democratic Committee to fill

Swindlehurst, Democratic officials put Planning Board member Matthew Glennon and Downtown Revitalization Committeeman Peter Sayles on their short list of Populus succes-

At a March 16, meeting the council suggested having each candidate come before the entire council Tuesday night for either an interview or to hear the candidates speak about why they should be appointed. None of the candidates were at Tuesday's meeting.

Council members said it was imperative to get another council member in place as soon as possible, and Swindlehurst was the natural choice. "I think it's time to move along," said Democratic Councilwoman Karen Schurtz. Swindlehurst, an administra-

tor with A&P Supermarkets and lifelong borough resident, said she did not have an immediate agenda and would prefer to ease into her new role. She said she plans on making a strong contribution to the council. "I think I'll be a hard worker," Swindlehurst

# final answer

Westfield officials complete work on \$24.4M budget

By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD The last revisions of the proposed \$24.4 million 2000 Westfield municipal budget were hammered out Tuesday might, and the budget should be introduced to residents April 4, according to Town Administrator Thomas Shannon.

The budget should spell a tax increase of roughly 3 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value for homeowners, according to Shannon, He said the increase, which he termed "minimal," means residents can expect to pay about 70 cents per \$100 in

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#### Fanwood braces for tax increase

By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD PRESS

FANWOOD After three years of essentially flat tax rates, the tax hike borough residents . will likely see this year may come as a shock.

The proposed \$5.7 million municipal budget the Borough Council introduced Tuesday night could mean residents will be socked with a more than 5.5percent increase in the municipal portion of their tax bill. The increase translates to about \$65 per year for the average Fanwood homeowner with a home assessed at \$83,000.

Along with the \$65 municipal hike, residents can expect to be hit with an average annual increase of more than \$195 in the schools portion of their tax bills, thanks to facilities programs included in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District's proposed 2000-2001 budget.

Borough Council members were quick to distance them-selves from the dramatic increase in school taxes.

The total tax increase this year, if all currently proposed budgets are approved, will be 5.1 percent — meaning the average tax bill will be up about \$274 annually, when the county tax is added in .

"Nobody likes to have a tax increase," said council**woman** Karen Schurtz at Tuesday night's Borough Council meeting, noting that raising taxes was a difficult

- although unavoidable -- decision for the council to make. Schurtz said the massive increase in school taxes made the decision even tougher. "It's going to be a heavy hit this year, and we're going to take the heat," she

Officials stressed, however, that the final result of nine budget meetings and countless hours of work is a financially sound municipal budget, even if the total increase is a bit rough.

Programs such as the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the luncheon for borough volunteers were scaled back. Even the library had to take a cut. "Of my seven budgets, this one was by far the most difficult," said Mayor Louis Jung.

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Keansburg, was charged March

14 with contempt of court on an

outstanding warrant issued by

the Monmouth County Superior

Court, according to police

records. Howell was released

after he posted \$800 bail, police

Steven A. Hingel, 35, of

Roosevelt Street, Cranford, was

charged March 15 with con-

tempt of court on an outstand-

ing warrant issued by the

Elizabeth Municipal Court,

police said. Hingel was held in

lieu of \$90 bail, according to

A cellular phone valued at

\$100 was reported stolen March

15 from a 2000 Dodge four-door

truck parked in the driveway of

a Normandy Drive home, police

Four robberies reportedly

occurred March 17 during a

play at Westfield High School,

police said. While watching the

play, four spectators reportedly

left belongings in the school

cafeteria. Police said \$155 cash,

a Kodak camera valued at \$50,

\$50 worth of clothing and a cel-

lular phone were stolen from

reported Saturday that a

stranger was in his home,

according to police records. The

man told police he heard a door

opening and closing on the first

floor of his home and when he

went downstairs to investigate,

he saw a man in a black shirt

leave the home through a

garage door. Nothing was reported stolen, police said.

Boynton Avenue, was charged

Saturday with two counts of aggravated assault and two

counts of possession of a

Perna told police he was

walking on the 700 block of

weapon for unlawful purposes.

Richard Perna, 33, of

A Rodger Avenue resident

four people.

police reports.

# Authorities won't seek death penalty in Vo case

By TERRENCE DOPP

THE RECORD PRESS

MEDIA, PΑ Pennsylvania authorities have decided not to seek the death penalty for a Westfield woman accused of killing her husband in a suburb of Philadelphia.

Kim Qui Vo, 45, who owns a home on Florence Avenue, allegedly killed husband Michael Coll, 67, on Thanksgiving and attempted to rob him of \$36,000 he had received when he sold a stake in a radio station, according to authorities. Sherry Eyer, the assistant district attorney handling the case in Delaware County, Pa., said this week her office did not find the crime egregious enough to warrant an execu-

"We just didn't feel this was the appropriate case," said Eyer during a telephone interview, noting the alleged murder simply did not have enough "aggravating" circumstances to be tried as a capitol punishment case.

"We only seek the death penalty in the most extreme cases," Eyer said. "I'm not say-

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ing this isn't an extreme case .. We just didn't see anything that would justify seeking the death penalty."

If convicted, Vo could have faced death by lethal injection if the district attorney had decided to go that route. Ever said Pennsylvania authorities will still pursue their firstdegree murder charge — the most serious of the myriad charges Vo faces. Vo could still be sentenced to life in prison without parole, Eyer said, if she is found guilty.

Vo killed Coll in the early-

morning hours of Nov. 25 by beating and strangling him, then hiding the body in a closet, according to police reports. She was taken into custody Nov. 27 in an Atlantic City casino, police said, and a subsequent search of her Westfield home turned up evidence linking her to the crime including an ATM card bearing Coll's name and his broken and bloodied dentures, police said.

The woman will return to court on March 28, when pretrial hearings will continue, Eyer said. However, Eyer could not offer a date for the start of the actual trial.

#### Westfield Police Log Michael P. Howell, 32, of

Central Avenue when "four or five" men jumped him and he took out a knife to defend himself. A fight between Perna and the men ensued, and Perna allegedly stabbed two of his attackers in the forearm.

Shortly after Perna reported the accident, two of the alleged "attackers" reported to police that Perna started the fight before they were stabbed. Police said they did not know exactly what had happened, so charges were filed. The case was moved to Union County Superior Court.

Perna posted \$20,000 bail and was released.

Tyrone Brown, 28, of Plainfield, was charged Sunday with contempt of court on an outstanding warrant issued by the Plainfield Municipal Court. Brown was turned over to the Plainfield Police Department, according to police records.

Carmelo Melendez, 40, of North Plainfield, was charged Sunday with contempt of court on an oustanding warrant issued by the Somerset County Prosecutor's office, according to police records. Melendez was turned over to the Somerset County Sheriff's office, police

A neighbor house-sitting a Cayuga Way home Sunday reported finding the back door to the home forced open and some drawers rifled through, according to police reports. Police said they do not know if anything was taken from the home.

#### Scotch Plains

A cellular phone was reported stolen March 13 from a car parked in the Stagehouse Village parking lot, police said. The value of the phone is not known, police said.

About \$3,000 in cash was reportedly stolen in the early morning hours of March 14 from April's Restaurant on Terrill Road, according to police records. Police responding to the scene at about 6:50 a.m. found the safe pried open and the money missing. The point of entry was undetermined, police

Miscellaneous jewelry was reportedly stolen from a Sleepy Hollow Lane home March 14, police said. Police said the suspect entered the home through a basement window. The value of the jewelry is not known, according to police reports.

Daniel Duncan, 45, of Plainfield, and Benjamin Brown, 40, of Green Brook, were both charged March 15 with possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

The two were stopped on Rahway Road for a motor vehicle infraction at about 11 a.m., police said, when officers reportedly found unknown drug items in the car. Duncan was also charged with driving while on the revoked list.

A 17-year-old Scotch Plains boy was taken to an area hospital March 15 after complaining of feeling sick after smoking marijuana, police said. The boy was released from the hospital later in the evening, police said, The incident is under investigation, according to police reports.

A Newark Avenue resident reported March 17 that someone entered her unlocked vehicle, which was parked outside the victim's home at the time, and took a cellular phone and an unknown amount of change. according to police records.

Dominic Rodriguez, 20, of Willow Avenue, was charged Sunday with burglary.

Rodriguez was charged after a witness reported seeing Rodriguez attempt to break into a car parked on East Second Street, according to police records. When police arrived, they found Rodriguez in the car and in possession of burglary tools, according to reports.

Rodriguez was remanded to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth, where he was held in lieu of \$4,000 bail, police said.

#### **County College plans excursion** to the vast 'Spanish Southwest'

CRANFORD — Union Adrienne Hawley and Josefina County College is sponsoring an excursion to the "Spanish Southwest" from May 19-27.

Bandolier National Monument; the Four Corners National Monument; the Canyon de Chelly; Montezuma Castle National Monument; the Grand Canyon; Phoenix; Mesa Verde, Taos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, all in New Mexico.

Mark, two UCC professors who are fluent in Spanish.

Cost is \$1,295 per person, Included are guided tours of double occupancy. Airfare to and from Newark International Airport, chartered buses, lodging, continental breakfast and five dinners are included.

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For more information, call Hawley at (908) 497-4223 or coordinators are Mark at (908) 791-4943.

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# County approves Westfield's proposed \$56M school budget

By TERRENCE DOPP

WESTFIELD - State officials have OK'd the Board of Education's proposed \$56 million budget for 2000-2001, meaning the district can move on to a series of public meetings before voters have their say on a nearly \$4.3 million budget increase.

The tentative budget, which will mean tax increases of as much as \$15 per month for the average town homeowner, will fund new technology initiatives and help the district keep up with the demands of a growing enrollment, according to school officials.

The proposed budget represents a roughly 8 percent spending increase over its 1999-2000 counterpart. Usually, the state allows a district to increase spending by no more than 3 percent before requiring a district to post referendum questions asking voters to approve extra funds. But Westfield officials were able to obtain a Spending Growth Limitation Adjustment from the state, meaning they could go substantially higher without the need for "extra" questions on the April 18 school bal-

Representatives of the Union County Superintendent of Schools - whose office serves essentially as a field office for the State Department

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of Education - said Monday the budget had cleared all obstacles at the state level. Westfield was in excellent condition," said Glenn Tillou, the Union County school business administrator.

Tillou said the county superintendent pored over the proposed budget to ensure all the figures in the budget added up and the district made no mistakes in its budget preparations. He said his office does not dictate whether it is a 'good" budget or if school boards are raising budgets too much, and does not regulate whether districts are spending their money wisely.

"We do look at some areas regulated under statutes and codes," Tillou said. "As far as size, that's pretty much dictated by the state."

Now that the district has the state's approval, the public phase of the budget process will begin. Residents will be able to offer comments on the budget at the Board of Education's regular meetings, the next of which is scheduled for Tuesday night in the board room on Elm Street. School officials also plan to announce a number of meetings designed specifically to allow residents to comment on the budget.

School

Business Administrator Robert Berman said the budget comments the district has received up to this point have been supportive of the technology incentives and efforts to put more teachers in classrooms. "From what I've heard at the board meetings ... it's very positive at this point," Berman said, adding public input is welcome and residents will have ample opportunity to speak. "Everyone will have as much time as they need," he

# County sets 'special waste' collections

Three "Household Special Waste Collection Days" have been scheduled this spring.

Anyone in Union County who has hazardous or other "special waste" is welcome to dispose of it April 1 at the Centennial Avenue pool in Cranford; May 6 at the Locust Avenue pool in Berkeley Heights; and June 10 at the Public Works yard in Union. Hours each day will be 8 a.m.-2

"This is a great opportunity to dispose of old cans and containers that are taking up space in the basement, the garage or under the kitchen sink," said Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint, varnish, antifreeze, swimming pool chemicals, corrosives, cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, caustics, solvents, paint thinner, aerosol cans, fire extinguishers, oil filters, motor oil, gasoline, batteries, unbroken fluorescent lights, thermostats, mercury switches and asphalt sealer.

All materials being collected must be labeled or in their original containers. No registration is required; just bring the materials to the collection site and they will be taken out of your car or truck.

Latex paint and empty paint cans will not be accepted; they

should be disposed of with the household garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried. To quicken the drying process, cat litter and/or newspaper can be

added to the paint. In addition, schools are welcome to dispose of unwanted chemical wastes and reagents stored in science laboratories. Appointments are required for

schools. For more information or directions, call (908) 654-9890 between 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday or visit www.unioncountynj.org/oem any

Three additional collection days are planned for the fall.



## Zoo review

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students in the Applied Academics science classes at Scotch Plains' Park Middle School recently visited the Bronx Zoo's new "Congo Exhibit," bringing the students' studles of endangered species to a grand conclusion. The kids (including, left to right, Candice Grimes, Kerry Gander, Jasmine Bartee, Sarah Trezoglou, Robert Bethea, Klm Barry, Marina Chaves, Tracy Doyle, David Harris and Tristen Tinnes) were able to get up close and personal with many of the species they have studied.

# **Briefs**

#### **Annual AIDS benefit** nets over \$60,000

WESTFIELD -- More than \$60,000 was raised for the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey during its 12th annual auction.

The Feb. 26 auction also saw the second-annual John DeMarco Humanitarian Award presented to Mary Inzana of Life Ties and the Rainbow House.

The award is named for DeMarco, a Westfield real estate agent who founded the committee in 1986 and is now its president emeritus. Inzana founded Life Ties in Trenton in 1982 to provide care for children, teen-agers and young mothers with children who are HIV-positive. Her work with Life Ties led to the establishment of Rainbow House, a long-term care dwelling in Trenton for homeless people 12-21 years old who are living with AIDS.

Winning bids were more than \$500 for a catered dinner party and more than \$1,600 for a sailing trip to Newport, R.I.

Donations and volunteers are always welcomed by the committee. For more information, call President Mike Kenny at (908) 232-6770, ext. 129.

#### Westfield man tabbed as service agency prez

WESTFIELD --- Robert J. Tarte has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of Community Access Unlimited, an Elizabethbased social service agency serving disabled people.

The Westfield resident has been on the agency's trustees board since 1996 and was second vice president before being named president. He retired in 1996 from the Department of Veterans Affairs, with which he worked on rating applicants for disability benefits.

A Plainfield native, Tarte earned a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall in 1965 and a law degree from the Seton Hall School of Law in 1969.

He is a director of the Seton Hall Alumni Association and a trustee of the Gran Centurions in Clark.



# Westfield Rescue Squad seeks donations, volunteers

WESTFIELD - Mayor Thomas Jardim has proclaimed March as Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad Month.

The proclamation is in conjunction with the rescue squad's annual fund drive, which begins this month. Everyone who lives in the town will receive a letter from the all-volunteer organization asking for financial support.

Squad members answered 2,035 calls during 1999, according to figures cited by Jardim in a press release from the rescue squad.

"This year, we are asking Westfield residents to support us in two ways: by giving generously to our 2000 fund drive, and through volunteering their time to the squad," said Vice President Reid Edles, the officer in charge of the fund drive.

"The fund drive is our oncea-year appeal to raise enough money to fund our day-to-day operations and provide the call 911.

squad monies to ensure service to the community in the future," Edles said.

The squad, Edles noted, is in need of more than just funds. "This year, the squad continues to have a tremendous need for volunteers to work as emergency medical technicians and dispatchers," he said. "A number of our members have retired or moved away. We seriously need the support of the Westfield community to replenish our ranks."

Financial donations should be payable to Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad and sent to P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091-0356.

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#### Jewish center sets 'Yoga for Singles'

SCOTCH PLAINS - "Yoga for Singles" is planned 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Ave.

Singles in their 20's and 30's are invited to do yoga with a deductible to the extent certified instructor. Wear comfortable clothes for the class.

> hour and refreshments afterward. Registration is recommended. To register, call (908) 889-

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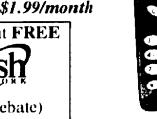
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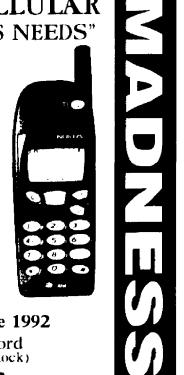
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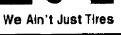
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# Choye: Disputed redistricting plan is 'best for the kids'

RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

PLAINS Although the Board of Education adopted her facilities recommendation Feb. 28, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools Carole Choye knows the strategy won't be fully implemented without community support this fall - in the form of voters embracing a \$17 million bond referendum.

However, support may not be a sure thing, given the wide philosophical gulf that appears to exist between the school administration and some par-

While Choye and her supporters have argued in favor of expanding and renovating the middle schools to accommodate fifth-grade students beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, others have voiced strong objections. Hoping to bridge the gap between the two positions, the superintendent has planned public meetings -- 9:30 a.m. today at Park Middle School and 7 p.m. Tuesday at Terrill Middle School -- to receive additional input and answer questions about the planned reorganiza-

Choye said she also plans to reach out to individual parents. "I take everything that parents sny seriously, and I will ask those who have expressed concerns to meet with me," the superintendent said.

Noting the many individual meetings and seven public meetings she has hosted over the past

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Faced with heated opposition, SP-F superintendent defends controversial 5-8 option 18 months, Choye added that she will "continue to do this because

I want to understand why (parents) are concerned. The most important thing is to get groups

to work together."

Some parents, however, are convinced that Choye has manipulated the planning process to achieve a predetermined outcome. In a Feb. 2, 1999 letter to the superintendent, school plancommitte**e** member ning Deborah Graffox wrote, "At no time was the committee asked to detail the options with the goal of making each.

one workable "The committee spent more when it time on (the redistricting) option came to instructional and little time on the others. The impact, the committee was administration took input relucinformed that tantly, and the discussions only one option always came back to the 5-8 was logical ... option. When we asked quesredistricting, construction of tions or disagreed, people new wings or a looked at us like we were school were dismissed crazy." illogical before all the facts were in."

Another planning committee mem-

ber, Janet Killeen, agrees with that assessment. "The committee spent more time on this option and little time on the others," she said. "The administration took input reluctantly, and the discussions always came back to the 5-

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8 option. When we asked questions or disagreed, people looked at us like we were crazy."

Killeen said all the parents on the committee were against putting fifth graders in the middle schools, and that written correspondence from the community has been overwhelmingly against the option.

But Choye insists the process was fair and extremely thorough, and a report issued in June 1999 by the administration describes a dysfunctional planning committee badly in need of

guidance. The report states, "In order to focus committee discussion and bring the group's de libe rations some conelusion after weeks of ineffectual debate, a - Janet Killeen culminat-Member of SP-F ing activity school planning committee

designed

for Lhis meeting (January 29, 1999) so that the most viable options under discussion could be evaluated against the established

objectives. The report indicated all those who had participated in past deliberations were invited to

attend the January 29 meeting. "Eighteen out of 22 attendees voted in favor of the K-4 option at that meeting," said Choye. "But in recognition of the differences that existed in the group. we conducted community surveys and went to outside planners who could look at 20 options and make their own recommendations.

Whether or not fifth-graders can flourish emotionally and academically in a middle school environment has been a heated point of contention between the two sides.

Despite administration plans to ents say seriously, and I will ask segregate those who have expressed confifthsix-graders. cerns to meet with me ... some par-What's best for the kids is what ents we're all about. We're reaching still concerned out and want to know what peoabout havple think so we can work their ing children together. We can't do it alone." exposed to the types of behaviors and language often associated

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preteens and young teen-agers. Those parents are also unhappy with the new instructional program that would eliminate recess and cut lunch time in half to 30 minutes.

"I'm afraid we're putting our fifth-graders into a more mature

setting than they're equipped for," said Killeen, adding she doesn't buy the administration's assertion that the reorganization would be beneficial to sixthgraders, who could associate with fifth-grade students rather than the older students. "If a sixth-grade student needs to be with fifth-graders, then maybe that student shouldn't be in middle school, either," she said. "And why do we think that the fifthand sixth-graders won't imitate the older kids? Younger kids usually gravitate to the older kids."

Graffox noted that "I take everything that parthroughout the entire process. never they had an independent child psychologist. pediatrician or anyone who was an expert in child development come in an offer an opinion."

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-- Carol Chove Superintendent, SP-F Schools

> trict's Special Education Department and is the person to whom the district's school psychologists report, has been part of the planning team and will continue to be involved.

> But Killeen said she would rather see on the team "someone with hands-on experience with kids ... a psychologist who has been working with fifth-graders."

> Henry said she doesn't believe a middle school environment will effect fifth-graders negatively. In fact, she said she feels their presence will "balance the student population by creating groupings of fifth- and sixth-graders and seventh- and eighth-grade students."

> Henry said she also believes that recess is overrated. "It's a positive thing in elementary school, but less necessary in middle school," she said.

Another advocate of eliminating recess is Parent-Teacher Association representative Gail Moser, who called recess a waste of time. "Kids have too much time on their hands (during

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recess, especially in the cold weather when recess is indoors." she said. "That's why some parents come into the middle schools with enrichment programs.

Killeen countered by noting that "fifth grade is still an elementary grade and ... kids still need their recess. Recess is one of the few opportunities they get to relax and choose what they want to do with their time. Then they're ready to come back to class and focus."

However, Choye emphasized that "state mandates make it difficult to teach all the required subjects in a normal school day," and that leaves district officials little choice but to eliminate recess and reduce the lunch period. New curriculums that must be added to an already-full roster include elementary world language, a broader range of language arts (including reading, writing and listening/speaking) and appreciation of art, music, theater arts and dance.

The superintendent has been criticized by some parents for the changing enrollment and dollar figures that have appeared at various stages of the planning process, and for recommending a plan that has as many answers as questions. Choye, who noted she has talked to the mayors of Scotch Plains and Fanwood and various real estate professionals throughout the process, noted that "things change."

"It's a rapidly changing landscape," she said.

Graffox said she is worried the 5-8 option may not be the long-term solution the district is looking for. "This plan doesn't address the possibility of a statemandated all-day kindergarten program," she said. "And it doesn't consider that Bowcraft is slated to be housing if the park isn't allowed to expand. We could be back here in a few years facing the same problem."

Although Choye remains convinced the 5-8 option is the right thing to do, she understands parents concerns. "What's best for the kids is what we're all about," the superintendent said. "We're reaching out and want to know what people think so we can work together. We can't do it

## **Optimists seek** nominations for teacher awards

WESTFIELD - The Optimist Club of Westfield has announced the deadline for receipt of nominations for the third-annual Intermediate school Outstanding Teacher Award is

March 31. Two intermediate school teachers -- one from Edison School and one from Roosevelt School -- will be chosen to

receive the award on May 10. Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of profes-

sional growth. The nominee must be a fulltime teacher in the Westfield Public School System, in grades 6-8, for a minimum of five years.

Students, parents and staff are encouraged to submit nomination letters to: Outstanding Teacher Award Committee of the Optimist Club of Westfield, Mr. D. Thomas Hornish, President, 384 Oak Ridge Road, Westfield,

According to Dr. William Foley, superintendent of schools, "The Outstanding Teacher Award gives deserving credit to our intermediate school teachers who are dedicated to providing an educationally stimulating and supporting environment during the critical stage of adolescence.

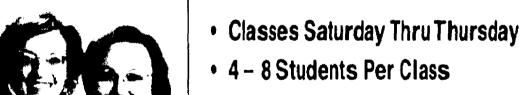
The Optimist award joins other annual awards designated for Westfield teachers, including the Rotary Club's Philhower Fellowship, presented to an ele-mentary-level teacher, and the following awards created for Westfield High School staff: The Robert and Linda Foose Memorial Award for Excellence in Education, the Distinguished Teacher Award and Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Council Organization Teacher of the Year Award.

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# Following JCC threats, police arrest 'prayer warrior'

By TERRENCE DOPP

HE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - A warrant for grest has been issued for an Edison man currently being held n Meuhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, whom police solice made a 911 call warning of dangers to Jewish community centers throughout Central Jersey.

Dorian Ugerro, 26, of Vineyard Road, was taken into custody Thursday night outside of the Edison police station. Police say he ande the 911 call shortly after 8 am. March 16, but have not yet officially charged him with any crimes. The warrant, issued Friday, charges Ugerro with mak-

#### Westfield officals complete budget

(Continued from page A-1) muracipal taxes, a number be and factors out to about \$1,225 tor the Westfield homeowner shose home is assessed at the township average of \$174,000.

"I think it's a good budget," and Sharmon. "I think it controls the tax burden that residents pay for municipal services."

The budget, and the resulting Apercent tax hike, are the result of a process that has taken more than a month of meetings, during which the Town Council looked over every line item expenditure and met with the heads of town departments to see which items were justified and which could

The 3-cent tax increase, which will translate into about a \$50 unrual increase for the average homeowner, will come at the same time as a 9-cent increase in the school portion of residents' tax bills.

Officials stressed they could do nothing about the school portion of taxes.

Mayor Tom Jardim was critical of the proposed increase, saying the town has enough money m its municipal surplus to avoid raising taxes while still mainthin ing the same numbers in the budget. He said Westfield's current surplus of "almost \$10 million" is big enough to allow the increase to be offset while maintaining a financially responsible surplus level.

"Basically, we're appropriating money we know is going to be for surplus," Jardim said Wednesday, suggesting taxpayers are basically funding the town surplus basically, paying more taxes than necessary to successfully run the local government.

"I don't know why current taxpayers should not be allowed to keep their money," the mayor said, adding the proposed increase, coming at the same time as the 9-cent school tax increase, was hard to approve with such a large surplus standing by.

According to Town Treasurer NAME, however, the town's surplus, as of Wednesday, weighed in at only \$3.2 million.

who Jardim -Wednesday "I use the term 'sur-plus' loosely" — said there is inpproximately \$3.2 million in what he called "the true munici-pal surplus," and another \$4.1 million in a sale of assets account set up by the town years ago. The rest of the "almost \$10 million," the mayor said, comes from "moneys that are budgeted but not sperit."

ing false public alarms, but police officials said they will not charge him until he is released from the medical center's psychiatric ward.

The warrant has been issued, but ... we won't charge him until he's released," said Lt. John Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department.

Ugerro remained in the psychiatric ward as of Wednesday's press dead line.

Ugerro, who was described by officials as "meritally ill," allegedly called Westfield police -- one of a number of police departments he phoned - and said "I would like all Jewish community centers checked up for maybe a bomb or anything. I need all those places. checked today. I'm a prayer warrior and I'm sending a fax to the White House," according to police

The phone call was traced to a pay phone near the CVS pharmacy on West South Avenue in Westfield, but Ugerro was gone by the time officers arrived, police said. Ugerro, who made similar calls to police in Garwood and Roselle, then allegedly traveled to the Jewish Community Center on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plans, where a witness took down his license plate number. He was spotted in front of the Edison police station at about 11:15 p.m. March

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46, where Westfield police arrested him a short time later.

The Temple Emanu-El on East Broad Street was evacuated after the call, and a county bomb squad sent dogs throughout the building. police said. Temple officials said nothing suspicious was found.

Parizeau would not speculate on any sentences Ugerro could face if convicted on the false public alarm charge, a fourth-degree crime. At press deadline, he had not posted the \$7,500 bail ordered by the Umon County Superior Court, police said.

# Accused molester enters not-guilty pleas

By TERRENCE DOPP

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ELIZABETH The Edison school teacher accused of sexually molesting a now 17-yearold Westfield girl in the mid-1980's to the early 1990's filed a not guilty plea in Superior Court March 10, according to his lawyer.

Lawrence Y. Bitterman, attorney for John A. Billias, 45, said Tuesday he entered the written plea with the court. Earlier this month, Billias was charged with criminal sexual contact with a minor under 13 following a month-long investigation by the Westfield Police Department and the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

While the case is pending. the only thing I can say is that Mr. Billias entered a not-guilty plea," said Bitterman, the New Brunswick attorney retained by

Bitterman said he did not know if Billias is still working as a teacher or if the Edison Township Board of Education has suspended him. Edison school board officials referred all comments to their lawyer, who did not return calls before press deadline.

Union County prosecutors said if Billias is convicted of criminally penetrating the girl, one possible penalty that would be pursued is stripping Billias his teaching career.

"(Conviction would mean) the loss of public employment," said John Esmeraldo, the assistant county prosecutor handling the

If convicted, Billias could also be sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in prison.

There are two main factors that are used to mete out sentences for sexual offenders. according to Esmeraldo -- the court will have to consider the degree of the charges against Billias and take his prior record into account when dishing out his sentence. And according to Esmeraldo, "(Billias) has no prior record.

Billias also will undergo a court-appointed psychiatric evaluation, Esmeraldo said, and if found guilty, the evaluation will factor in the sentencing. Esmeraldo said if a courtappointed psychiatrist rules

that Billias was responding to urges he cannot control, a longer prison sentence máy result. Similarly, if the psychiatrist rules Billias can control the sexual urges, potential sentences could be shorter, accord-

ing to Esmeraldo. One sentence Billias will definitely face if convicted is the mandatory registration of all sex offenders, commonly known as Megan's Law Depending on how serious the crime of a convicted sex offender is deemed to be, this can mean anything from simply registering with police to notification of neighbors. "There are very few givens in this type of case that's one of them," said Esmeraldo.

Billias was taken into custody March 7. The text of the charge asserted that he committed "one or more" acts of penetration against the girl --who prosecutors identified only by her initials and her 1982 birthday between 1986 and

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# Commentary

# Give municipalities their fair share

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In New Jersey, we're used to property tax likes. We shrug them off as the inevitable cost of living in a state where the legslature doesn't have the courage to tackle any significant tax eform package,

It doesn't have to be that way.

There is a bill introduced in the legislation that is enjoying sipartisan support from state senators and assemblymen and hundreds of mayors throughout the state. The Real Property Tax Relief Act offers some relief for municipalities and the verburdened homeowner.

Since 1994, state revenues have increased 30 percent; with a prosperous economy, the state is enjoying a billion dollar surblus. However, since 1994, the amount of state aid has not inatched the estimated 17.5 percent rise in costs to municipalties. In essence, state aid to municipalities has been reduced, ausing property taxes to rise.

The Real Property Tax Relief Act would appropriate more than \$328 million to make up for this shortfall.

If anyone needs to be reminded about the inequity of the property tax, take a look at the tax hikes being proposed in those towns hardest hit last year by Tropical Storm Floyd. The tost of cleaning up after the storm will be going on this year's property tax bills. The towns that were hardest hit by the storm have now been hit with the highest property tax increasis. Those tax hikes -- which are not the fault of any local official - may severely crimp those towns' ability to recover from the disaster.

This is clearly an extraordinary case where state should use some of its surplus to help these towns recover from an extraordinary disaster. But the state has been strangely silent about coming to the aid of these towns. And while it's generally believed some money will be forthcoming from the state, why should municipalities and homeowners have to sweat out the possibility of an impossibly high tax increase? What's the state waiting for?

<sup>5</sup> The Real Property Tax Relief Act is a step in the right direction, forcing the state to live up to its responsibilities to municipalities. And though it restores money to where it rightfully Helongs, it doesn't tackle the crux of the problem-Jersey's absurd property tax system. Maybe that will have to wait until a new governor takes office in 2002.

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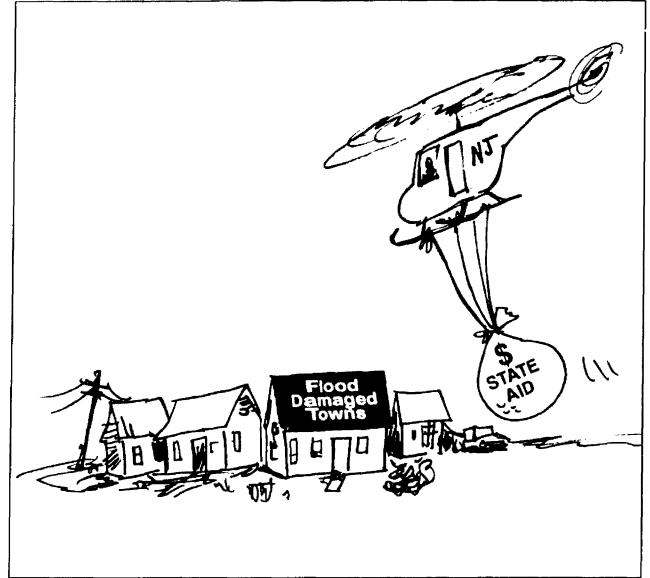
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#### Letters to the editor

# Concerned over council 'acrimony'

To The Record-Press:

I write to you because I am greatly concerned by the acrimony between Town Council members which I have recently witnessed on TV 36. As a Democrat who has run for town public offices as well as a resident bringing up concerns to the council, I have had nothing but respect and caring from the Republicans. While we did not always agree, there was always a flow of produc tive ideas. It did not matter whether it came from one party or another. There was not, and still is not, a Republican on the Town Council that I don't regard with admiration, and feel the same from them in return. Many are my lifelong friends.

Earlier this month, two very qualified mayoral appointees to the Recreation Commission, former Councilman Jack Walsh and Sal Antonelli, were mayor didn't give ample notice of his choice of Republicans and independents as well. nominees, even though each one of them has been held in high esteem for their previous volunteer work for Westfield. What's more ironic is that for decades, when there were Republican mayors. mayoral appointments were never questioned by the Republicans on the Town Council.

Our governing constitution is set up so the mayor can appoint whom he feels is capable of those who have come forth to serve in a volunteer basis. The other council representatives vote to confirm his selections. Except in very rare incidences, respect to the presiding mayor was given. Mayors in the past have made good choices. So has this mayor. I haven't met one person who feels that it isn't a loss to the town because these two were not confirmed to serve on the Recreation Commission. In addition, I've found. Town Council and mayor of Westfield.

no one who can be convinced that this was not a political move.

One thing that makes me proud is that the Democrats are not getting into the game of "til for tat." At the reorganization meeting in January, when a Republican member of the Town Council's name came up for an appointment to the Recreation Commission, the Democrats put party preferences aside and voted unanimously for her confirmation.

Mayor Tom Jardim was elected by the voters because he and his wife Karen exemplify the bright, fresh and energetic wave of young couples who are establishing roots and bringing up their families here. Perhaps some would like to think his first election win was a fluke, but let's not forget that his second victory was by a landslide. not accepted by the Republican members of the Moreover, it wasn't just Democrats who voted for council I interpret their reason being that the him. He has been supported by many

> The town demographics have changed from the time I moved here in the late 50's and asked where the Democratic Party held its meetings, and the response was, "What Democratic Party?" We have worked hard over the years to build an organization so residents could have a choice. Somehow I felt the more choices for elected office we gave people, the better off the town would be. My naive belief was that both parties could continue working together. Let's hope that events will turn for the better, and this can be a possibility. It has to be. There is no other way.

#### **CAROLYN KLINGER-KUETER**

The writer is a former candidate for Westfield

# Use of Evergreen School is insulting

To The Record-Press:

Many years ago, the taxpayers of Scotch Plains and Fanwood paid to have Evergreen School built to educate the children of this community. When enrollment decreased in the 1980s, the Board of Education moved their administration offices to Evergreen School from Muir School, Now with increasing enrollment and more room being needed, the board wants to move the fifth grade students to Park Middle School.

Taxpayers are paying for Evergreen School to educate children. They are not paying for Evergreen to be used as a meeting hall to have birthday parties, luncheons and social gatherings for the administration.

This is an insult and a slap in the face to all taxpayers in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The board must turn Evergreen back to the students, and if additional classes are needed, they can be added to Evergreen.

I know that everyone has such hectic sched-

ules, but I can't stress enough how important it is for the taxpayers, especially senior citizens and people without children in school, to take a good long look and delve into seeking out the facts to help them understand that we are being misled into thinking that the "school realignment" option the Board of Education voted on is the best way to go. It is not!

The best way to go which would be good for both the taxpavers and the children would be to give back Evergreen to the children! Let the Board of Education administration offices go to Park Middle School and build on to the schools where the space is needed!

And a further interesting fact is that the six board members who voted for this plan do not have children in the school system that will be affected by this decision.

KATHY SMOLINSKI Scotch Plains

# SP-F school board must tighten belt

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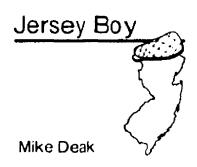
In case the residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood were not aware, we pay one of the highest dollars per student to educate them. This is an interesting fact when we consider that our schools appear to be so far behind in technology that we must increase our taxes to fund major upgrades to our schools. And, some of our schools are so run down from years of neglect that they need major renovations (including the removal of asbestos!).

We all know what we pay in taxes every year. Isn't it time that someone asks where all of our hard-earned money is going? The new school budget that will go to a vote on April 18 is estimated to increase our taxes by over \$200 for the year. It includes items that are already in place, such as fire alarms, and also includes funding for programs that have not been approved yet. And now on top of that, our Board of Education plans to hit us in the fall with a hefty tax increase to fund a bond referendum to update our schools. It makes you stop and wonder. Where does all of our tax money go?

It is important to support your community, but in return, you should be able to reap some rewards. Our school system is falling behind and yet our property taxes keep increasing. Does anyone realize what that does to property values? Where are our rewards?

If the taxpayers of this community must tighten their belts to continue to afford to live here, then shouldn't it be time for those who spend our money to do the same?

> SUSAN CESPEDES Scotch Plains



# **Just show** everybody some respect

There's been much beating of the nation's collective breast in the last few years over the loss of civility in the United States.

Blowhard conservatives was about loud stereos on the subwaand baseball caps worn back wards as signs of the apocalyps: Liberal newspaper columnist wring their hands about deteric rating manners in everyday social situations and the easy escalation of public disputes into violence These are all symptoms of deca dence, they say, and how far we have slid in our hand-basket toward Hell.

Yes, civility has gotten worse Just take a look at the way people dress; the tide of sloppiness was 🖂 strong we were forced to instit or tionalize casualness. Profunity has entered normal conversation; just a few decades ago people were shocked whenever a forbidden word was uttered on television o. crept onto the family dinner table Strangers address us by our Christian names as if we were longtime pals. If first names and not used, then we are just addressed by our last names, as if we're back in gym class. Too many able people still park in spot reserved for the handicapped Every day we have to endure random acts of rudeness; it has become so commonplace that we don't expect people to exhibit manners anymore. In fact, we are pleasantly surprised when we are treated with courtesy and respect.

But civility has also gotten bet ter. No longer is it socially accept able to say derogatory racial, eth nic or sexist terms; less than half century ago such ugly language was as common as the dicrimination faced by minorities We now no longer joke about domestic violence or alcoholism in most of these cases, the govern ment had to step in where the cul ture had failed. There are now strong laws against discriminat tion and bias crimes are treated. seriously. Sexual harassment is a serious offense, punishable by both civil judgments and embarrassment. You can't legislate morality, but you can legislate be to ter behavior. There are now law: against boors.

So there's both good news and bad news on the civility front. The barbarians are not at the gates and our society is strong enough to withstand the disciples of Jerry Springer on television. But that doesn't mean we should stop working on improving our etiquette.

What we need is a massive infusion of respect. With that should come an awareness that we do not go through life in a bubble where our actions have no impact on other people. Every day we have to remind ourselves of the Golden Rule, which is just at valid today as it was when Christ first gave it: "Do onto others as they would do onto you." If you treat people rudely, you should not be surprised if you receive rude ness in return. If you respect other people, perhaps you will receive respect yourself. This is not easy. Our society is

obsessed with the maintenance and the assertion of the self. We are taught to battle for our right; and privileges. But in this worship of individualism we are losing contact with our obligations to mend the holes in the social falric. We seemingly believe it is perk of adulthood to ignore the lessons of behavior we learned a children. We believe it is acceptable as an adult to do what we want to do - which is, after all. the fantasy of every child.

It is sad that children and adults alike are encouraged to commit "random acts of kindness Kindness should not be random. neither should be respect. It does not take much effort to practice good manners and etiquette; how difficult is it to call people Misten Missus, Miss or Ms.?

All it takes is willpower and discipline, but that, unfortunately, may be asking too much.

# Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School names second marking period honorees

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School has issued its honor roll for the second marking

Named to the high honor

Grade 12 - Brigitte C. Argueta, Jessica B. Biegelson, Justin F. Brodersen, Ankur G. Dalal, Emily A. Downs, Kevin Grinberg, Jay Harris, James Kao, Megan F. Kiel, Travis Kipping, Jacqueline A. Klock, Michael Loewinger, Tracy A. Macalintal, Marisa J. Melendez, Mary Milonnet. Amanda Rice, Justin T. Ross and Elizabeth M. Weiler.

Grade 11 - Christina M. Albizati, Jennifer L. Bassman, Kaliq Chang, Christin Kurz, Yunilay Lio, Catherine T. Mangan, Sheila Y. Marikar, Shannon M. McEneely, Matthew Katherine M. Metzger, O'Connor, Shivani M. Parmar, Anne C. Percoco, Nina Sado, Ashley Schweikert, Jennifer E. Seto and Alison R. Wilks.

Grade 10 - Patrick W. Hartelius, Carroll, Matthew J. Deegan, Herrmann, Christina A. Andrew R. Elko, Jessica L. Lindsay M. Church, Daniel M.

Dutta, Jaclyn M. Fiorino, William C. Gonch, Jennifer L. Harrison, Michael J. Hughes, Mahony, Karen A. McCourt. Daniel S. Nelson, Andrew L. Pavoni, Timothy W. Ryan and

Kimberly A. Testa. Grade 9 — Rhea Chakraborty, David Chang. Jillian M. DeMair, Sofia Elizabeth A. Fayngold, Gassler. Danielle Hirschhorn, Alex D. Hofer, Nicole E. Impellizzeri, Alicia Lazur, Jeremy S. Lipstein, Catherine A. Madurski, Ramprasad Shankar, Neal Shukla, Erica Speer, Nisha S. Tambankar and Sarah E. Van Wagner.

Named to the honor roll: Grade 12 — Melissa J. Benski, Ian E. Bonner, Cara L. Bristol, Claire E. Cappio, Maris sa Eagles, Ann E. J. Flath, Aubrey M. Galla, Rebecca J. Garcia, Robert J. Giord ano. Kerri

- Matthew DeNichilo, Sonia Hillman, Renee Holowka, Ferraro, Abigail W. Franks, Nathaniel B. Jones, Chitra M. Douglas W. Gillie, Najwa A. Kalyanaraman, Shawn M. Lafkowitz, James Brian W. Kaplun, Caitlin L'Heureux, David Loewinger, Amanda B. Heffler, Emma K. Meghan Mele, Amy L. Mitchell, Allyson B. Novorro, Timothy S. Pai, Douglas E. Rager, Dara Reeves, Charles S. Rowe, Sophia Salman, Jaclyn K. Sanders, Dana M. Savino, Colleen E. Sellers, Heather Sills, Amy E. Swenson, Khalia Taylor, Sarah B. Vilim, Alex B. Wasserman, Jeremy R. White, Jessica Wietsma, Erin A. Wilkinson and Shakeeha Wyatt.

Grade 11 - Andrew W. Babicz, David R. Bell, Dana L. Berkowitz, Jennifer S. Bezrutczyk, Anthony L. Blasi, Katherine M. Bruno, Robert E. Bugg, Brett S. Bushinger, Katherine L. Church, Damon T. Clark, Andrea R. Cristiani, Espinosa, Diana L. Filo, Evan Jennifer A. Curren, Lindsey S. Davis, Kathleen D. DeLuca, Michael S. Dixon, Jamie S. Christopher Dougher, Catherine M. A. Dougherty, James Drewes,

Glover, Marianna G. Good, Elizabeth A. Hiatt, Regina R. Hicks, Erin Jessica A. Kenneth L Kelly. Kenderdine. Kenneth Rocses, Eric S. Konzelman, Beata E. Korsiuk, Melissa A. Lemus, Jessica M. Lobrace, John J. Maggs, Heather L. Marks, Megan M. Miller, Kimberly A. Novello, Gregory Paterson, Alicia D. Piniat,

Adam J. Powers, Eric M. Pugia, Rennier B. Razal, Ruth E. Rohrer, Melissa Roth, Tracy A. Sanguiliano, Matthew A. Schimming, Sunita H. Shah, Kristen L. Simberg, Jennifer R. Stearns, He-Liang Sun, Elizabeth A. Tumolo, Erin A. Watson, Ilana Weinberg, Gregory C. Wood and Renee T. Zidonik.

Grade 10 - Carolyn E. Barnett, David E. Baumwoll, Adam D. Bendik, Shikha S. Bhasin, J. Raymond Bover, Erin L. Breznitsky, Regina M. Cappio, Naor Chazan, Churgin, Allison H. DeMaio, Stephame A. Heath, Jody A. Lauren R. DeMartino, Jodi E. Dornbush, Cecile M. Duong. Ashley E. Esposito, Michael W. Furnari, Latasha L. Gray. Jessica Green, Susannah L. Grossman, Allison M. Hessemer, Alaina B. Ingram, Terrell H. Levine, Steven T. Lowen, Jessica Maggs, Khanh Nguyen, Kristy S. Novak, Michael T. O'Neil, Sharon R. Opila, Matthew T. Ortyl, Hana C. Pardon, Magdalene Q. Pepe, Christine V. Perrotta, Jonathan J. Quijano, Rennuel B. Razal, Jamie Rigano, Emily F. Rodino, Matthew A. Schaible, Katryn A. Testa, Catherine A. Trombley, Alfred H. Twu and Robert O. Wallden

Grade 9 - Brian P. Abbott, Lauren M.Baines, Joseph A. Bartelotta, Lauren Bauman, Kathryn A. Benski, Andrew P. Biggs Jr., Schuyler C. Boyda, Evan D. Chinoy, Alyssa David, Eve E. Donovan, Katie E. Downey, Cristina M. Fabiano, Eric D. Fields, Benjamin D. Flath, Sarah N. Ginsberg, Samantha H. Grzywacz,

Heavey, Jason P. Hipp. Jennifer M. Howell, Jovonine H. Jones, Travis J. Kelley, Laura A. Klastava, Annmarie E. Klimowicz, Elise N. Koerner, Holly L. Kramer, Monique A. Lemus, Lenore A. McMillion, Malina M. Millonet, Melissa Mollen, Emily C. O'Cornor, Adam S. Ortyl, Melinda Palomares, Yeojin A. Park, Sonali D Phatak, Zennie A. Piedad, Elizabeth A. Pilkington, Johan Piniat, Eric D. Prat.t, Kimberly M. Pudlak, Megan A. Reddington, Daniel M. Rosenkrantz, Amy M. Ryan, Joshua G. Sanders, Timothy S. Sanders, Edward J. Saridaki, Nicholas G. Sette, Patrick I. Shevlin, Delsa R. Slaugh, Bruce J. Smith Jr., Amber L. Temchus, Timothy M. Voelker, Caroline L. Webb, Amanda L. Wells, Kristin A. Williams, Kristen L. Wuest, Harry Yang, Michael R. Zatorski and Kristin L. Zelesnik.



# New do-it-yourself handbook offers guidance to the fashion-challenged people of the world

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The book, and its author, guarantee to take the hassle out of getting dressed by walking you through some simple steps.

Included are tips on determining the most reliable method for finding your best colors and figuring out how to use a simple pieces system (separates) to build a workable wardrobe, as well as the simple formula you can use to find out the real cost of your

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Wardrobe planning is not about closet-cleaning or eliminating clutter, although that may be necessary. It is about getting the most mileage out of the clothes you have or plan to purchase.

This book is for the woman who wants to pull her wardrobe together, but does not know where to start.

"I know this advice will help other women as it has helped me," said Kenzik, noting that her 10-year career in retailing was the inspiration for this

The book can be ordered directly from the publisher by calling (800) 338-4869.

You can also order the book by visiting the publisher on the World Wide Web at www.BookZone.com (wardrobe)

www.amazon.com (fashion). Major credit cards are accepted.

For more information or a free copy of "The Three Biggest Mistakes Women Make When They Shop for Clothes," write to Bookworm Press, P.O. Box 17666, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33416 or send an e-mail to bkwrmprs2@cs.com.

#### 'Swing Into Spring' fashion show part of Rutgers Co-op's 'Spring Fling'

KINGWOOD The "Swing Into Spring" fashion show will be part of the "Spring Fling" home maker's scholarship luncheon, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. April 27 at Raspberry's, located on Route 12.

Fashions will be by Harvé Benard Ltd.

The event will also feature a discussion on managing Medicare, a brief "History of Stangl Dinnerware" and a buffet

In addition, a white elephant sale will be held and door prizes

awarded Cost is \$18; tickets will not be sold at the door. For reservations,

call (908) 788-1342 by April 20. The function is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County, Family and Consumer Program, in cooperation with the Family and Consumer Sciences

# Immaculata kids don duds for annual fashion show.

SOMERVILLE - The places in the continental Spartan Club of Immaculata High School is getting all dressed up to present "Stroll Through Our Garden," its Luncheon and Annual Fashion Show.

The models will take to the aisle on Saturday at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset.

The yearly fashion show will run from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and share an entertaining afternoon featuring elegant fashions from Cache, Dante, Petite Sophisticate. as well as casual wear from Aeropostale. Speedo, Contempo Casuals and other boutiques.

Anne Klein, Jones New York, Donna Karan, and Tommy Hilfiger designs will also be featured.

As an added attraction, a special "Mother's Auction" will be held, featuring a combination TV-VCR, fine china, airline tickets to

## Township trip heads to outlets

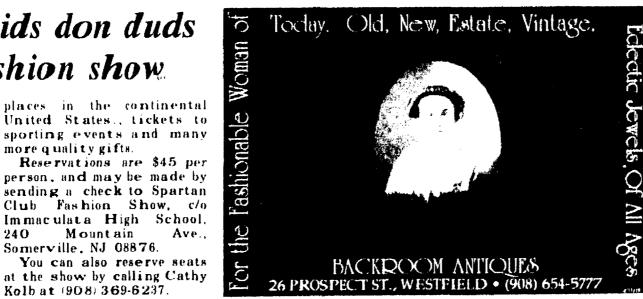
SCOTCH PLAINS - It's

shopping time! The Scotch Plains Recreation Department will sponsor an April 10 trip to Vanity Fair Outlets in Reading, Pa.

Those familiar with the outlets know there are bargains in the Big Blue and Big Red Stores, as well as in the "tent."

Designer outlets of Perry Ellis, Jones N.Y., and Anne Klein are also attractive to bargain

The nominal cost of \$7 for residents and \$8 for non-residents also includes a coupon for food at any of the various food courts on the premises.





#### luncheon be provided by - Advisory Council.

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# Community Life

#### This week

## **FRIDAY** MARCH 24

ART/CRAFT MARKET --spring edition of crafts show. National Guard armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 5-9 p.m. March 24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 26. Adults \$6; children under 10 free (no strollers). Call (800) 834-9437.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK "Elizabeth," 1998 Academy Award hopeful. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free admission, Call (908) 322-6400.

THE GOLDEN FLEECE - two one-act plays by A.R. Gurney. Roy W. Smith Theater, Union Courty College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. March 24, 25, 30, 31; 3 and 8 p.m. A pril 1. Adults \$10; seniors and students \$5. Reservations: Call (908) 659-

"THE PRICE" - drama by Arthur Miller. Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 8 p.m. March 24, 25, Admission \$12. Tickets: Call (908) 232-

#### SATURDAY MARCH 25

FLEA MARKET - benefit for Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption agency. First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Donations: Call (908) 2:33-9041 or (908) 276-1967.

#### **SUNDAY** MARCH 26 YOGA FOR SINGLES

for single adults in their 20's and 30's. Jesvish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 1030 a.m. Cost \$10. Registration recommended; call (908) 889-8880.

CREWEL EMBROIDERY as it was done in olden days. Miller-Cory House Museum, 61-4 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free. Call (908) 232-1776.

A MOVABLE FEAST benefit for New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (Westfield). Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit, 4-9 p.m. Tickets: Call (908) 789-9696.

#### **TUESDAY** MARCH 28

CHANGING MARKETS subject for New Jersey Chapter, American Association of Individual Investors. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 6 p.m. Registration: Call (908) 276-7337.

DEMOCRACY TALK with Kevin Mattson, author of "Creating a Democratic Public." Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-5007.

RECLAIMING PANDO-RA - lecture by Parnela Sheldrick on feminist bookstores. Railroad station, North Avenue, Fanwood, 8 p.m. Call (908) 232-1199.

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

PARENT AND CHILD workshops sponsored by Community Resolve

Counseling Center, 1830 Front St., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. March 29, April 12. Reservations: Call (908) 322-

HOME-BASED BUSI-NESS --- Parenting Pathways workshop, Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Free admission, Call (908) 889-2165.

#### **FRIDAY** MARCH 31

WOMEN OF EXCEL-LENCE - eighth annual Union County awards program. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 7 p.m. Cost \$35. Tickets: Call (908) 276-1192 or (908) 276-4542.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -- "12 Monkeys," sci-fi movie from late '95-early '96. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Call (908) 322-6400.

# COMING

SPECIAL WASTE - first of three "household special waste" collection days for Union County residents. Centennial Avenue pool, Cranford, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 1. Requirements: Call (908) 654-9890 or visit www.unioncountynj.org/oem.

CAME CONCERT --- with the Chinese American Music Ensemble, Senior Homes, 2002 Lake Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. April 1, Call (201) 460-

WORLD PREMIERE "Sacred Fanfare" by Mark McGurty, performed by Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, 8 p.m. April 1 Adults \$25; seniors \$22; students \$15. Tickets: Call (908) 232-9400 or (732) 499-

BOOK SALE - sponsored by Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-9 p.m. April 4, 9 a.m. 9 p.m. April 5-7, 9 a.m. 5 p.m. April 8, Call (908) 789-

LITERARY LUNCHEON sponsored by Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. The Chanticler, 500 Millburn Ave., Short Hills, 11 a.m. April 5. Cost \$50, Tickets; Call (908)

POWER OF PARENTING seminar at Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, 8:30, a.m.-2 p.m. April 8. Cost \$10. Registration: Call (908) 233-

THE KILLING KOMPA-NY murder mystery dinner theater. Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, Cranford, 6 p.m. April 8. Adults \$26; children 16 and under \$12; children under 5 free, Tickets: Call (908) 620-

LOVE AND OTHER THINGS --- cabaret benefit for Westfield Community Players and Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. April 8. Cost \$12. Reservations: Call (908) 232-1221 or (908) 276-7611.

BLOOD PRESSURE -screening at Red Cross office, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 12:30-2:30 p.m. April 12, May 10, June 14, Call (908) 232-7090.

BOOK TALK -- discussion of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde, Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 13, Call (908) 322-6400.

FLEA MARKET --- 20th annual event of Scotch Plains Lions Club. Railroad station, North Avenue, Fanwood, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 15, Vendors: Call

(908) 753-8218. SPECIAL WASTE --- secand of three "household special waste" collection days for Union County residents. Locust Avenue pool, Berkeley Heights, a.m.-2 p.m. May 6. Requirements: Call (908) 654-9890 or visit www.unioncoun-

tynj.org/oem. CAME CONCERT -- with the Chinese American Music Runnells Ensemble, Specialized Hospital, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights, 2 p.m. May 6. Call (201)460-4660.

SPECIAL WASTE - third of three "household special waste" collection days for Union County residents. Public Works yard, Bayberry Drive, Union, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June Requirements: Call (908) 654-9890 or visit www.unioncountynj.org/oem.

# A little less Joy at Westfield Town Hall

Past, present officials gather to honor, thank former clerk Vreeland

By TINA GUARINO RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

The town's record-keeper now has to add her own name to the books.

Joy Vreeland made history as Westfield's longest reigning town clerk. Vreeland, who retired in December after four decades of service, was honored recently at the Westwood in Garwood. The guest list included assemblymen, councilmen and town employees, as well as officials from towns.

Former town attorney Charles Brandt led the ceremony, call-"historian."

"She records in town and 1 always found that to be a very important function,

because it was not unusual to have to go back and try to find something that happened years ago," Brandt said. Reporters from the town's

weekly newspapers praised Vreeland for her reliability and accuracy as an information source. But Vreeland's job entailed more than just logging the minutes of council meet-

As clerk, she issued various licenses, from liquor licenses to dog licenses. She also handled bids for town projects and managed parking permits for the town's commuters. Vreeland's busiest and longest day of the year was usually Election Day she'd begin at 7 a.m. and finish at 11 p.m. "We did everything for elections," she said of

Vreeland oversaw the polling locations, machines and workers. She also was responsible for tallying the votes and making sure the information was delivered to the county.

her staff.

JFK was president when Vreeland began as acting clerk. Mayor H. Emerson Thomas hired Vreeland as acting town clerk in 1960 and in 1963 she became clerk. Since then, she has sworn 11 mayors and numerous councilmen into office and has seen the town through many changes.

The most recent change, she noted, was the inception of the Special Improvement District and its revitalization of the downtown. "Everybody coming through is so impressed with it and how pretty it is now," she said.

Employees at the town Municipal Building said they would miss Vreeland, "Joy would always make sure the meetings were Monday through Thursday so we wouldn't have to work Friday evenings and could be with our families," said Bernard Booth.

"During elections, she'd say You could go home. I'll lock up the building," remembered Jonathan Pierce Jr. "But we would stay anyway to make sure she got out safely."

Vreeland said she will miss Town Hall, too, "I like council meetings," said Vreeland, who has recorded more than 1,000 meetings. "It was interesting because it was the running of the town.

The running of the town left Vreeland with some memorable moments. A temporary blackout at Town Hall almost forced her to record the minutes by candlelight one night - but luckily the electricity was restored and the meeting proceeded as normal. Another time, an angered citizen from Scotch Plains brought a dead duck to a council meeting to punctuate his complaint about contamination in the ponds.

On a lighter note, Vreeland recalls the time resident Samuel McCaulley entered council chambers donning a Colonial costume as town crier to celebrate the town's bicentennial.

Joy's thumb was on the pulse of Westfield - anything you needed to know, Joy knew,"

said Westfield United Fund Executive Director Linda Maggio, who chaired the bicentennial celebration.

At the retirement dinner, former administrator Jack Malley relayed a humorous run-in Vreeland had with police officer Tom Catalon about usage of a storage closet. "I kept folding tables in the basement closet, but the minute they went out for the elections, he put his tires in there," Vreeland said. It was either Joy's election tables or Tom's tires. Vreeland, of course, won.

Assemblymen Augustine and Richard Bagger presented Vreeland with a resolution from the state legislasurrounding ture, "We've served in different parties. We've served in dif-"You've seen us through ferent times over the last

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served Bagger Bagger who served as Westfield's mayor in 1991. "You've seen us through generations and decades of leadership. Your service means a lot to all of us, but more importantly it means a lot to all the residents of this community over the years and into the future."

Augustine said Vreeland was the "personification of what everybody would want in a town

"A good clerk is indispensable to a good mayor because the clerk really makes or breaks the mayor," he said. "I hope you'll stay involved because we need your expertise so please be available whenever we need you."

Although Vreeland's phone has rung a few times with people calling to check a fact or two, she said she is looking forward to a quiet and peaceful retirement and to spending time with her daughter Sharon, son-in-law Douglas and her four grandchildren -Sarah, 18, Paige, 16, Gregory, 14, and Teddy, 11. She said she plans to travel and make some repairs to her home on Westfield Avenue.

Vreeland is a lifelong resident of Westfield. She graduated Westfield High School in 1941 and attended New York University and Rutgers University. She graduated from the Washington School for Secretaries in New York City.

"I never could have worked this long for private industry because with the town everything changes," Vreeland said at her retirment dinner. "I really enjoyed working for all of

# **Society** looks to 'Reclaim Pandora'

FANWOOD -- For Women's History Month, the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood has scheduled a program on "Reclaiming Pandora: Women's Bookstores, Women's Stories, Women's History."

The program will be 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Fanwood railroad station, located on North Avenue

in the borough.

Pamela Sheldrick, co-founder and owner of Pandora Book Peddlers, is the featured speaker. Pandora is New Jersey's only feminist book shop and Sheldrick has been involved with it since it opened in Englewood in 1983. The bookstore is now located in Madison.

Before working with Pandora Sheldrick was a newspaper and magazine editor.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be

For more information, call President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.



TINA GUARINO:R-P CORRESPONDENT

Current Westfield officials were joined by past officials and politicos from around Union County as the town honored recently retired Town Clerk Joy Vreeland. Vreeland outlasted 11 mayors and countless Town Council members, and witnessed a number of significant changes around Westfield, in her four decades of service.

# Golden Nuggets S E N I

Westfield Y

"Lunch & Learn" with the "60 and Better Set" 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Westfield Y on Clark

Larry Bock from Twin Boro Physical Therapy Associates will speak about "Fall Prevention." Learn the precautions to take, what you can do to prevent falls and practical exercises to improve your balance. Bock specializes in orthopedic problems and sports medicine.

The free program is open to the public. Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share with three people; beverages will be supplied. For reservations, call (908) 233-2700.

Old Guard of Westfield

The Old Guard is open to retired and semi-retired men. Meetings are 10 a.m. Thursday at the Westfield Y on Clark Street. Programs:

April 6 - Eric Hamburg, master gardener, "All About Dahlias."

April 13 - Carol Konicki on estate planning. April 20 — Founder's Day luncheon.

April 27 - Everett Yacker (Old Guard member) on his

trip to South Africa. Regular group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events and shuffleboard.

In addition, the Merrymen chorus performs regularly for charity functions, public gatherings and formal concerts. For more information, call Robert Broadwell at (908) 232-5150.

Over 55' Travel Club

Adults are invited on these trips for the "Over 55" Travel Club from the Senior Citizens Council of Union

April 20-May 1 — QE2 to Miami, Barbados, Dominica

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#### Fanwood braces for tax hike

(Continued from page A-1)

Democrat Katherine Mitchell said she reluctantly voted in favor of the budget because it did not cut any services to residents, despite mounting costs the borough will be forced to pay this year. "I say 'reluctantly' only because of the increase," Mitchell said.

Rising health care costs for borough employees, increased bond payments and a depleted municipal surplus necessitated the tax increase, officials said. Those same officials noted that deep withdrawals from borough surpluses in the past have offset potential tax increases and kept rates relatively flat. As of the beginning of this budget process, the borough had a sur-

plus of \$791,000 in its coffers and \$675,000 was being used this year to offset tax increases as much as possible.

Officials said the borough's history of dipping into the surplus and the small size of the surplus make going furt her into the till financially irresponsi-

"This is what happens when you keep using (the surplus) year after year," said Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern. "You can only go to the well once."

The budget will now be passed on to the state for review. Borough officials must now wait a minimum of 28 days before taking further action on the budget, which is scheduled to be adopted at a meeting May 3.

Congregational Church. He also

was a member of the Westfield

Rescue Squad, the Old Guard of

Westfield and the American

Association of Retired Persons.

Eleanor Greiss Brennesholtz,

and sister Amy Haback.

Surviving are his wife,

A memorial service was held

Wednesday at the Gray Funeral

Home, Burial was in Fairview

# Council stages latest Tuesday night fight

(Continued from page A-1) to stall talks of a parking deck. "It's amazing," he said, "(Jardim) doesn't even talk to me, but he knows my motive?"

The Republican councilman said his suggestions were meant to be part of the town's shortterm solution to the problem of insufficient downtown parking. Sullivan said the shuttles could serve the 793 commuters currently on the waiting list for a monthly spot at the South Avenue railroad station lot until the parking deck is completed, which he said is as far off as 2002.

"The problem exists now,"

Sullivan said. This may or may not be part of the long-term solution, but it may be part of the short-term solution. I think (those on the waiting list) would be interested in a commuter jit-

Jardim said Wednesday he did not know why Sullivan, who has said in the past parking issues should be looked at in terms of the overall parking system, would try to sideline discussion on the proposed South Avenue parking deck.

"Neil has always said look at the whole system," the mayor said. "If we're going to address it, address it all at once."

The mayor said parking issues have become larger than simply making stopgap measures and require the council to make broad sweeps such as the parking deck. which has been a point of public contention since it was unveiled last month.

'It's clear to me it's no longer just managing the system," said Jardim. "I think any reasonable, objective analysis tells us there's just not enough parking spaces."

Sullivan countered by saying he was simply trying to address. the situation until the deck is completed. He said the buses,

which serve many towns throughout central New Jersey, would be an excellent interim solution for residents until the parking deck is completed. "To thumb our noses at people until then - I just don't understand it." Sullivan said.

By the end of Tuesday's meeting, the commuter shuttle proposed by Sullivan was shot down although \$10,000 was appropriated to hire additional parking enforcement officers to bolster the one full-time and two parttime employees who comprise the

town's parking enforcement staff.

# Lynn Brennesholtz Jr.

Brennesholtz Jr., 75, died March 17 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center.

He was a lifelong Westfield resident. He graduated from Drew

University. He retired in 1985 after 35 vears as a laboratory technician

with Koppers in Westfield. He was among the oldest members

of the First Cemetery

# **Charles Sturcke**

WESTFIELD - Charles H. Sturcke, 84, died March 19 at Community Medical Center in

A native of Lintig, Germany, he came to the United States in 1935 and lived in Westfield for 63 years before moving to Whiting in 1998. He served in the U.S. Army dur-

ing World War II. He owned the Robert Treat Delicatessen in Westfield from 1950-78 and worked for many years at the former Echo Lanes in

Mountainside. He was an honorary member of the Policemen's Benevolent

Association in Westfield. He also was a member of the First Baptist Church; Martin Wallberg Post 3, American Legion; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Mountainside.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Brooks Sturcke; sons Henry Cand wife Edeltraut) of Zurich, Switzerland, and Kenneth (and wife Ellen) of Beachwood; daughter Edith of Dunellen; brother Harry of Miami, Fla., sister Alice Wilkens of Scotch Plains; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Memorial Fund of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

# **Obituaries**

## Helen C. Bogert

Westfield Center.

She was born in Plainfield and lived most recently in at the Gray Funeral Home.

Predeceased in 1996 by her Cemetery.

— Helen husband, Andrew, and in 1995 by Catherine Bogert, 88, died her sister, Dorothy Mathews, she March 19 at Genesis ElderCare- is survived by several dear friends.

Services were held Wednesday

Burial was in Fairview

#### Josephine Viotto WESTFIELD Josephine

Merola Viotto, 82, died March 16 at her home.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in West field since 1969.

She had been with Phillips Electrical Co. of Marray Hill for 25 years, retiring in 1986 as an inspector.

Surviving are daughters Patricia V. Sherman and Theresa Cowap; son Michael; sisters Rose. Tucciarone, Connie Hope and

Anna Mantz: three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at the Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains, followed by a funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be sent to Rahway Hospital Hospice, 865 Stone St., Rahway, NJ 07065.

# **Mary Katherine Bride**

CRANFORD Katherine McDade Bride, 89, died March 19 at the King James Care Center of Chatham.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., she lived in Cranford and Scotch moving to Plains before Mountainside.

She had been a past president of the Dig N' Delve Garden Clubin Cranford and the treasurer of the Scotch Plains Women's Club. She also was with Wakefern

Food Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1981 as a corporate assistant secretary at its Elizabeth office. She was a member of the Cranford Book Club, Scotch

Plains Book Club and many

bridge clubs.

World War II.

Predeceased in 1978 by her husband, James, she is survived by sons dames tand wife Elizabeth) of Meyersville and Thomas (and wife Linda) of York, Pa.; daughter Kathleen (and husband J. Gaven) Hurley of Rochester, N.Y.; brother Francis McDade of Woodbury; sisters Theresa Splane of Havertown, Pa., and Mercedes Regan of Wayne, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. today at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, Central Avenue, Stirling. Arrangements are by the Valley Memorial Funeral Home in

## Harold Shill Jr. Headed WHS history department

WESTFIELD Harold B. Shill Jr., 86, a former chairman of the Westfield High School history department and a member of the New Jersey Education Association executive committee, died suddenly March 10 at Rahway Hospital.

He introduced programs in black history and international relations while at WHS. Mr. Shill retired in 1976 after 20 years as a W HS history teacher, including 10 years as history department chairman. He taught history in the Cape May school system for 15 years before coming to Westfield.

In addition, he took a sabbatical in 1970 and traveled to historic locations to further his teaching.

Mr. Shill carned two degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, a bachelor's degree in education in 1935 and a master's degree in education in 1938. He studied graduated courses at the Sorbonne in Paris. France, and summer study at Pennsylvania State University. During the summer the Catholic University of the First Baptist Church.

West in Angers, France. In retirement Mr. Shill trav-

eled to many "Elderhostel" locations in the United States with his wife, Alice Foley Shill. The Shills spent five weeks in 1978 on an archeological dig of Viking artifacts in York, England. He spent eight complete visits in Europe as well.

He was a choir member, deacon and Sunday school teacher at two churches, the Cape Island Baptist Church in Cape May and the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

Mr. Shill was born in Wyndmoor, Pa. He lived in Philadelphia, Pa., and Cape May before moving to Westfield

Also surviving are two sons, Harold B. III and David E.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church with arrangements by the Gray Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or to the music or Christian. 1980 he studied French at Education departments of the

# Janet C. Carlson

SCOTCH PLAINS - Janet Christine Carlson, 44, died March 11 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

She lived in Scotch Plains from 1956 until she returned to her native Elizabeth in 1981.

She had been with the accounting department of Tri-City Insulation Co. in Linden for 10

She earlier worked in the accounting departments of Mappes & Sprowl in Linden and the Simmons Co. in Elizabeth.

She once was a saleswoman with Marcus Jewelry in Westfield. Predeceased by her stepsister, Lucinda Denton Palmer, she is sur-

WESTFIELD - Vincent G. Hearn, 85, died March 16 at

He was born in Jersey City

He retired in 1984 after 55

He was a member of the

years as a painting contractor in

and lived in Newark before mov-

ing to Westfield in 1968.

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vived by her mother, Eleanor Carlson Bradley, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; stepmother Carolyn Denton Palmer of Elizabeth; brother R. Jeffrey Carlson of Brielle; stepbrother David R. Palmer of Westfield; aunt Helen Koerner of Union; uncle Fred C. Brush of Lavallette: longtime companion Eugene Hreha of Linden; four nieces, a nephew and several cousins.

March 16 at the Leonard Home for Funerals, in Elizabeth.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Lucinda Denton Palmer Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home.

#### Henry E. Loeffler WESTFIELD - Henry E. Mr. Loeffler was a member of the Loeffler, 83, died March 13 at Old Guard of Westfield.

Rahway Hospital.

He was born in Irvington and lived in Westfield since 1947. He was a private with the 273rd Air Force Base Unit of the U.S. Army Air Corps during

later was a co-owner of H&J Auto and Denise C. Cherepanya of Parts in New Providence prior to his 1984 retirement.

toy trains and loved to attend train shows whenever he could. He was the chaplain of Martin

An outdoorsman, he collected

Wallberg Post 3, American Legion, and a parishioner of Holy

Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Predeceased in January by his wife, Louise, and in 1958 by daughter Veronica Louise, he is survived by sons Edward H. of Vermont and Michael V. of Edison; daughters Patricia A. Slavinski of Wesley Chapel, Fla., He once was a machinist and Anne Marie Jones of Metuchen Iselin; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Colonia, following services at the Thomas Joseph Costello Funeral Home in Iselin, Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

# Czeslaw Z. Dyk

SCOTCH PLAINS - Czeslaw Z. Dyk, 71, died March 16 at his home.

He was born in Poland and lived in Staten Island, N.Y., before moving to Scotch Plains in

He retired in 1985 after 20 years as a machinist with the Bow Steel Co. of Linden.

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- Geszka Dyk; son Waldemar of Florida; daughters Joanna of Florida and Jolanta M. Ferenc of Bridgewater; and three grand-

Services were held Monday at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Surviving are his wife, Janina Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

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# George E. Ortleb Jr.

Vincent G. Hearn

FANWOOD -- George E. Ortleb Jr., 80, died March 16 at his home. He was born in Binghamton, N.Y., and lived in Westfield before moving to Fanwood in 1958. was awarded

Distinguished Flying Cross for his service with the 182nd Bomb Division of the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

He owned a Westfield market under his name prior to his retire-He was a member of Martin Wallberg Post 3, American Legion,

in Westfield, and a parishioner of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman

Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Predeceased in 1995 by his wife, Carmel M., and in 1992 by his son. George E. III, he is survived by daughter Sharon Kazmierkiewicz of Fanwood; brothers Larry and Robert; sister Marion Hines; and two grandchildren.

Mary Church, following services at the Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery,

Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-4301.

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Predeceased by his wife, Margaret, son Richard J. and brother Frank E., he is survived by sister Muriel E. A funeral Mass was celebrat-

Brielle Yacht Club.

ed Saturday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Trotters Association and the Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

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# **Sports**

# Devils relying on experience in quest for title

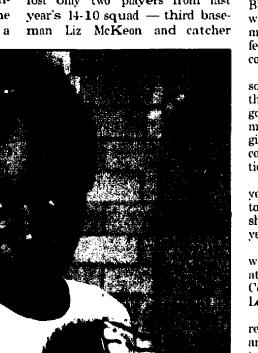
By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A strong corps of returning players, improved team speed and depth in the pitching rotation should provide the Westfield High softball team a

strong chance at winning the Watchung Conference and Union County championships this sea-

Head Coach Maggie McFadden lost only two players from last



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Courtney Thornton's speed and glove at shortstop should help bolster a Blue Devil defense which was a little shaky last season.

Susan Phillips. While their departure some big shoes to fill, McFadden is confident Blue Devils have what it takes to

> make a run at a few championships in a wide-open conference.

> There's a lot of parity this season," said McFadden. "In the past there were games where we could go in and not really worry too much about that team. Nothing is given this year. Every team in the county will present good competi-

"If the team plays like it did last year, every game is going to be tough," she said. "But I think they should be much better than last

Leading the way for the Devils will be junior Courtney Thornton at shortstop, and seniors Paige Corbett in center field and Kristen Leonardis at second base.

"We have a solid set of players returning," said McFadden. "There are some big shoes to fill, but we're

The Devils also have depth in the pitching rotation, led by Lindsev Guerriero. In the past McFadden has used only one pitcher throughout the season but pointed out this year there are four girls competing for the starting job.

There's no shortage of pitching," said McFudden. "All four kids all bring something different. They all have different strengths and weaknesses. Who will pitch for us is a decision we're going to have to



and the way she handled the pitching staff. over Taking the behind plate will be

Phillips will be missed for

both her bat

junior Carolyn Matthews, who brings added quickness and mobility but far less experience.

"Hitting-wise it's a loss," said McFadden, "And she had a real good working knowledge of what it takes to be a catcher. She called a good game and had good hands. We're working with the younger catchers, but they're not used to catching pitchers who throw as many pitches as these kids have developed.

"Carolyn is a different catcher than Susan," continued McFadden. Susan was a good backstop. Carolyn is quicker and agile behind the plate."

The biggest thing the Devils will need to improve on to be successful this year is their team defense after errors and a variety of lapses plagued them last spring. But a year of experience and improved team speed should help the Devils correct their mistakes in the field, and allow them to create some havoe on the basepaths themselves.

"We should be stronger defensively," said McFadden. "They all have a year of experience behind them and shouldn't make the same mistakes they did last year. We're a lot quicker than last year. We have more team speed.

"We committed a lot of errors last year and I'm hoping not to



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Lindsay Guerriero may be able to help the Blue Devils with the bat, but she will be counted on mosily to shut down opposing hitters.

repeat them," she said. "We also have kids who can run the bases a lot quicker. We should be able to beat out some hits, steal and buntand-run a lot more."

While McFadden is confident about the abilities of the team, she isn't looking ahead to the post-season tournaments and championships. Winning the county championship is always one of Westfield's goals but McFadden isn't worrying about championships right away.

that's our only goal," she said. "We want to win as many games as we can. It would be nice to win the county and state tournaments, but the major focus is just on winning one game at a time. If we win as many games as we can we'll see what happens."

And with the veteran experience taking the field for the Devils this senson, they should be able to win quite often.

# Raiders hoping to pick up where they left off in 1999

By DANSEL MIURPHY

SCOTCH PLAINS - Last year a relatively young Scotch Plains-Fanwood High baseball team struggled to an 0-8 start. But as the Raiders gained experience, they began playing better, winning eight of the final 13 games to finish with an 8-13

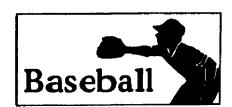
This season, Scotch Plains returns the core of the team and Head Coach Brian Homm is hoping the Raiders can pick up where they left off and challenge for the Watchung Conference and Union County crowns, as well as return to the state tournament.

We struggled last season, but picked it up towards the end," said Homm. "We have some returning players and I'm hoping to pick up where we left off.

'We have a lot of seniors and I'm hoping that experience will pay off," he continued. "The conference is wide-open and I think we've got a shot at that - as good as anyone.

Homm will rely on the arms of seniors Kevin Schenk, co-captain Dave Herrmann and Eddie Jackson to shut down opponents. Schenk rose to the forefront last season, going 4.0 down the stretch with two complete games, and should get the ball in the Raiders' April 1 opener against Westfield.

Senior Timmy Pai will get time at first base and as the designated hitter, and Homm will be relying on his bat to drive in



plenty of runs. Senior co-captain Danny Goehry will start at second base, and Jerry Selrno will patrol the outfield.

The challenge for Homm will be mixing the senior leaders with a cast of youngsters who will be playing important Sophomore Andrew Pavoni will be handling the pitchers behind the plate, and junior Anthony Blasi will be at third base.

Sophs Brad Belford, who can catch and play the outfield, and Rob Mattar, who will fill in for Pai at first base and as a DH, will need to adjust to varsity pitching quickly to lend some pop to the Raider lineup.

Homm hopes the five remaining scrimmages, including tomorrow's 10:30 a.m. home game against Governor Livingston, will give the Raiders some valuable experience against varsity pitching heading into the opener.

The young kids have some talent, but we'll just have to wait and see," said Homm.

But Homm is less concerned with the Raiders' hitting than he is with their defense and pitching. Last season SP-F hurt itself with errors and poor play in the field, problems Homm is hoping will be solved with a year's expe"We're gonna hit the ball — I'm hoping we'll hit," said Homm. "But we made a lot of errors in the field. I'm hoping those three (Schenk, Herrmann, Jackson) can do the job on the mound.

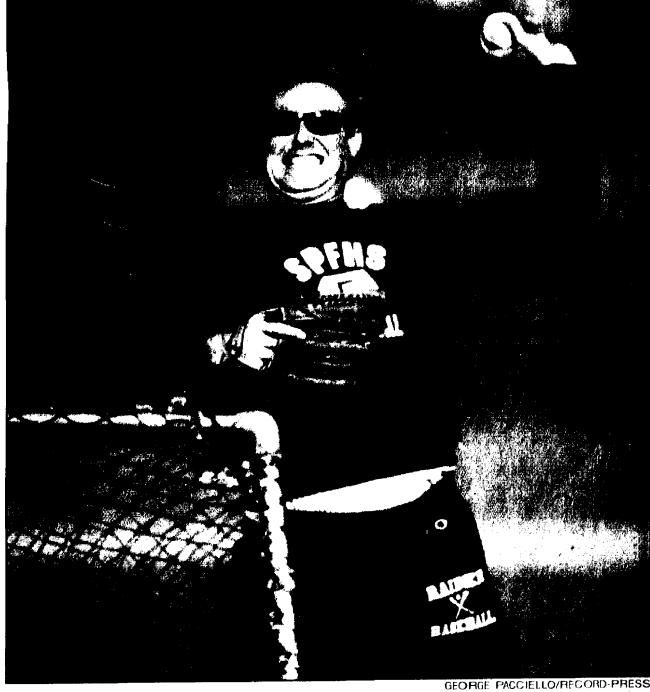
"Hopefully, being a year older, our pitching will settle down, and defensively we'll be more solid," said Homm, "We struggled a bitlast year. I just hope that was a growing year and we don't make the same mistakes as last year.

'I can't really point out a weakness — last year a lot of things went wrong," he said. "We didn't do that bad hitting. Defensive and pitching are my two main concerns. I'm pretty sure we're gonna hit the ball. Pitching is the key in high school

If the pitching and defense can hold off opposing offenses enough to allow the Raider bats to push across enough runs, they'll be in good position to contend for the conference crown, though it won't

Scotch Plains plays each conference team twice, including local rivals and traditional powers Cranford and Westfield, whom they open against April 1. Linden will also be fielding a strong team this season, and the conference is wide-open.

"Anybody can win it this year," said Homm. "I'm looking forward to the season. We've got a great bunch of kids with great attitudes. They're confident and we're hoping for some good things this year."



Head Coach Brian Homm believes if the pitching and defense hold up this season, his Scotch Plains-Fanwood squad will be able contend for a conference title.

# Raiders ready to make run at another triple crown

BY DANKEL MOURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS Scotch Plains-Fan wood High boys track and field team will be looking to defend its three championships from last season with a balanced effort from all parts of its

The Raiders won the Watchung Conference, Union County and North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 titles last season, and will need their sprinters, distance runners and field competitors to score points if they're going to repeat that kind of success.

We're looking to win the conference, county and sectionals again and see what we can do in the state meet," said Head Coach Rich McGriff. "I think they're all attainable goals. The conference

and county are tough, but we're going to go out there and see what we can do. We're strong every-

Senior Nathan Jones will lead the sprinters again in the spring after a successful winter season. Jones will be the team's top sprinter and use his athleticism in the long jump and 400-meter intermediate hurdles as well.

Ray Williams, who qualified for the Meet of Champions last year while attending John F. Kennedy High in Paterson, will be a valuable addition to the Raider sprinters in the 200 and 400. Seniors Justin Green and Jamil Coles will run on the mile relay and the 200.

"We have a nice core of sprinters," said McGriff. The middle distance and distance events will be led by Michael Dixon and Nick Kastaza. Dixon

was fifth in the county indoor mile, and will run the halfmile as well. Kastaza placed in the county two mile last season and was

seventh in the sectional two mile. Bob Walden, who led the cross country team in the fall, will again be one of the top distance runners for the Raiders.

Darrion Aberdeen, who went to the Meet of Champions last season, will lead the Raiders in the high jump. Aberdeen jumped 6feet-4 last season and is expected to improve on that mark this year. Mike Grabel will lead the pole vaulters after reaching 13 feet last

The throwing events are the



ball season with a broken wrist and, according to McGriff, it never healed properly. "We're a little inexperienced but we've got some good athletes," said McGriff. "They'll have to step

SP-F GIRLS The Raiders will count on their flexibility and a strong core group of athletes to carry them this sea-

Christina Hillman, whom Head Coach Bill Klimas describes as the most versatile athlete on the team, will throw the shot put, where she

was second in the county, and will also compete in the high jump and hurdles. Junior Alissa Sams will high jump, throw the javelin, compete

in the hurdles, and run the middles distances Junior Ruth Rober, the defend-

ing conference champ in the discus, will also hurdle, high jump and throw shot and should score valuable points for the Raiders in all four events.

Kate Feighner is one of only two seniors on the team and "should enter into the scoring in a big way according to Klimas, throwing the

javelin, shot, and discus. "She's one of our go-to people in the field events," said Klimas. "She's looked good in practice and

is ready to go."

Junior Erin Kelly will anchor the middle distance events after

making it to the Meet of Champions in the winter in the 800. She was the indoor county champion in the 800 and qualified for the Group 3 championship last

Brittany Bellizeare, who medaled in the sectional 100 last year, and Jill Kosceilecki will anchor the sprint group along with newcomer Najwa Glover Glover will run sprints, hurdle and high jump for the Raiders. Jayme Ferraro will run the 400 hurdles, where she was a sectional medalwinner last season, and the 100 hurdles.

"We're hoping to repeat in the conference but it's not going to be easy," said Klimas. "I'm hoping we can repeat and then we'll take it one step at a time from there."

# Blue Devils relying on depth in outdoor season

**Field** 

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD --- The Westfield High track and field squad will be counting on a deep pool of talent and a strong mix of veterans and newcomers when it begins its spring season April 1 at the Kearny Relays.

The boys team will rely on strong numbers to fill every event and will count on its balance to score points. The sprinters. middle distance, distance and field competitors will all play important roles for the Blue Devils this season.

"Everything's going great so far," said Head Coach John Martin. "We've got 75 boys coming out for the team, and a nice mix of experience and newcomers. I'm looking forward to the

The sprint group will be led by senior Chris Giacone, whose blazing speed helped earn him a football scholarship to Mississippi State University and propelled

him to a third-place finish in the the top 800 run-County Indoor Championships in the 55-meter

Teaming with Giacone is co-captain Seth Augenstein, whom Martin describes as the best overall sprinter on the team. Augenstein will compete in all the events from the 100 to 400, while co-captain Chris Dixon and Adam Walker will also compete in several events after coming off good winter seasons.

"They're looking good," said Martin. "They had a lot of success in the winter."

A couple of newcomers should help bolster and add depth to the Blue Devil sprinters. Sophomores Diano Reavis and Richard Miller are expected to make an impact, along with Ryan Burke when he returns from injury.

Senior Jason Drier will lead the Devils in the 400 intermediate hurdles and 800.

Mike Sanocki is expected to be

Westfield, followed by Tim Flannery, who was the secondbest during the indoor season.

Matt Senior Manahan is also expected to make a huge contribution along with junior Jacob Albertson.

Matt Borchin will be the top distance runner for Westfield after finishing seventh in Group 3 in the 3200 meters during the

Sam Sobel is also expected to make an impact upon his return from pneumonia.

Josh Ray, who placed in the pole vault in the county meet last spring, should be strong in that event again and senior Nick Tindswell will be the top high jumper as he comes off a successful winter season.

Westfield is inexperienced in the throwing events, but Martin

believes there Track v is plenty of talent to make an impact. Seniors Matt Andzell, Barr Kantu Mark and Gordon will do

> most of the throwing and Dan Cutro will contribute in the discus.

There are a lot of interested kids on the team," said Martin. "The young kids are talented and enthusiastic and we've got some experienced kids. We're looking forward to some good perfor-

"Where we are strong, other teams are strong," he added. "Union County is a good sprinting county. We need to put all of the events together to be a strong Martin is hoping the size of

the team and the depth in each event will help the Blue Devils in both meets and practices.

"The more kids you have the

better the competition, the better the workouts," he said. "It's a nice blend of experience and youth. There's an equal distribution of sophomores, juniors and seniors." WESTFIELD GIRLS

The girls team will depend mostly on the depth and talent of its distance runners, but should also field a very balanced group as the Devils aim to repeat as conference champs.

Heather Dennis, a sectional champion in the intermediate hurdles last year, will look to repeat that success. Senior Maura McMahon and junior Alexis Anzelone, the top performers on the cross country team. should again be a force this season and Rachel Ackerman and Adrianne Blauvelt will also make an impact and play important roles.

Erin McClellan, Linda Madorma and Amiee Lombard are all newcomers to the spring season, but assistant coach Jennifer Buccino expects strong performances from them.

The sprinters will be led by junior Chrystal Dixon and Christine Pecuraro, who will compete in the 200 and 400 and are expected to score valuable points. Juniors Lauren Solon and Susan Hinds will take on the hurdling duties along with Esther Van Pykeren and Stefanie Bistak.

The field events will be led by Liz Sweeney, who throws the shot put and discus, and Dana Grau (shot, discus, javelin). Lynn Huang is strongest in the javelin but may contribute in the other throwing events. Patty Oslislo will be the high jumper along with Nicole Herrttua.

"We're pretty balanced," said Buccino. "We're shooting for the conference title again, and always want to do well in the counties. Hopefully we can do well there, and do well in the sectionals and advance some people to the Meet of Champions.

#### SPORTSCENE

SP-F WRESTLING CAMP

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High wrestling head coach Mike Artigliere will be holding a wrestling camp this summer for grades three through eight. The camp will run the week of June 26-30 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High For more information and to register call Mike Artigliere at (973) 377-351

PRE-SCHOOL SOCCER Soccer Kids, a fun-filled and age appropri ate soccer program for preschoolers aged four and five years, will be held at Echo Lake Park for children in the Westfield and Cranford areas beginning Foday, April 14 at 1 p.m. and 1 45 minutes long.

The program has been designed by Tom-McLoughlin, head coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University and nationally selling author and leader in the field of soccer education for preschoolers. Classes are led by Tom and his staff who are trained in preschool teaching techniques. Classes till up fast so please regis

To register, for more information, or for dates and times of classes in nearby areas. call McLoughlin School of Soccer at (908) 766

SP-F YOUTH BASEBALL

Baseball Association will start its 45th season. Saturday, April 8 with Opening Day ceremonies at Booth Field, on Westfield Road and Valley Avenue at 9:30 a m

Scheduled to attend are Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung, Scotch Plains Fanwood High School Alblotic Director Eric Hosenmeier, and Varsity Baseball Head Coach Brian Homm.

Award presented will include the Distinguished Service Award to members Tom Paterson, and Tony Williams; the James P. O'Brien Memorial Award to past Senior Division players David Baumwoll and Josh Finklestein: The David M. Ferro Memorial Sportsmanship Award to past Major Division Player Kevin Úrban

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WESTFIELD SOFTBALL

16th at the Memorial Pool helds behind the tennis courts. Games will be played every Sunday from 9 a in to 1 p m, with the first 20 people to show up starting the first game, and the next ten playing the winners. New games will begin every hour and a half and players of all skill lev els are welcome. All you need is a glove and some old clothes. For more information call

SKI CLUB OPEN HOUSE The Watchung Ski Club will be having an open house April 6 to promote its summer schedule. Planned for the non-snow months are canceing, camping, in-line skating, moun tain biking, golf and much more. Full informa-tion on all trips and events will be available at the open house along with local outlitters and

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ated by Karl Mende http://home.att.nel-stbartsotsb/ WBL REGISTRATION Mende

The Westfield Baseball League (WBL) is now accepting "mail-in" registration for children in grades Kindergarten ihrough 10th. Last year over 1000 children parlicipated and more are expected this season. Children will be assigned to leagues based upon their current grade. The cost for grades K-3 is \$50.00 per child, and grades 4 and up is \$75.00 per child and late fees will be in effect for the 2000 sea

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CRANFORD VOLLEYBALL CLUB
The Cranford Volleyball club is ready to kick off its second season of teaching sixth. seventh, and eight graders basic volleybal skills, and giving them a chance to compete

Pat Hall, the head coach of the Cranford High volleyball team, will run clinics from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday night beginning Jan. 5 and continuing through the month of May. Each night will start with skill work and end with games Last season Hall was able to field an eight grade club team which competed in UŠVA Junio: Volleyball tournaments, and he is looking to do the same again this season with the thought of possibly expanding the team to include sixth and seventh graders

For more information call Pat Hall at 789-9059 The program is free, and no prior volley ball experience is necessary 3040VER HOOPS

Semilinal match-ups in the 16th week of the Men's 30 and over basektball league saw undeleated C&C with their hands full playing fifth seeded Family Investors. The Investors upset fourth seeded Basketball Jones in the quarterfinal round, playing its best game of the season without superstar Gary Battle Peter Foley, who has emerged as one of the premier big men in the league played his best game C&C has been playing sloppy of late, but did manage to pull away after each run Family investors made at them. Vali and Glock, together with Peter Chemidlin added scoring only to end up being beaten by Piece, Nelson, and Ons of C&C, which got the job done and got into the finals, beating Family Investors, 66-60 C&C met Swan Motel, who defeated the

Blazers 65-52 in the second semifinal game, in the finals Wednesday

The second semifinal game started out sloppy, with both teams committing a lot of louis. The Blazers had the answer to Swan Motel's offense and for the first half, the game was close. IN the second half, John Sullivan took over the game offensively, scoring 23 points for Swan. Krotulis and Sucar added 14 and 15 points respectively. Offensively in the second half the Blazers had their problems due to the defensive play of Mike Schulman who grabbed 24 rebounds and blocked six shots. The Blazers Iranchise players, Aslanian

and Freer, played outstandingly but came up

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#### Whodunnit headed to Episcopal church

CRANFORD — Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the intersection of North and Forest avenues, will hold a murder-mystery dinner theater presentation 6 p.m. April 8.

The Killing Kompany, a New York City-based troupe, is performing the show.

Cost is \$26 for adults, \$12 for children ages 5-16 and free for children under

Included are a full catered dinner; appetizers; wine, beer and soft drinks; dessert; coffee; and the

For tickets, call Vickie Cooney at (908) 620-9320.

#### Seeds are sewn for Daffodil Show

MORRISTOWN -Garden clubs all over New Jersey are preparing for the 25th annual New Jersey Daffodil Show at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, located outside Morristown.

Show hours for the public are 1 p.m.-4 p.m. April 14 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April

Admission is free. Competitive classes for daffodils will include a junior edition.

Horticulture classes will feature tulips, flowering branches, perennials and wildflowers.

For show information and directions, visit www.parks.morris.nj.us or call (973) 326-7600.

The public is encouraged to submit entries; call Marcia Zweig at (973) 763-8204 for more information.

#### Westfield Orchestra hosts world premiere

RAHWAY — The Westfield Symphony Orchestra is preparing to present the world premiere of a work it commissioned, "Sacred Fanfare" by Mark McGurty.

The world premiere is part of the symphony's fourth concert of the season 8 p.m. April 1 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Also on the program are the Concerto No. 10 for Two Pianos, K.365, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; "New World A-Comin'," by Duke Ellington; and the Symphony No. 3, by Johannes Brahms. Piano soloists for the concerto are Joshua Pierce and Dorothy Jonas.

Admission is \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$15 for full-time students. Group rates are available.

A lecture, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., precedes the performance.

Advance tickets are available at the Town Book Store, Lancaster's and Burgdorff Realtors, all in Westfield, and Martin Jewelers in Cranford.

For more information, call (908) 232-9400 or (732) 499-8226.

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The St. Petersburg (Russia) Ice Ballet will glide across a frozen stage at New Brunswick's State Theatre when "Swan Lake on ice" arrives for a one-day only performance. The skaling begins 8 p.m. Wednesday with a special school-group-only matinee slated for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

# Russian skaters hitting the ice for special 'Swan Lake' show

NEW BRUNSWICK -- The world's foremost ice ballet company, the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet, glides across a frozen stage in a magnificent rendition of "Swan Lake on Ice" 8 p.m. Wednesday at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

The stage of the early 20th century vaudeville house and movie theater is converted into an ice rink in 24 hours to set up this retelling of Tchaikvosky with 35 ice dancers from Russia.

"Swan Lake" tells the story of Prince Siegfried, whose mother declares that he must find a bride now that he is of marrying age. When he first sees the "Swan Queen" Odette he immediately falls in love and vows to marry her. However, poor Odette is under the wicked spell of a magician, Von Rotbart: By day she is an enchanted maiden and by night she turns into a

At a ball given by Prince Siegfried's mother Von Rotbart arrives with his daughter, Odile, whom he has turned into the image of Odette. Prince Siegfried dances with Odile and declares his love, unknowingly breaking his vow to his true love, Odette. That night Siegfried searches for her at the lake and begs her forgiveness. Van Rotbart swoops in and the lovers throw themselves into the water, escaping the evil sorcerer. The spell is finally broken and the lovers are united in eternity.

The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet had its first performance in 1967 under the direction of Constantine Boyarski. Choreography for "Swan Lake on Ice" is by Konstantin Rassadin, a former choreographer of the Kirov Ballet.

Admission is \$32 for premium orchestra and loge, \$28 for orchestra and front balcony, \$25 for rear orchestra and balcony, \$20 for the gallery.

For reservations, visit www.statetheatrenj.org on the World Wide Web or call (877) STATE 11. In addition, a special matinee for school groups will be 10 a.m. Wednesday. For school group orders, call (732) 247-7200, ext. 545.

The State Theatre is in downtown New Brunswick on Livingston Avenue, From Union County, take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 129 and the New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 9. Bear right after the Turnpike toll booth onto Route 18 North and take the New Street exit to the theater.

# Annual Children's Choir Festival set

annual Plainfield Area Children's 2 at the Crescent Avenue Millington; St. Bartholomew's

Presbyterian Church. sacred choral literature to the Warren; Watchung Avenue taken. theme of "The Church Year in

Choirs participating are from the First Presbyterian Church, Cranford; Garwood Presbyterian Church; St. Matthias Roman

PLAINFIELD - The 30th Catholic Church, Somerset; First Presbyterian Church, Metuchen; Choir Festival will be 4 p.m. April All Saints' Episcopal Church, Roman Catholic Church, East Eleven choirs with a total of Brunswick; Our Lady of the 225 singers will present children's Mount Roman Catholic Church, Church, Plainfield; St. John the Evangelist Reman Catholic Dunellen; and Crescent Avenue

Presbyterian Church.

tion of Helen Kemp, professor emeritus at Westminster Choir College at Rider University.

Piano and organ accompanment are by Chris Diebert and Brenda Day

A free-will offering will be

For more information, call (908) 756-2468.

Presbyterian Church is located at 716 Watchung Ave., just south of The concert is under the direc- East Seventh Street, in Plainfield.

# Symphony offers 'heroic' Beethoven

## CJSO tunes up Ludwig favorites

BRANCHBURG Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra "Beethoven: A Hero for the Millennium" 8 p.m. Saturday in the Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College.

This performance of nothing but Ludwig von Beethoven will feature three works in his "heroic" style. They are the Violin Concerto with featured soloist Edita Orlinyte, violin; the Egmont Overture, written for a play by Goethe; and the "Eroica" Symphony No. 3 in E flat.

Orlinyte holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Lit huarrian Academy of Music in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. She bas lived in the United States since 1996 and performed in recitals as well as with orchestras throughout the New York me tropolitan area.

The CJSO is conducted by Roger Briscoe of Scotch Plains, president-elect of the Association of New Jersey Orchestras and director of music at the community college. He also is assistant concluctor of the National High School Honors Orchestra, Briscoe holds a master of music degree and a doctorate from Indiana University.

Saturday's performance is part of a cultural exchange between the community college and Lithuania. Orlinyte has per-

formed in Europe and Japan with Lithuanian National Philharmonic and Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, Briscoe was aguest conductor in Lithunnia in June of last year and will return to the Baltic nation in March

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$9.50 for seniors and \$5 for students and children.

In addition, Briscoe and Orlinyte will appear together 7 p.m. in a "Speaking of Music" lecture open to all ticketholders.

For reservations, call (908) 725-3420.

Raritan Valley Community College is located on Route 28 west of Somerville, From Union County, take Route 22 West to the Orr Drive jughandle or Interstate 78 West to Exit 26.

# Zany 'Love' benefits area theater troupes

#### Schweska benefit profits the CDC, Westfield Players

CRANFORD Schweska is preparing to do an encore of his cabaret show "Love and Other Things" as a benefit for two local theater groups.

Proceeds from the benefit performance will assist the Cranford Dramatic Club and Westfield Community Players, Schweska is n member of both local theater troupes

The show is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. April 8 at the Cranford Dramatic Club, located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford.

"Love and Other Things" takes the audience through the whirlwind of love "in all its explosive as well as its many-sided and zany aspects," according to a release announcing the show.

Schweska is a lyric baritone with more than 10 years experience in New York City cabaret.

He has sung in the Cranford productions of "She Loves Me" and "The Wizard of Oz" plus the Westfield production "Romance, Romance."

Accompanying him are scheduled to be Joanne Guida of Cranford and Robert Duffy, vocals, with accompaniment and arrangements by Andrew Cooke, pia no.

Guida has sung in the Westfield production "Romance, Romance" and other area musicals. Duffy will appear on a soon-to-be released cast recording for a musical version of "A Tale of Two Cities."

Cooke directed "Love and Other Things" in New York City and most recently was musical director for "Sweeney Todd" at the Guthric Theatre in Minneapolis, Minn.

Admission to the April 8 show is \$ 12.

The admission price includes entry to a reception scheduled to begin directly after the show.

For reservations or more information, call (908) 276-7611 or (908) 232-1221.

# **Triad Chamber singers** to take the stage Sunday

ROSELLE - Several local singers and composers will be featured in a concert by the Triad Chamber Vocal Ensemble. The concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday at the First

Presbyterian Church in Roselle, located at 111 West 5th Ave. near the Chestnut Street intersection.

The program is part of a Sunday afternoon concert series presented by the church this year and will include mostly contemporary sacred and secular works by various choral composers. Included in the performance will be new pieces by conductor Virginia Johnston and accompanist Dan Crisci, both of Union Township.

The 16-member Triad Chamber Vocal Ensemble, a mixed choir now in its seventh season, will also perform new anthems "Alleluia II" by New jersey composer Heskel Brisman and "Before Too Long" by Plainfield resident and former choir member Mark Miller. Also on the program are other several sacred pieces, includ-

That Shall Endure" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah." David McFall, a parishioner of the First Presbyterian Church, and David Jules, music director at the Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter in Roselle, will be featured singers.

ing "Make a Joyful Noise," "May the Lord Bless You," and "He

The concert is free and open to the public. Audience members may give a free-will offering, and all proceeds will be put toward the Triad's fourth-avenue "Canticles for Life" concerts, scheduled for April 1, 2 and 9. Those concerts will benefit organizations supporting persons with AIDS.

For more information about Sunday's performance, please call (908) 241-6210.

Conductor/composer Virginia John ston will lead the way when the Triad Chamber Vocal Ensemble takes the stage Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle for the latest installment of its Sunday after-

# NJIO spring show features world premiere, Ellington Suite

CRANFORD - The New Intergenerational Orchestra will hold its annual spring concert, this time devoted to American music,

on April 16. The concert, slated to begin at 3 p.m., will be held at Cranford High School, located at 201 West End

premiere of composer Mario Lombardo's "Early Spring." Lombardo —who wrote "elegy" for the NJIO thanks to a HEART grant awarded by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will serve as guest conduc-

The concert will also feature 15-year-old violinist Featured will be the world Richard Montas, while con-

ductor Lorraine Marks will play a rendition of "When I Fall in Love" arranged and conducted by Lombardo. Jazz pianist Rio Clemente

will also be featured in a Duke Ellington Suite. A special pre-concert

"meet the performers" session is scheduled to take place at 2:30 p.m. Admission to the concert

is free and the show will be ha ndicapped Large-print programs will alsobe available. The NJIO is made up of

musicians from 31 communities, ranging in age from 6 to

The orchestra is funded in part by the Cranford Public Schools, The Rotary Club of Cranford, the New Jersey

Council On (Department of State), the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Recording Industries Fund.

For more information, visit the World Wide Web www.bobdevlin.com/orches.h tml or call Marks at (908) 709-0084.

# 'Sound of Music' echoes at Mother Seton

CLARK - The hills are alive at Mother Seton Regional High

"The Sound of Music" will be heard today through Saturday as the spring musical of Mother Seton.

The curtain rises each day at 7:30 p.m.

This presentation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical is the fourth for the Catholic high school.

Emerita Alcid stars as Maria, Scott Boyko as Capt. von Trapp and Anita Raghuwanshi as the Mother Abbens.

Playing the von Trapp children are Julie Martinez, as Lies1; George Holan of Cramford, as Friedrich; Maria Vargo, as Louisa; Edelina Bustamante, as Marta; Ezra Herbert, as Kurt; Melissa Ruth, as Brigetta; and Elizabeth Holan of Cranford, as Gretl.

Amelia Herbert is Elsa, Karim Cockrell is Max, Charlie

## Rodgers and Hammerstein classic hits the MSRHS stage this weekend

Laskowski of Scotch Plains is Rolf and Charles Daimo is Adm. van Schreiber.

Also in the cast are Maria Strano, Nakia Darden, Justina Maguire, Jennilee Trinidad, Christine Odom and Rick

The musical is directed by Jack Duffy of Cranford with Sister Theo Furniss as play coordinator.

Music is under the direction of Margaret Hak and Lucille

Choreography is by Megan Ferentinos and costumes are by

Carol Henderson Stage managers are Meghan Lynch and Jedlyn Tordecilla.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 (today and Friday only)

For tickets, call Sister Patricia William at (732) 382-

## Agranoff next up in 'Millennium Music' series

RAHWAY The Arts Guild of Rahway will present its second "Millennium Music" concert 8 p.m. March 31 with Mike Agranoff, singer-storyteller.

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1670 Irving St., near the Union County Arts Center.

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tions, call (732) 381-7511. Funding is provided in part by the New Jersey State on the Council Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage

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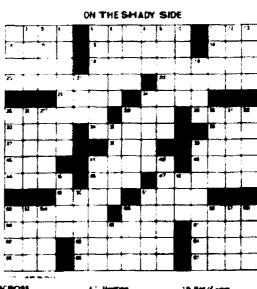
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# Fall programs for all ages at county planetarium

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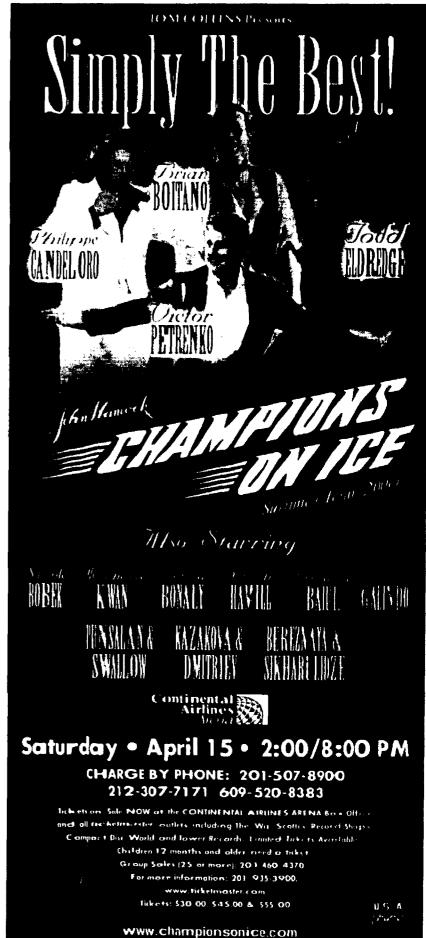
Two public planetarium shows are offered on Sundays at 2 and 3.30 p.m. Each program includes a look at the night sky. Planetarium shows are appropriate for ages 6 to adult. A variety of shows have been designed for younger children, aged 4 to 6, who are accompanied by an adult. Admission is a nominal fee and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Night Out With the Stars is a series of planetarium programs held once a month from September to December for families with children aged 6 and up. The first program, titled Harvest Moon, will be beld Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The programs will start inside the planetarium and be followed by an evening viewing ses-

The sion under the stars to acquaint young and old with the night sky. Wear warm clothing and bring binoculars or a telescope if able, and a blanket or lawn chair. Preregistration is required and the fee is \$4 per person.

Afterschool Skywatchers is a workshop series for children im first and second grade. The series will be presented on alternate Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. These classes are designed to give children an introduction to planetarium basics and astronomy. Preregistration is required and there is an \$8 fee per child for each class.

For a complete fall brochure, which includes listings of all workshops for children and families, planetarium show descriptions and upcoming events, call or visit the Trailside Nature and Science Center, (908) 789-3670.



# Your horoscope guide, March 27 - April 2

BY WANDA PERRY

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along with the program, and let your- suffer fin ancially. Save what you can self be nurtured.

a real professional who is entitled, and munity. Put emphasis on discipline. doors will open.

you to unravel a philosophical or political problem. Hit the library or Slow down, and make note of what is Internet, and do some research. Avoid precious and important in your life. making the wrong move professionally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22); Go along with an investment plan you understand, and make sure that there are no surprises down the line. Also, yourself permission to go solo and clear up confusion surrounding a con-

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23); Relationship issues come up for review TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your and resolution. Don't pass judgment psychic abilities are heightened dur- on your leved ones so hastily. Wait, ing this period. Find someone who can and make sure that you have all the

SCORP10 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Royal Learning an important lesson takes treatment is yours from friends who patience and perseverance. Set up want to show you a good time. Go your budget so that you don't have to

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You Children need attention and support, will attract the kind of energy you if not your own, then that of people in radiate. Stand tall, carry yourself like your immediate neighborhood or com-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It's up to Getting a fair amount of rest makes it possible for you to cope with stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18); New ideas are stimulating and will receive a favorable response. Be sure to get important correspondence in the mail

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Money management becomes a must when vou discover your cash is going out much quicker than it's coming in. Seek professional assistance.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: You have a very intense and powerful year on tap. Expect a personal transformation that will take your life out of the category of the ordinary. Lessons or expansion will come through higher education or lots of travel. Your circle of friends is likely to grow by leaps and bounds and encompass the entire globe. Calculate carefully before taking any major risks with your finances. Heed the advice of an elder

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#### **Authors turn out for** 'Literary Luncheon'

CRANFORD - The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield will sponsor "A Literary Luncheon" 11 a.m. 3 p.m. April 5 at The Chanticler, located at 500 Millburn Ave. in Short Hills.

Proceeds will benefit community projects serving families in crisis in Union County The Junior League has its office in Cranford.

Authors scheduled to appear are Linda Fairstein, Diane Goode, Belva Plain and Sylvia Weinstock. All will discuss their careers and have copies of their books available for purchase.

Fairstein is a prosecutor in the sex crimes unit of the Manhattan, N.Y., district attorney's office, most notably in the 1980s "preppy murder" trial of Robert Chambers. Her novels are "Final Jeopardy," published in 1996, and "Likely to Die," published in 1998.

Goode is an author and illustrator of children's books, among them "Mama's Perfect Present" and "Where's Our Mama?" Her illustrations were featured in "When I Was Young in the Mountains," which won the Caldecott Medal for best illustrated children's book

Plain is best known as the author of "Evergreen," published in 1978 and subsequently turned into a television miniseries. Her newest novel, "After the Fire." will be published in April.

Weinstock is a decorator and baker of cakes; she lets the cake out of the box and divulges her little secrets in her new book of "Sweet Celebrations."

Hostess for "A Literary Luncheon" is Sale Johnson, co-author of "Managing Your Child's Diabetes" with her husband, Woody, and daughter, Casey. Admission is \$50. Advance

tickets are available at the Jumble Store in Cranford plus Prudential Realty and the Book Lover's Outlet in Westfield For more information, call

(908) 709-1177.

#### Registration opens for music program

CRANFORD - Registration has begun for the 21st year of the Summer Music Workshop sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department.

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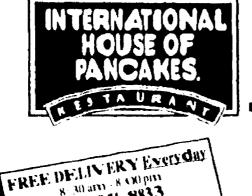
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#### Films in Focus New Releases "Drowning Mona" — It

opens with Mona (Bette Midler) driving her suddenly brakeless straight Yugo off a steep hill into a river. Police Chief Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito) has many suspects, since everyone in town hated Mona. Her frightened husband (William) Fichtner) was not too scared to have a scarcely secret affair with a slatternly waitress (Jamie Lee Curtis), Mona's slob son (Marcus Thomas), who lost a hand to her meat cleaver, was also having a side order with the waitress. Casey Affleck is a boyish, easily fuddled guy who kept running afoul of Mona and is most suspected of foul play. The chief's daughter (Neve Campbell) is his fiancee, and the chief doesn't wish to nail the boy on a murder rap, figuring that maybe a good Bratt, Illeana Douglas, Malcolm killer can still make his daughter Stumpf. Running time: 1 hour, 47 happy. This jumpy little amuseminutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars. ment park of the low-rent life is good enough to display the talent, but a Yugo is nobody's limo. Cast: Danny DeVito, Bette Midler, Neve Campbell, Jamie Lee Curtis, Casey Affleck, William Fichtner, Marcus Thomas, Kathleen Wilhoite.

Running time: 1 hour, 31 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars. "The Next Best Thing" -Madonna is Abbie, an L.A. teacher of yoga. Her best pal is the gardener Robert (Rupert Everett), who is gay and not the least coy about it. One night they get lovingly soused and soon Abbie is pregnant. Astounded to be a father, Robert takes to the challenge more than dutifully. The story skips past the messy baby and toddler years, and Robert, sharing house with Abbie, is bonded to the cute, 6year-old scamp, Sam (Malcolm Stumpf). Then Abbie finds a

dreamboat. (Benjamin Bratt). When the inevitable custody fight over the boy - Abbie and Ben plan to marry and move to New York -finally comes about, Everett simply takes over the movie. The dilemma of a gay father without "rights," only love, gives the film some bite. Madonna might have decided that a firm bid for the gay market, the "Birdcage' crowd, cannot hurt at this career stage. Is that cynical? The trouble with "The Next Best Thing" is that, even at its most pleadingly sincere, it can nudge your cynical thoughts. Only Everett, finally, seems above that. Cast: Rupert Everett, Madonna, Benjamin

"What Planet Are You From?" — Even though he is a little miscast, Garry Shandling is often slyly delightful as Harold Anderson, a bank loan officer in Phoenix who until recently was known as H1449-6 on a very distant planet. In that gray grid of advanced technology, everyone is cloned and has no sexual organs or emotions. The leader (Ben-Kingsley) decides that one of his neutered, numbered citizens must go to Earth. There, he/it will achieve copulation, launching the robust seeding of our planet by his own, tech-sexed breed. H becomes Harold. Emerging from the bathroom of an airborne passenger plane, he instantly goes to work. Most of the gags work, but sometimes that is all they do. Despite its clever bounce and adroit calculation, this movie lacks the impeccably nuanced charm, the stylized coziness and yummy, zoned satire that made "Galaxy Quest" such a surprising treat. Cast: Garry Shandling, Annette Bening, Greg Kinnear, Ben Kingsley, John Goodman, Linda Fiorentino. Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

#### Recent Releases

"The Beach" — Leonardo DiCaprio plays Richard, a bored hacker who opts for what he hopes will be transforming, adventure Conradian Thailand. His spirit quivers at mention of a "mythic" island to the south, a paradise found only by the most karmic tourists. He heads there with two lovely French youths, Etienne (Guillaume Canet) and the even lovelier Francoise (Virginie Ledoyen). After crossing a field of drug plants guarded by armed Thais - the dark side of Shangri-La - the intrepid three find their heaven, laid out like a cabana. Everyone plays, sings, swims, fishes, hoping sharks won't show up and the Thais will stay stoned, a bunch of opium Opies sucking their trigger fingers on the other side of the island. Director Danny Boyle and writer John Hodge go for grim foreshadowing with an early clip from "Apocalypse Now," and we know that the Thai thugs are going to ape through Eden, if not napalm it. The movie is spangled driftwood, and even the slime sparkles as it drifts from "Yummm ..." to "Yecccch." Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Virginie Ledoyen, Guillaume Canet, Robert Carlyle, Tilda Swinton,

Paterson Joseph. Running time: 1 hour, 52 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

"The Boiler Room" Giovanni Ribisi stars as Seth Davis, an ambitious young hustler whose cravings for cash and respect lead him to the shady world of high-pressure finance. In the boiler room of the J.T. Marlin brokerage firm, Seth and his fellow phone studs sell potential clients on highly questionable investments. The boys are rewarded with big wads of cash. All they have to do is fork over a big chunk of their souls. Seth turns out to be very good at separating saps from their money. He quickly rises to the top of the slimy heap. The acting is brawny, and the rap-heavy soundtrack fits these would-be players like an Armani suit. But "The Boiler Room" doesn't have faith in its own warped convictions. As soon as Director Ben Younger wanders out of the belly of the beast and into matters of the heart, "The Boiler Room" blows up in his face. Cast: Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel, Nia Long, Nicky Katt, Ben Affleck, Ron Rifkin, Tom Everett Scott. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. Rated R. 2

"Hanging Up" - Nora Ephron briskly indexes current modes and manners, and cooked up "Hanging Up" with her sister Delia (from Delia's novel). Diane Keaton stepped in to direct and co-star. It is still Meg Ryan's show, even with Keaton as older sister Georgia, celebrated editor of a women's magazine named for herself. And Lisa Kudrow is the youngest sister, Maddy, a soap opera actress with her own, modest niche of fame. When their father, Lou (Walter Matthau),

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Salt and Pepper

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Tablespoons Pickling Spice 1 - 32oz. Can Tomato Juice t - Water Glass Sherry Wine

1 - Cup Corn Starch

#### In A Deep Pot Mix:

Beer, oil, cider, ciderviniger, apple juice, brown sugar, some cold beef stock, bay leaves, salt, pepper, pickling spice, chopped onions, carrots, garlic, celery stalk (cut small), ginger root and apples.

- Mix well in the pot.

- Make sure meat is well submerged, if not add beef stock.

Place pot in refrigerator foe 3-4 days.

- After 3-4 days, dry meat with a paper towel and place meat in a large saute pan, add oil and brown meat completely.

- Heat marinate until boiling and add browned meat.

- Lower Flame.

Make sure meat is again submerged 2 inches.

- Cover pot 2-21/2 hrs cooking time or until chefs fork can easily pierce meat.

Add tomato juice, cook 1/2 hr more.

- For sweeter taste add sugar.

- For more sour add vinegar.

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#### Springfield Temple presents Silver show

SPRINGFIELD - Temple Sha'arey Shalom will present a concert by Julie Silver, one of the stars of contemporary Jewish music, on April 1.

Silver's music has made its way into homes, syragogues and camps and weaves its way into the fabric of American Jewish life. Silver writes and sings both liturgical-based as well as new American Jewish ballads. Her style is diverse, soulful and engaging and her music is easy to sing and easy to remember — it touches listeners with its beauty and simplicity.

The public is invited to attend this joyous and uplifting evening. Tickets purchased in advance are \$18 for adults and \$9 for students through high school Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 apiece.

One can be listed in the program as a contributor for \$36, or as a patron for \$50, which includes wine and cheese reception prior to the program with reserved seating. For more information or to

purchase tickets, call the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is located at 78 South Springfield Ave. in Springfield.

Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding towns.

#### Hammond Society hosts Hansen recital LINDEN - The Hammond

Organ Society of New Jersey will present Don Hansen in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday. The concert will be held at the

Presbyterian Church Hall, located at the intersection of Orchard Terrace and Princeton Road in Linden.

A dynamic contemporary musician and recording artist. Hansen has performed the theater pipe organ in the Colonial Theater in Phoenixville, Pa., and the Wurlitzer in the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. He participated in a three-day cable TV convention in Atlantic City for the American Movie Classics station, featuring theater organs as part of their promotional campaign. He also has performed on electronic organs for the Monmouth Organ Society, the Hammond Organ Society of New Jersey and others.

All are welcome to attend Tuesday's performance, which is also the church's annual pizza night.

The donation at the door is \$7.50 for guests for the concert, pizza, coffee and soda. For more information call (973)

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HOSNJ members and friends usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September to June, and are celebrating almost 50 years of great music, refreshments and friendship.

Films in Focus

gambling casino. The place has

few customers apart from some

drunks, but that doesn't dissuade

Sinise that there must be mil-

lions hidden in a wall safe; he

wishes to believe the conspicuous

liar Nick (or is he Rudy?). The movie is cynically stupefied. The

prolonged ending is all bluff and

whammy. Cast: Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron, Gary Sinise,

Danny Trejo, Clarence Williams

III, Dennis Farina. Running

time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. Rated

"Simpatico" — Nick Nolte stars as Vinnie, a former hot-

blood reduced to bumming and

boozing. Jeff Bridges is Carter,

Vinnie's former wild-oats buddy,

now paying the slob's bills on the

sly while partly bluffing his own

life as a titan of the thoroughbred

elite Sharon Stone is Carter's

lounging, bored wife, Rosie, once

halfway in love with Vinnie, now

mainly in love with Carter's

Triple Crown winner, Simpatica.

Albert Finney turns up as

Simms, who takes on a new life

as Ames, As Simms, he was a rac-

ing commissioner who fell into a

dirty deal after young Carter and

Vinnie pulled off a track scam,

then cooked up a blackmail

scheme to extricate themselves.

The most winning performance

comes from Catherine Keener as

Cecilia, a supermarket checkout

clerk whom Vinnie lashes to the

spinning wheel of the plot.

Despite the Never Spill a

Surprise injunction, which I do

try to honor, horse lovers need to

be warned that Simpatico, the

noble steed with the \$175,000 stud fee, suffers a bad load of plot

hay. Cast: Nick Nolte, Jeff

Bridges, Sharon Stone, Catherine

Keener, Albert Finney, Shawn

Hatosy, Kimberley Williams.

Running time: 1 hour, 46 min-

R. 1 star.

(Continued from page B-6) asuffers mental lapses and then goes into terminal decline, it is businesswoman Eve (Ryan) who is most attentive, and soon she feels swamped. The movie is about the pull of unexamined love and old resentments, the family bonds that fray without breaking. Ryan has become a totally professional star without getting too mechanical. She is that rare and cherished thing, a natural - and one who has grown. She is the best reason to see her movie, if not quite the only one. Cast: Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, Lisa Kudrow, Walter Matthau, Leachman, Moosekian. Running time: 1 hour, 32 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2

"A Map of the World" — Sigourney Weaver plays Alice Goodwin She doesn't feel at home on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, to which the family has fled from urban life. Although husband Howard (David Strathairn) just loves tending the cows, Alice is uneasy and ungrounded. She works as a school nurse under a lot of pressure and is seen as a brittle. smart-mouthed outsider. Alice is swamped by housekeeping and caring for two daughters. She becomes a sitting duck for the resentment of a vicious mother who says Alice abused her son at school. Soon other parents are flinging loose accusations, the Goodwins are shunned, their kids bewildered, and Alice is jailed, unbailed, awaiting trial. "A Map of the World" is a coffee pet of female survival, and the caffeine in it is Weaver. She achieves the reality and mystery of a genuinely conflicted person, brave but not blameless, finding that she is very much a work in progress. Cast: Sigourney Weaver, Julianne Moore, David Strathairn, Chloe Sevigny, Louise Fletcher, Nicole Ari Parker, Arliss Howard. Running time: 2 hours, 7 minutes. Rated

R. 3 stars. "Pitch Black" — The first six

or seven minutes of "Pitch Black"

explode. Spaceship with crew and

passengers, everyone in cryosleep. Whoomp! Whoomp! Whoomp! Hull breeches! Crew awakens, tumbles out into chaos: Captain dead, ship tearing through atmosphere of unknown planet, a whirling, searing, wholly out-of-control streak of flame. Second-in-command Fry (Radha Mitchell) manages to plow what's left of the ship safely into alien turf, but only about a dozen souls remain. The survivors find themselves on a blindingly bright, arid planet baked by two suns. Soon they come across the deserted encampment of a geological survey team, all of whom apparently died 22 years ago when the planets in this system conspired to eclipse the dual suns and cast this world into darkness. When the rare night falls, monsters come out to play. "Pitch Black" does offer a satisfying blast of visual razzle-dazzle. The creatures are truly frightful, and the ship's wrecked interior is perfect, with nothing showy to divert attention from the tiresome story. Cast: Vin Diesel, Radha Mitchell, Cole Hauser, Keith David, Lewis Fitz-Gerald, Claudia Black. Running time: One hour, 47 minutes. Rated R. 2 stars.

"Reindeer Games" - Ben Affleck is Rudy, an auto thief doing time in a rough prison. He gloms emotionally onto the penpal and gorgeous pin-up of his ceilmate, Nick (James Frain). Nick gets stabbed by a Big Mean Dude (standard prison issue). Released soon after, Rudy can't resist taking Nick's identity to win girlfriend Ashley (Charlize Theron). Ashley's brother is a desperado trucker played as a Charles Manson impersonator by Gary Sinise Sinise and his subthugs are vicious in a supposedly funny, nerve-tickling way. Dennis Farina slug-slimes into view as the bored manager of an Indian

utes. Rated R. 24/2 stars. "The Tigger Movie" - The movie opens with Tigger singing

merrily about how nice it is to be the only one of his kind in the forest. But when the young Roo begins to question him about a family, Tigger's already curious nature gets piqued. All the other animals, especially the neurotic Rabbit, are preparing for winter, and Tigger always seems to get in the way. So off goes Tigger, in search of his family tree. But he can't find a single other Tigger and he starts to get depressed. No matter what his friends do to comfort him, Tigger continues his quest to find others like himself. But not until winter arrives and he's lost in the forest does Tigger truly see who makes up his real family. Not only is the story simple, but the cartoon has a classic, picture-book feel to it as well. like a comforting bedtime tale, the pages of the story still turn at each new scene. Cast: Tigger, Winnie the Pooh, Roo, Rabbit, Piglet, Eeyore, Owl and Kanga. Voices: Jim Cummings, William Hurt, Nikita Hopkins, Ken Sansom and John Fiedler, Rated

"The Whole Nine Yards" — Bruce Willis is back to good balding and to what he does best, being macho with a sly command that both flaunts and mocks male vanity, and caressing his lines with infallible ease. The role of hitman Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski may be his smoothest comic work since his TV launch in "Moorlighting." Natasha Henstridge plays Jimmy's estranged wife, Cynthia, whom he plans, with wistful regret, to terminate. And there is a covetted \$10 million between them, in an account which, to be fully enjoyed, also requires the whacking of Jimmy's former colleague, Chicago hood Janni Gogolak (Kevin Pollak). The central one in the plot is "Oz" Oseransky (Matthew Perry), a dentist in Montreal, miserable with his

G. 34/2 stars.

French-Canadian harpy of a wife (Rosanna Arquette). "The Whole Nine Yards" is tailored with some real panache. It has speed, wit, a nice gloss, a plot that doesn't sweat too much, some cleverly borrowed dialogue from "Key Largo" and a riffing, playful jazz score. Cast: Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry. Rosanna Arquette, Natasha Henstridge, Michael Clarke Duncan, Amanda Peet, Kevin Pollak. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. Rated R. 3/1/2 stars.

"Wonder Boys" — Everyone in the loopy, cheerfully gootball "Wonder Boys" seems to be enjoying himself. Even literature professor Grady Tripp (Michael Douglas), beset with crises --- he can't finish his long-awaited secand novel, his wife has left him, his girlfriend is pregnant - trips semi-merrily along. The most promising student in Tripp's creative writing seminar is James Leer (Tobey Maguire); Tripp's with-child sweetie, Sara (Frances McDormand), is none other than

the chancellor at this small college. Then there's Tripp's needy. reedy, randomly randy editor. Crabtree (Robert Downey Jr.); dorky Walter (Richard Thomas): Q (Rip Torn), a literary lion out to make hay while the book reviews shine; Vernon (Richard Knox), a lunatic who seems to have it in for Tripp; and Vernon's spaceball popsie (Jane Adams). "Wonder Boys" achieves a kind of selfless purity - it seems wholly taken in by the quirks of the little world it has wrought. Only the most it iscible of moviegoers won't be caught up as well. Cast: Michael Douglas, Frances McDormand. Robert Downey Jr., Rip Torn, Tobey Maguire. Running time: 112 minutes. Rated R. 3 1/2 stårs.

Ratings - 4 stars, excellent: 3 stars, worthy; 2 stars, mixed; 1 stars, poor; 0 stars, forget it. . .

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The ensemble of nearly 25 m usicians is the "beginners" level of the Cranford-based New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra.

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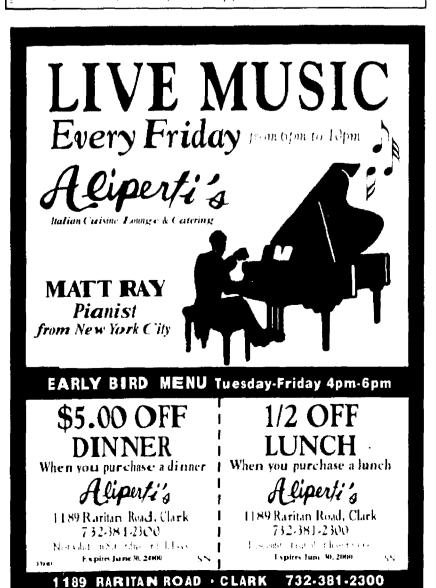
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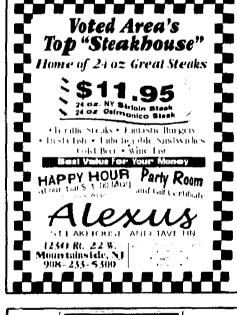
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Alexos Steakhouse & Tavern, home of the original 24.0a Delmonico and NY Sirlom Steaks for only \$11.95, great burgers, overstuffed sandwiches and other delights, is open for dinner in Mountainside and Briefle and both lunch and dinner in Chitton. The menu also offers chicken and scatood entrees: and specials, soups and salads, an array of appetizers and deserts, and both domestic and imported beer and wine. How can Alexus offer such good food at such low prices? A manager explained, "Our goal is to offer better quality, quantity, service and prices than other restaurants. Why pay more somewhere else and get less for your money?"

Low priced, high quality food are not the only reasons for Alexus Steakhouse & Tavern's popularity. There are many more at these easy-going, high quality family restaurants. The atmosphere is always light and cherry with families, groups and couples. enjoying themselves. Eating here is believing!

Every meal starts with complimentary bowls of pickles, cherry peppers and fresh-cut health salad. After a choice of fasty appetizers and soups come. the specialties of of the house-the enormous 24 oz. Delmonico Steak or the 24 oz. NY Sirloin Steak...cooked to juicy perfection with Alexus' spe-cial seasonings. Each has generous helpings of home-made french fried potatoes or other yegetable. Other selections include Baked or Blackened Swordfish, Lobster, Bar-B-Cue Ribs, Chicken Alexus and specials.

Alexus sandwiches are meals in themselves. The juicy hamburgers, made to order with various trimmings, are a full 8 oz of fresh onions topped with mozzarella cheese and bus of Swiss cheese. New England Clam Chowder is a meaty mix of clams and fresh-cut chunks of potato.

Appetizers include house specialties like Alexus Onion Flower, a colossal onion carved into a blossom and deep-fried for a sweet-tasting treat. The Hot Buffalo Wings are Tangy.

Among the deserts are the enormous Hot Fudge Sundae, Strawberry Shortcakes, Carrot Cake and New York Cheesecake. There are free soda and cotfee refills as well as domestic and imported beer. wine and spirits. For people who just want a drank and a snack, the bar has its own ambiance. Alexus welcomes table reservations. Party rooms are available for special events.







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Outgoing, caring, loving, tall, white male with brown hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys dining out, movies, reading, good conversation, denoing and bingo. Seeking a friendly, warm female, 50 to 60, to share good times and friendship. BOX 38187

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ing and skiling. Seeking a single white female, to share good times

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BEAUTY AND BRAINS BEAUTY AND BRAINS
Single, attractive, female, 48, 5'5',
127 Ibs, brownish blonde hair,
brown eyes, educated, healthy, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys, walk-ing, biking, movies and the comforts
of home. Seeking educated, white
Christian male, 47 to 51, committed,
emotionally stable, affectionate and
cading, to enjoy (hendship, love,
laughter and happiness, BOX 13644

WANTS SPECIAL FRIEND Widowed white female, 56, seeking special white male, 54 to 60, over 5'8", nice looking, honest, and a good sense of humor. I have dark hair, brown eyes, considered attractive. I would like to hear from you. Call me. BOX 32651

COULD BE FATE!

30 yr old, single professional female, 5'6", 122 ibs, auburn hair, green eyes, attractive, fit, former dancer, uducated, open minded, energetic and passionate. Seeking a single male, for an energetic, pas-signate relationship. BOX 36272

QUINTESSENTIAL WOMAN With, intelligent, romantic, playful, advanturous, exuberant, magical, pretty, divorced, white, professional Jewish female, late 40's, with traditional values. In search of chival rous, secure, protective, romantic, gentleman 50 to 60, who loves laughter, music, theater, diving, con-versation and travel, BOX 32647

KNOW WHAT'S COOKIN? Single professional female, who's warm, with and winsoms, looking for a single Jewish male, 54 to 62, who's devoted, caring, educated and fall, to share laughter, friend-ship, compassion, banter and possibly the future. BOX 32649

NEVER TOO LATE Single female, not sassy, but I'm an attractive grandmother, in her 70's, who thinks she is still not too late to meet an interesting male, for friendship, possibly more, BOX 34890

YOUNG AT HEART Attractive, blonde, single white female, early 60's, 5'5', enjoys dancing, dining, theater, dining and reading. Looking for a structure, non-smoking mate with a good sense of humor, for frendship and a sense of humor, for frendship. and a possible relationship. BOX

SMART, PRETTY & FUN Single white female, fit, energetic, non-smoker, seeks lath, dark, handnon-amover, seeks tall, dain, man-some, single white male, 40 to 55, who is energetic, iff, has a good sense of humor, and likes to go places. Central Jersey preferred BOX 32637

TAKE OVER PLEASE Single female, 36, 52", brown hair and eyes, sly, seeking altractive, romantic, dominant male, 35 to 49, for a long term serious relationship. BOX 13561

SHARING GOOD TIMES Divorced white Jewish professional, female, 47, average height and weight, blonde hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, occasional drinker, enjoys music, dancing, live theatre and the beach. Seeking white male, 43 to 50, for good times, Irlandship and possible long term relationship. No head games, BOX 32650

AMERICAN COLLECTIBLE But a lunny, warm, appealing, com-passionate, professional, Jewish passionate, professional. Jewish tady enjoys the aris, antiquing, di-ing, some sports, fravel, etc. Wishing to meet a good natured, flaxible, educated, Jewish gentle-man, 54 to 52, 510° plus. Shall we share camaraderie, giggles, and possibly the future? BOX 32704

KINGSBURG AREA Single Jewish female, 18, red hair enjoys Donna Summers, walks, candle light dinners, salsa dancing and more. Seeking a single white, Jewish or Hispanic mate, 30 plus with similar interests, for possible elationship, BOX 13269

**SWEETHEART OF DEAL** warm, and repealing Jewish Professional 53 ish, favors tall, relings, laughter and banter, ou interests. Let's talk and explore the possibilities? BOX 33351

GIVE MEACALL Single, professional, attractive, petits, mother of two, non-smoker, a little over 5', 115 lbs, dark hair and dark brown eyes. I enjoy working out, gutet walks in the park, movies, dancing and comedy shows. Locking for a single mate, 35 to 45. with similar interests. BOX 12698

HIGH YIELD DIVIDEND Refreshing and warm, appealing, professional lady who tavors a good natured, flexible, educated, fall white Jewish male, 53-62. Can we build nurtuing transfer p with laugh-ter, consideration, our interests and the future? BOX 32657

HEART OF GOLD Attractive, single, Jowish ternale, 37, enjoys reading, traveling and renting movies. Looking for a non-smoking, single, Jewish male, 34 to 41, who's kind, and caring with a great sense of humor, ready for a

committed relationship. BOX 11838 LET'S SHARE MEMORIES 33 yr old, 5'3", slim, sligle white temale, professional, motivated, 33 yr o'd, single, white, professional female, 5'3', slim, brown hair, enjoys the beach, dining out, movies and reading. Seeking an attractive, intel energetic, looking for a long term relationship. Seeks a single male, who's attractive, financially secure, never married, ambitious, with a good sense of humor to share spe-cial times and momones with. BOX ligent, single, white, professional male, 33 to 43 who has never been matried and has no children to share dreams and a long term rela-

LOOKING FOR LOVE LOOKING FOR LOVE Single lemate, 5'2', brown hair and eyes, attractive, petite, slim, non-smoker, non-drinker, healthy and college educated Enjoys a variety of things and trying new things. Seeks a single male, 62 to 70, non-smoker, non-drinker, good series of humor, similar interests, for friend-ship, possibly more, ISOX 13177

WANTS REAL LOVE 46 yr old, altractive, divorced white female, long blonde hair, blue eyes with visued interests, such as, diring, movies, dancing and much more. In search of a single gentle-man, 36 to 48, who is kind, consid-

orate and knows how to treat a lady THE PERFECT PACKAGE

50 yr old, divorced white temale, attractive, petite, brunette, physical

for a long term relationship. BOX 32504 DON'T READ THIS AD

Unless you are seeking a good cooking great looking, warm treated, divorced clewish female. If you are long limbed male, willing to give take, listen take, play, work and bit a long term friend BOX 32535

**CUDDLING A MUST** CUDILING A must Divorced white female, attractive feminine, petite, caring, adventur-ous. Enjoys laughter, drives, seash one, Attantic City, movies music, travel, talking, listening, din ing watching football, cooking, the , etc. Looking for a male, 50 to y 60's, for possible long term lionship. BOX 32554

CAPRICORN Vibrant, attractive, slim female, seeking a male, early 60's, to share good times, laughter and friendship Non-smoker preferred. Call me and take it from there. BOX 32559

LOVE BEING FEMALE Allractive, bright, furny, divorced Jewish female, late 40's, love being spoiled and spoiling. Enjoy drives, antiques, cooking, dining, theatre. music, travel, talking and listening seeking a single male who's caring, warm and adventurous. BOX 32493 SPRING FEVERIU

52 yr old, 5'2", attractive, fun loving, divorced, white, professional female who enjoys theater, music, dancing, dining out, etc. Seeking a lit, romantic, youthful, caring male, 50 to 58. for a possible long term relationship

LET'S MEET
Single white, professional female
27, enjoys nature hiking, traveling theater, music and more. Seeking a single male, non-smoker with sitterinterests. BOX 11946

HAPPYLASS Divorced white female, 61, 5'6', active, happy, caring and humorous in search of tall, non-smoking gentleman, 58 to 65, for long term rela-Somerset/Hunterdon County retires a plus. Enjoy out-doors, gardening, dining out, danc-ing, movies and more. BOX 43271

TALL AND ATTRACTIVE 36 yr old, green eyed, tall, volup-tuous brunatte temale. I enjoy work-ing out, music, comedy clubs, shooting pool, sports, and movies ing for a tall, spontaneous, sin man with a good sense of nor. BOX 36287

POSITIVE CINDERELLA HIV positive tady, lost glass stipper in **087**, has made various attempts it but with no success nit area. BOX 40073

WAITING FOR YOU! 42 yr old, 5'2", divorced, English, Italian female, blonde hair, blue eyes who misses sharing all things in a retationship. I'm looking for a male, non-smoker, social drinker, not into bar scenes like me, to enjoy camping, the beach and more, for a possible long term relationshiple

1F YOU'RE BEADY.... 27 yr old, white professional female, 5'4', brown hair and eyes, enjoys

cooking, reading, animals, outdoors,

meeting new people and volunteering. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for friendship first and possible relationship. BOX 35362

SINCERE AND LOVING

Single, white female, 48, 5'8', romantic, intelligent with a good sense of humor, Enjoys music.

movies, computers, dining out and

quiet times. Seeks single o

divorced, white male, 38 to 58, with

similar interests for possible long term relationship. BOX 32475

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caring with a great sense of humor

I enjoy antiques, flee markets, trav-eling and much more. If you're look-ing for a committed relationabilip.

ing for a committed relationship then let's build the millennium together BOX 34078

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NUBIAN PRINCESS

smokin a male, 5'8" plus, weight pro-

notionale for a serious relationship

PROFOUND COMPANION

Single white fernale, 5'2", strawber

ry blonde, blue eyes, looking for a

tim, non-smoking male, mid 40's to mid 50's, able to open himself to a woman. A man who is humorous, family oriented, likes the simple

things, dancing, movies, staying

SIMPLYTHE BEST 50's, single turnale, fun toving, polite, blue eyes, blonde hair, attrac-

live. Senking a male, 50 to 60, who enjoys dancing, gourmet cooking, the duning, music and hand holding,

WORTH WAITING FOR

DIAL MY NUMBER

Single white female, 38, 5'4', medium build, with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys many things. Looking

for a single, white or Hispanic male, 32 to 50, BOX 10486

LOOKING FOR FRIEND Sim, attractive widowed female in her early 50's; is looking for an unni-

lached, altractive male, no less than

5107, for friendship and a possible relationship. East Brunswick, and surrounding area only. BOX 33018

CASE OF MISSING MR.

Clues: affractive, single, Jewish female afforney, vivacious, affectionate. Seeks successful, caring.

fur leving, Jewish mate who likes tennis, theater, animals, comedy,

LOOK NO FURTHER

Single female, in her 40's, 5'7"

blue green eyes, seeks a down to

earth, single male, for a possible relationship BOX 12800

COULD BE FATE!

Single, widowed female, in her 50's, altractive, slim, professional, enjoys,

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SEEKING YOU 29 yr old, single white female with brown hair and eyes. I like the

beach, animals, and going to church. Seeking a professional, single white male, 28 to 35, who is Catholic, honest, and enjoys having

> ship. BOX 11492 MEET ME HAL F WAY
> Single female, tall, 50 yrs old, nonsmoker, non-drinker, seeking a male
> that is well groomed 55-70, that
> enjoys the outdoors and much
> mars 802.11289

BOX 11269 GOOD TIMES AND MORE 51 yr old, single white Jewish female who likes music. Locking to a single white male, 49 to 54, who rige what male, 43 to 54, who live dirling out, the company of differents, and romantic nings. BOX 10531

VISIONS OF LOVE Attractive, 18 yr old, single female, athletic, enjoys sports, theater, out-doors, traveling and cooking. Seeking a single male, with similar for a possible relationship

BYE, FOR NOW
Pretty, divorced, 43 yr old, Jewish lamale with blue eyes and a territic smite. Seeking a fit, single Jewish male, non-smoker, for intendship first and possible relationship later. BOX 15914

40 SOMETHING FEMALE 40 s attractive, single female, 54" with hazel/blue syes and blonde hair. Interests are: traveling, dining, dancing and long walks Looking for a single male who's sincere, fit, attractive and enjoys similar interests. BOX 11823 TONLY NEED YOU

Single, white female, 42, speak four languages, enjoys the about anything. Seeking a handsome male for a wonderful firms and good friendship 80x 11402

ALL AMERICAN GUY Single white male, 31, seeks a single female, 34, who enjoys movies dining out and romance, for possible relationship, BOX 12436

LET'S GET TOGETHER Single white male, 32, non-smoker, enjoys travel, walks on the beach and more. Seeking a single female, with similar Interests, for possible relationship, POV 38019. relationship. BOX 36018

YOUNG AT HEART Recently widowed male, early 60's, nostalgia band performer, enjoys dining, dancing, travelling, nights at home. Allantic City and music. Seeking a slim female, of any ago with similar loterasis. POY 22507 with similar interests. BOX 32507

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER If you are attractive, slim, non-smok er, enjoys the theater, music, adventure, exercising, self-sufficient, 30 42, female, then I would love to nieel you. I am 40, considered handsome, divorced profession man, brown hair, 5'10", 203 lbs, athletic, fit but most of all, very happy. Give me a call soon. BOX 32998

COME FLY WITH ME Divorced white male, 5'8", 155 lbs, retired, handsome, former pilot, fablous background and world travwith a petite, non-smoking, white temale, single or divorced, 60 to 80, for friendship, possibly more. BOX

I Wish I Could

MEET Someone

Who...

MOVIN' ON UP Single white male, 5111, 170 lbs, enjoys dining out, movies and cud-dling at home with that special BLUE EYES Honest, sensitive, attractive, 39 yr old, single, white male, searching for an attractive, single or divorced white female, 34 to 46, for a rela-

the outdoors. BOX 32639 JEWISH DAD JUMPING BACK IN
A normal, single white professional
male, in search of slender, normal
white female, under 56, with a
sense of humor, for possible long
large relationship and wonderful Single, athletic Jawish dad, 47. 510", 170 lbs, not religious, seeks physically fit, woman. Enjoys romance, travel, outdoors, cooking, dencing, flee markets, weekends term relationship and wonderlu times in the future. BOX 13713 away, mountain biking, jogging, oldles and quiet svenings. All calls will be answered, BOX 32642

tionship. Enjoys movies, sports and

A NICE GUY ANICE GUY
48 yr old, 510", 190 lbs, father of 2
grown children, brown hair and
ayes, considered good looking,
intelligent, fit, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking a female,
35 to 50, who is intelligent, financially
and emotionally secure, family
graphed for detung and nossible HIGH HOPES 36 yr old single white male, attractive, educated and athletic, enjoys comedy clubs, darichg, travel, investing. Seeking a single, white female, 26 to 36, romantic, sincere, oriented, for dating and possible long term relationship. BOX 32652 out going, family oriented with a great sense of humor for a long term

relationship, BOX 32643 JUST A CALLAWAY Tall, ift, aftractive Irlain gentleman, is seeking beautiful, slim, lif, single female, 35 to 50, for vacationing, fine dining and much more BOX 36059 MARRIAGE MENDED 35 yrs old, single white male, from Westfield, 5'9" 175 lbs., non-smoker, vegetient, se 175 to 5, incertaints, enjoys working out, dirining, movies, antiques and trying new things. In search of a single or divorced white ternale, 28 to 40, with similar interest, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 32544

LET'S CONNECT Single male, 47. Cathotic non-smoker, enjoys dancing, dining out, movies, walking and exercising. Looking for single, Catholic female, in her 40's who is a non-smoker and has similar interests, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 10951 Divorced white male, 56, educated and underloved, is seeking a sensible, open minded, realistic, chubby,

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wish you had called

sooner!

someone. Seeking a single white female, 38 to 45, with similar inter-

ests, for possible relationship. BOX

single white female, to balance the equation. Beauty is not required, niceness is necessary. East Windsor area. BOX 32645 LOOKING FOR A MENSOR Single Jewish father, 45, 613", 210 ths, Seeks cute, sasy to talk to single female who enjoys concerts. movies, going out to dinner, and one walks on the beach. All calls

PLAYFUL SCIENTIST

seyear oid, 511, attractive, nones, single white male seeks attractive, single or divorced white female, 35 to 46, for a relationable. I enjoy sports, movies, outdoors and comedy clubs but not alone. I am more than willing to share with that special person. BOX 33002 will be answered BOX 32648 LET'S TAKE A RIDE 38 yr old, 6'2', 180 lbs, single white male, brown hair, blue eyes, looking for a single white female, 30 to 39, the enjoys motorcycle rides, flea tarkets, rock and country music

PLEASURES OF LIFE Divorced white male, 51, 64\*, 230 lbs, happy, secure, professional, looking for a tall, film, single female, 43 to 50, who enjoys the simple pleasures of life, for a possible relationship, BOX 13083

LOOKING FOR BRIDE Divorced male, 49, 6°, healthy, hon-est, good looking, non-amoker, looking for a single female for inendship.

possible long term relationship leading to marriage. BOX 13086 WANTS TRUE LOVE 35 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 145 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, employed, shy, outgoing, enjoys fishing, bowling, skiing and more Looking for a single white female, 26 to 36, open minded, honest and ship, possibly feading to marriage. BOX 13136

THE FUTURE AWAITS US Single male, 5'11', 165 lbs, looking for an attractive, petite, single temale, for Inendship ing to marriage. BOX 13454

LOOKING 4 COMMITMENT Single white male, attractive, in my 30's 5'6' and a non-smoker, enjoys New York City, the shore, movies and reading. Seeking a pretty temale for a sedous commitment. BOX 35708

GRAND EXPECTATIONS GRANO EXPECTATIONS
Single white male, mid 40's, clean
cut, non-smoker, healthy, never
marned, no children, easy going,
considerate, outgoing, with a great
sense of humor Enjoys spectator
sports, the outdoors, dining, museums and more. Seeks a single
female, race open, with similar interests. BOX 35760

A SIMPLE JOURNEY
50 yr old, 6', 190 lbs, divonced, white, father of one, romantic, medium build, seeking a simple, woman of heart for a simple journey down the path of paradox, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 35857

CUDDLE AND CARESS

50 yr old, single male, 5'9", 150 lbs. looking for an older woman to cuddie and caress for companionship BOX 35869

ROMANTIC AT HEART
34 yr old, single white male, 5'11', medium build, professionally employed, easy going, lunny and iomantic. Seeks non-smoking, white or Hispanic female for him, friend-ship and measible redistination pro ship and possible relationship. BOX

THIS IS THE ONE

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Seeking Single Asian or Philippine woman, 28 to 38, fit, slim, with outgoing personality for deling or serious relationship. I'm a single, white professional male, 38, attractive, blond, 510°, in shape, easy to get to know BOX 32531 WANTED SPECIAL LADY

Single white male, 47, 510°, 175 lbs, non-smoker, handsome, sinios, non-smoker, hanosome, sin-cere, enjoys dhing out, dancing, movies, quiet times. In search of one very special lady, 30 plus, for dating, frandship, possible serious long termirelationship, marriage. No drugs, no smokes. Children wel-come BOX 32544.

SEEKS SOULMATE 5'10", bearded, never married, non-religious, single white Jewish male, 50, seeks college educated, Jawish fernale soulmats, non-smoker, for le's explorations Please enjoy long drives, movies, museums, NPR and poetry. Maybe logether we'll find something extraordinary. BOX 37627

READY FOR ROMANCE consider the control of the control

SEEKING LOVE Single male, 5'11', 185 lbs. looking for a single famale, about 57' to 5'9', slender build, pretty, financially secured, for friendship and compan-Ionship, BOX 12279

SEEKING FRIENDBHIP Single, white, professional male, mid 40s, tall, binde har, blue eyes, looking for a single female, 55 to 66, for a friendship, BOX 12326

49, honest, sincere, sentimental, non-smoker. Seeking an attractive, gentle, young woman for a long term relationship. BOX 35247 FRIENDS AT HEART 54 yrs old, single white male, 6'2', enjoys bowling, walking, camping, the zoo, museums and more. Looking for a special female, 5'5' to 5'8', medium build, for friendship Single white male, enjoys long walks on the beach, movies and much more. Seeking a single famale with similar interest for frendship to a possible long term relationship.

and possibly more. BOX 12407 LET'S TALK 800N Single white male, 37, tall, thin, blue eyes, non-smoker, college gradu-ate, kind, smart and funny. Enjoys ate, kind, smar and fully Enjoys spending time alone, music, come-dy clubs and spending time with family, Lookung for a single femaly. 26 to 36, non-smoker, physically fit and preferably childress. BOX

TRY ME Isn't attraction incredible? Imagine relaxing into strong arms, holding you, feeling safe, appreciated and intimate, knrowing it is totally right. Single white male, 43, 5'10", fall, fit, attractive, emolional illerate and willing to take risks. If this apeaks to you, please call. BOX 32463 LET'S HAVE FUN

Single white male, 35, loves music, sports, walks in the park, New York City and more Looking for a single white female, 22-36, who has a sense of humor and smilar inter-ests, for dating and possible long term relationship. BOX 33304

KINGDOM OF LOVE Single, white male, 44, 510°, medium build, attractive, down to earth and have a nice personality. Seeking a one on one loveable relationship with a single, white lemale 23 to 43 for Irlendship and more. BOX 34365

A NICE COMBINATION
49 yr old, single white male, 5°7,
150 lbs, non-smoker and social driker, seeding a petite, female, 40 to 45, who enjoys the beach, week-end trips, fine dring and is serious about a meaningful long term relationship. BOX 34157

SEEKS A RARE FIND Single, white professional male, 55, 510", 165 lbs, sincere, honest, sensitive, and romantic with a sense of humor. Seeking a single white female, non-smoker, 50 to 55 who's easygoing, caring, good hearted and has old lashioned values. BOX 14220

WITH OPEN

ARMS

Attractive, single male, 67°, with

green eyes enjoys

doors

and rid-i n g motorcy-

Looking for a

tionship, BOX 34146

BLUE EYES
38 year old, 5'11", attractive, honest,

SPIRITUAL

Sensitive, educated, handsome, single white male, 45, seeks lovely single female, 33 to 45, warm, intel-

ligent, playful, and who wishes to share her life, love and faith. BOX

WISHING ON A STAR

Single white Catholic mate, early 60's, alim, 5'9' and romantic. Seeks younger gal, who is easy going, feminine, stim and a non- smoker.

Enjoy museums, nature, cultural activities, apectator sports, travel, talking, listening, mostalgia, music, photography and more BOX 32985

SINGLE CARING DAD

woman under 45, who enjoys

romance, travel, oldies, mountain blking, beaches, cooking, New York City, flea markets and new adven-tures. All replies answered. BOX

STEAL YOUR HEART

Single white male, 5'10', 44, attractive, young at heart. Seeking a single female, 24 to 45, attractive,

enjoys movies, dancing and much more, for friendship and a possible iong term ratationship, BOX 11124

FREEHOLD GIRL

Divorced, white male, 36, 5'8', 140 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes. In search of single or divorced, white female, 30-38, sim to medium

build, honest tombovish, down to

earth type. We may have already met. Children okey. Curlous? Freehold ares. BOX 32948

PERSONAL ATTENTION

50 yr old, 519, 160 lb, single white male seeking a single heavysel female who wants to receive plenty of personal attention. 90X 10780

PLAYFULL SCIENTIST 55 yr old, divorced white male, seeks secret relationship with sensi-

ble, open minded, realistic single

vhite female, Enthusiasm is esse tial, beauty is not required, niceness is necessary. East Windsor area.

PLAYING IN THE SAND

Single white male, 195 lbs, likes working out, movies, dining and

traveling. Looking for a white female, 22 to 34 who's weight/heigh

proportionate, physically fit an must enjoy the beach. BOX 38583

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Following are some tips for a successful remodeling experi-

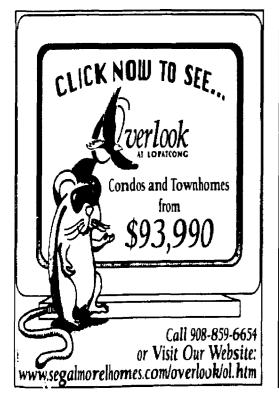
#### Select a Professional

- · Ask friends, family and coworkers for contractor referrals
- Ask contractors for recent customer references and check them carefully
- Look for members of NARI, the sign of professionalism and excellence in remodeling
- Check their legal status and make sure they are properly licensed or registered
- Verify their insurance policies (workers' compensation, property damage and personal liability)
- Check with Department of Consumer Affairs or the Better Business Bureau for outstanding complaints

#### Sidestep the Pitfalls

- · Steer away from high-pressure sales tactics
- Get everything in writing (projected start and completion dates, warranties, payment schedule)
- Do not pay in full upfront; payments should include a down payment and progress payments
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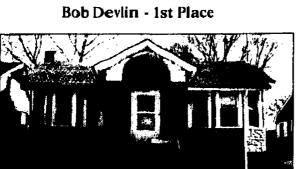
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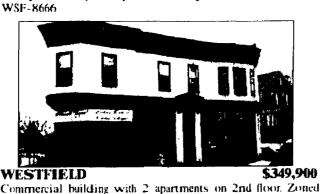
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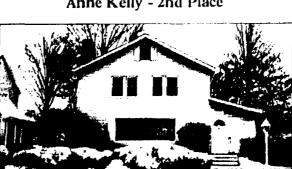
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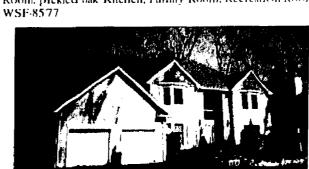
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# New homes will have their own built-in networks

BY JAMES M. WOODARD

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Newly constructed homes in the year 2000 and in the new century will be vastly different from homes built during the 1990s. The primary difference is in their connectivity.

New homes are being connected to the world using a technology infrastructure and products that weren't available during the past decade. It's now possible to move high-quality voice, video and data content throughout the house and provide easy, convenient control of home electronics.

Home networking, automation and entertainment will be readily available. through wireless communications, energy management and telecommunications, coupled with structured and creative wiring; and more sophisticated and effective security systems will be in

In short, new homes in this new millennium will be centers of electronic communications. They will be totally automated to provide unprecedented convenience for residents. And, of course, they will provide high-speed communications capabilities for the rapidly increasing number of business even first-time home buyers - do not yet

people operating from their home.

This trend has sparked a boom in industries that provide these in-home services and products.

"The market for these products and services will exceed \$14 billion this year," said John Galante, vice president of Electronic House Expo, an event held recently in Orlando, Fla. "For some of the newer, hotter market segments, like home networking and structured wiring systems, growth will exceed 100 percent this year."

Most of today's home buyers are selecting a fixed-rate mortgage loan to finance their purchase, not an adjustable-rate loan, despite rising home prices and mortgage interest

This is an indication that buyers are not stretching their finances thin. An adjustable-rate mortgage is riskier, but generally easier to obtain than a fixedrate mortgage. But the cost of an ARM Ioan can go up when prices go up. When borrowers have problems qualifying for a fixed-rate loan, they often turn to an

At this point, buyers definitely prefer the security and peace of mind of having a fixed-rate loan. Most buyers

feel pressured enough to settle for an ARM mortgage.

A revealing survey of persons buying homes in today's market was conducted by the National Association of Realtors. Here are a few of the uncovered facts:

About 65 percent of home sales (existing and new) are made to people who already live in the same county

where the new home is located - About 87 percent of home sales are to people who reside in the same state.

- Nearly 93 percent are to persons whose previous homes were in the same Census region of the country.

- About 1 percent are to persons who previously resided in a foreign country (including U.S. personnel posted abroad). At the same time, NAR conducted a

survey of real-estate sales agents, asking top-producing agents what they like most about their current real-estate The company image was named by

more of the agents surveyed than any other factor. They thought this was the most important attribute of their firm.

The firm's compensation plan was the second-most important aspect noted by the agents. The owner-broker's ethics, the company's business philosophy, fellow sales agents and quality of the firm's management were also considered as key aspects.

Q. What is the Family First Home Services program all about?

A. I'll cite a recent example: Sometimes a home buyer or seller can receive extra perks by dealing with a well-established national real-estate organization. For example, take the case of Dr. Gwen Lauric Wright, in

When seeking a home, she became quite frustrated in communicating with several agents in the area, she said. They seemed to be unprofessional or too pushy.

Then she heard about the Family First Home Services program set up by Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Service and GMAC Real Estate. The program provides a package of special real-estate, mortgage and moving services for members of the GM family.

Wright was a General Motors stockholder and, as such, was eligible to participate in the Family First program.

She received exceptionally high-level services, including finding and purchasing a home, financing that home, and even finding a temporary rental property while waiting for the purchase transaction to close, she reported.

Q. I know the home sales market is still strong, but how about the home remodeling business?

A. While home sales remain brisk in most areas of the country, remodeling is also booming. Remodeling expenditures are expected to exceed \$130 billion this year, and an ever-expanding number of contractors are entering the remodeling market, according to a report for the National Association of Home Builders.

As home prices and moving costs continue to increase, it's inevitable that more homeowners will opt to remodel their existing home rather than sell their home and buy a new one. Some families find this is a good and costeffective way to provide more rooms and space for a growing number of residents. Others find it more practical to move to a new home in a new commu-

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# There are easy and inexpensive ways to resurface concrete floors

BY GENE GARY

covered concrete patio. Overall, the con- land cement concrete, bituminous pavecrete surface is in pretty good condition, ment patching mixture, fast-setting eral minor cracks. I would like to resur- concrete. However, polymer materials face this area or cover the concrete with are most effective for small repairs something to improve the looks of this because they are two to four times area. I looked into outdoor carpeting stronger than the concrete to which with rubber matting, but these options they are applied. Polymer-based conwere either very ugly or expensive. I crete resurfacers are formulated to had considered outdoor tile but would transform cracked, spalled, weatherlike your advice. What would you sug- worn concrete to like-new condition. gest that would look nice and not be too

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Large concrete slabs are typically divided into sections by expansion joints, which help control cracking. The 1/2- to 3/4-inch-wide joints are usually filled with asphalt-saturated felt, a 1by 4 piece of wood or plastic channel. These joints must remain exposed to allow the slab to expand and contract; don't cover them with a cement resurbest to use a presecracks with a caulking gum, and smooth facing product. Mask each expansion

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Once the slab is cracks clean, repaired and the expansion joints protected, you are ready for the application of new resurfacing material. Do not take shortcuts trying to speed up the job; they will only jeopardize the success of your project. Most resurfacing water immediately before use. They must be mixed quickly and then applied immediately. The work isn't particularly difficult, but the pace is frenetic. Two people working in concert is usurally better than going it

alone. When you pour mixture on the concrete, one can work at spreading it while a partner batch. Typically you will have less than 30 minutes to spread the resurfacing material before it hardens.

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a line of specialized concrete-repair chipped back several inches in order to products marketed under the brand name Mr. Mac's. A number of Mr. Mac's products contain polymer modifier to give them more flexibility than conventional concrete mix or sand mix. Mr. Mac's is available through home centers, paint outlets and hardware stores. If you have difficulty locating this product line, contact the company at (800) -348 - 3571

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> Q. We have a garage that we want to convert into an extra room. The concrete floor is not level. Is there anyway for a do-it-yourselfer to correct this, before we proceed with a remodeling project?

A. If you have just a few low spots, leveling the floor is a job you can easily do yourself. Place a long, straight 2 by 4 on the floor of your garage and shine a flashlight at the floor on the other side of the board. Mark with a pencil the areas where the light shines through any gaps between the wood and the floor. Do this for the entire floor to identify the low spots. Once these low areas are marked, clean them with detergent products are a dry or TSP (trisodium phosphate) and concrete mix that water to remove any grease or oil. Then are blended with mix six parts water and one part muriatic acid in a plastic watering can and use it to etch the concrete low spots. Scrub with a stiff-bristle broom or brush, then rinse with clean water. Wear protective clothing, gloves and a face shield while working with the acid.

After all the low spots have been treated, fill them with a self-leveling latex modified mortar compound, available from home centers or from a concrete supply company. Be sure and read directions carefully.

Some mortar mixes require a separate bonding agent.

Pour the mixed mortar into the centhe resurfacing ter of each low spot, using enough to completely fill it. As the name implies, the mortar will level itself, but you may have to smooth it around the edges. If the floor is sloped, or has cracks and mixes the next dips all over it, you should consider hiring a professional contractor.

It takes experience and special tools to apply self-leveling concrete over a large area. If the work is extensive, it can be less expensive to tear up the existing floor and replace it.

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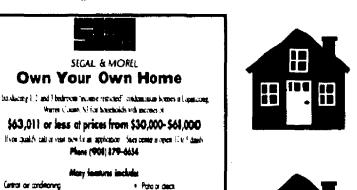
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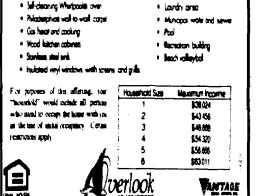
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# Buick will have a Rendezvous with the SUV market.

By MARK MAYNARD

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It has been more than 80 years since Buick sold trucks, but it will be back in the business next spring with the release of the 2002 Rendezvous sport-utility vehicle.

Buick has been one of the more responsive divisions of General Motors to restyling and re-imaging its line of passenger cars, and even without . an SUV and only four sedans, Buick sales grew 12 percent last year.

So why a truck in the line-

"There are a lot of people out there who used to drive Buicks and went into SUVs," says Jack Bowen, the brand manager for Rendezvous. "Now we hope those people can come back.

Bowen was in San Diego recently with the Rendezvous concept car for the Buick Invitational. It was a chance to show dealers and the golfing public the change in direction for Buick - and that it's not another sedan.

It's also an age thing.

"We are looking to show more vitality to our dealers, and we have a real chance to reach out to a younger customer," he says. The average age of a Buick driver is in the 50s. By adding Rendezvous, Bowen expects the age to go into the 40s.

In support of that, Bowen points out that all three executives in charge of Rendezvous development are in their 30s and young 40s. "We designed a car we would want to buy," he

Rendezvous is a crossover SUV that at first look is just share any body panels nor one more variation of smaller utes that are coming to a show-

room from every direction. It's intended as an alternative for those who don't want a minivan or traditional SUV

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Buick will introduce its Rendezvous in the spring of 2001.

Bowen says it "will be great for families and couples without kids."

fou**n** dation Rendezvous cornes from the GM minivans, and it shares an architecture with the Pontiac Aztek, yet both vehicles are distinct in styling. Neither glass, and both will be built in Mexico.

Rendezvous also has a 4inch longer wheelbase and is 4 inches longer than Aztek. which shows a newfound flexiprocess. No longer will shared "with less than 1/2 mpg tradeplatforms yield vehicles with a different front grille, wheel covers and nameplates.

Buick expects to get around 50,000 to 70,000 a year, of which about 70 percent will be all-wheel drive.

The Rendezvous will be offered in front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive and will have a 185-horsepower, 3.4-liter V-6 engine and four-speed automatic transmission (shared with Aztek). Fuel mileage estimates run from 19 miles per

off with all-wheel vs. two-wheel drive," Bowen says. Rendezvous will be about 4

inches longer than the Mercedes M-Class, 6 inches longer than the Lexus RX 300 and 10 inches shorter than a Buick Regal, Bowen says.

The added length is what makes Rendezvous different. It has three rows of seats, or room for six or seven passengers, depending on how the second row is configured.

Especially important in the design was a manageable step-

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and a feeling of being in con-

Leg room matches that of the held in place by an elastic net. LeSabre, and there is 4 inches of fore-aft adjustment in the foot rests, adjustable head rests and separate audio con-

From a brief tour and seat test on the show truck, the third bench is not a token gesture to claim added passenger

Access to the back is vin the second-row seat that flips and tumbles forward leaving a broad opening to climb into the rear seat.

Cleverly, the third bench is a two-seater separated by a broad console with cup holders and a shallow bin for a box of tissues or a bag of fast food. When belted in place, there is foot- and knee-room for a pair of 6-footers or the 95th percentile of adults.

The rear bench can be removed and the second-row seats can be folded to create room for multiple sheets of plywood.

First impressions of the styling are of the Lexus RX 300, which is not a bad association, Bowen admits. The Rendezvous is intended to pro-

vide luxury-class image and fe atures.

Without copying the Lexus, Bowen's team added function to the front seat area. By using steering-column-mounted shift lever, it freed up the center console area for storage

"We've taken the walkthrough space of a minivan and added more usability," he says. The large center console between the front seats has cup holders, a handy covered compartment to place a phone or

in height and a high hip-point wallet, and there is more storto the seats for better visibility age in a deep bin for a laptop computer. The bottom portion of the console has a pass-The second row can be through or tunnel between the ordered as a three-seat bench two front seats, with room to fit or a pair of captain's chairs. a day planner or purse that is

Bowen says the ride quality won't be as isolated as that in seat. Passengers are treated to the Lexus RX 300, but "a little more fun," managed by a fourwheel independent suspension, rack-and-pinion steering, fourwheel disc brakes with antilock braking system and 16inch touring tires.

Safety features will include front air bags that use a dualstage deployment depending on seat position. Standard front side air bags are different for driver and passenger. The driver's bag will protect head and torso. The passenger's bag will protect just the torse, because a child or sleeping adult may be resting their head on the glass, Bowen said.

Also standard will be threepoint belts at all seats and Head-Up Display, which puts a digital readout on the lower windshield to show speed, radio, CD number and track, low-fuel warning, high-beam indicator and more

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Roof rails are standard, but the cross pieces to hold bike racks and such will be optional, but with a 220-pound capacity.

"Pricing hasn't been settled. Bowen says, "but our goal is to keep an eye on where Lexus and Mercedes are and to give our dealers a real advantage,"auto-

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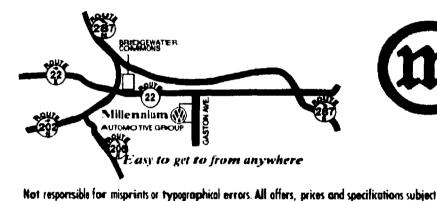
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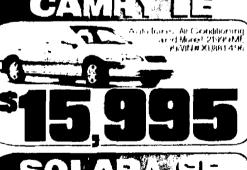


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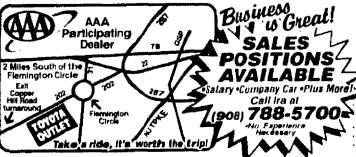


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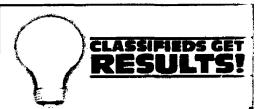
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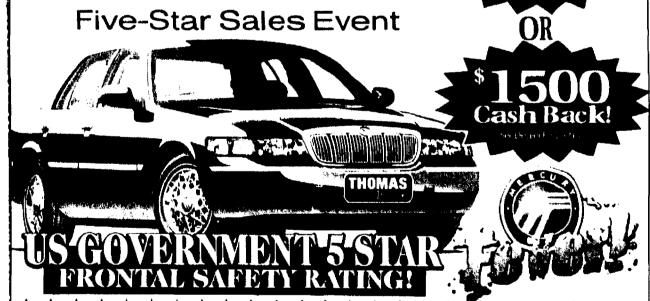
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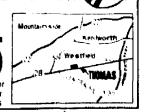
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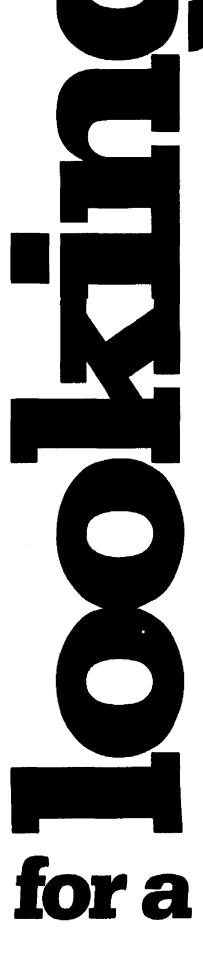
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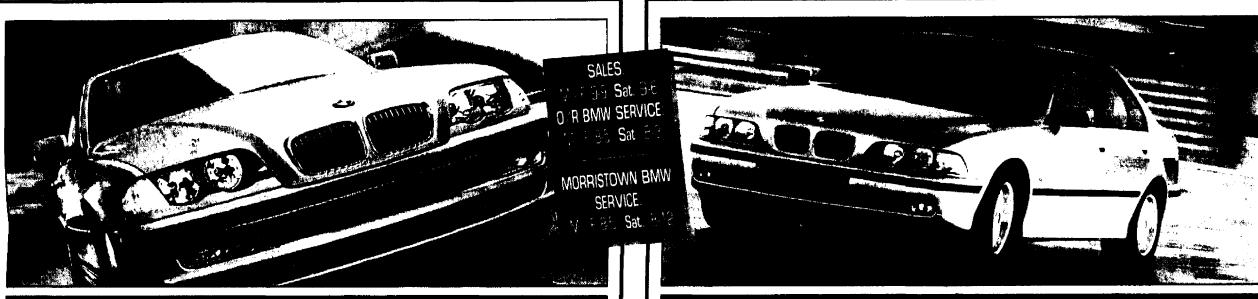
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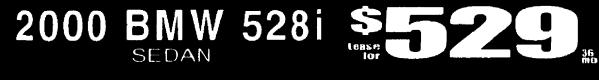
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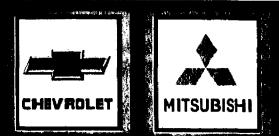
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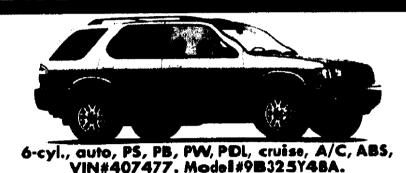


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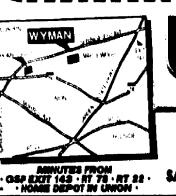
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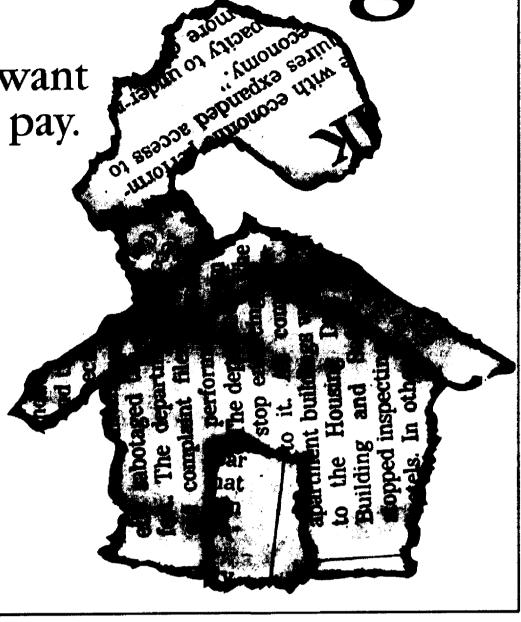
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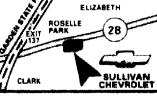
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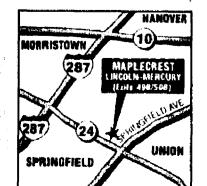
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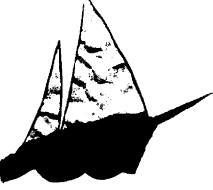
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