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## Around Town

#### Local libraries schedule **Literacy Volunteers chats**

WESTFIELD Interested in teaching people how to read and speak English?

The Literacy Volunteers of America, whose Union County Affiliate is in Westfield, have scheduled three series of workshops to train new tutors.

A "Basic Literacy" workshop will be at the Kenilworth Public Library. Training will run 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday and July 18, 25,

Aug. 8, 15, 22 and 29. English as a Second Language workshops will be at the main branch of the Union Free Public Library and the Elmora Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library. In Union, training will run 10 a.m.-1 p.m. July 24-Aug. 28. In Elizabeth, training will run 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 29-Aug. 26.

Registration for each workshop takes place at the first session.

Fee of \$15 per workshop covers supplies.

For registration and more information, call (908) 518-

#### **Scholarship Foundation** re-elects board officers

SCOTCH PLAINS - The board of trustees of the Plains-Fanwood Scotch Scholarship Foundation held its annual meeting June 9 following the annual scholarship program at All Saints Episcopal Church.

President Ellie Kramps, Alan Campell, Susan Citrano, Roseann Fleming and Fred Ritter were elected additional three-year terms on the board.

Other foundation trustees Bostwick. Flossie Patricia DiFrancesco, Myrna Gordon, David Hambleton, Dick Lorber, Joseph McGuire, Joseph Nagy, Janis Simberg, Helen Spooner and Lee Stein.

Representing Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Scotch on the board are Principal David Heisey and guidance supervisor McDermott.

#### Computer users set monthly SBT meeting

FANWOOD — The Central New Jersey SBT User Group has scheduled its monthly meeting.

The meeting is slated to begin at 7:30 a.m. July 20. It is scheduled to be held at LPS Consulting Co., located at 313 South Ave. in Fanwood.

An open discussion on SBT Report Writer is planned. Technical questions will be

answered as well.

Pre-registration is required.

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## The rockets' red glare, and all that good stuff

By DARLA MEOLI

THE RECORD-PRESS

Music and marching are on agenda for Independence Day celebrations.

Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be participating Tuesday in the Annual Central Jersey Fourth of July Parade. The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and Fire Department will be partici-

boast four helium figure balloons: a pig, a hot air balloon, a toucan and a star. According to the Plainfield Recreation Department, these festive floaters cost approximately \$35,000. Smith Specialty Productions created theses balloons. All the figures tower roughly 12 feet in height.

Parade-goers can also look for-

pating. This year, the parade will ward to the sounds of four featured marching bands. Legionnaires Senior Marching Band and Color Guard of Carteret Post 263, St. Peter's Brass Band, and Asbury Park Marching Band will all be marching. For the kid's listening pleasure, the Aardvark Clown and Band will be performing.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Spectators

Plainfield, and stretch down to Grandview Avenue, in North Plainfield. From Johnson Avenue, marchers will proceed to Route 28 then onto Somerset Street. From Somerset Street, the parade will turn onto Grandview Avenue. The parade route is approximately two miles.

Thanks to the contributions from the 2000 Heart Grant spon-

can line up on Johnson Avenue, sored by the Union County Board of Freeholders, there will be two festivals focused on history, education, and art in Plainfield. At 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, the David Aaron Orchestra will perform at Richmond Street and East Front Street. The five piece quintet consists of clarinet, drums, bass, guitar, and keyboard.

There will also be perfor-(Continued on page A-10)

## Tune in, turn on, drop by

Westfield officials mull all-downtown, all-advertising radio broadcast

By DARIA MEOLI

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Metro Shoppers Network is proposing to bring its brand of commercial programming to the airwaves of Westfield.

A proposed radio station would broadcast commercials highlighting exclusively Westfield businesses. The station would also donate nine minutes of every hour to community news and event announcements.

Marc Rosenberg of the Metro Shoppers Network has previously pitched the idea to the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, and he brought the sales presentation before the Town Council Tuesday night.

The premise of this station is all advertising, all the time, and eligible advertisers would be restricted to Westfield businesses only. "As we build up the network, we might bring in non-competitive advertisers," Rosenberg said during his presentation at Tuesday night's council meeting. "American Express would be an example."

Aside from the nine minutes of community time every hour, the town would benefit from a revenue-sharing arrangement with Metro Shoppers Network, with funds earmarked for downtown civic projects, according to Rosenberg's presentation.

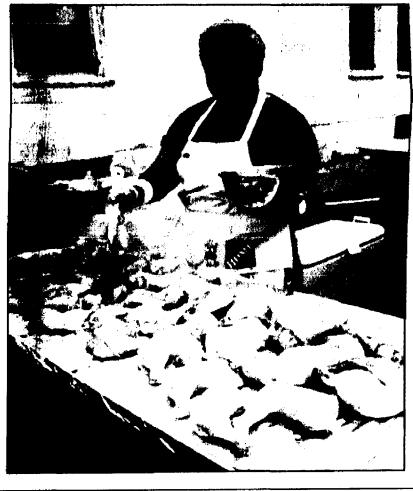
No final agreements have been reached and the revenue (Continued on page A-10)



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## Something is in the air

And that something was giorious song and mouth-watering aromas, when the Westfield Neighborhood Council hosted and Fies June 17 on Cacciola place. Featuring music (some performed by a gospel youth choir, above), food (some prepared with a homemade touch by Penny Faggins, right) and demonstrations of everything from karate to step-dancing, the fair and flea market offered something for everyone.



## Clubbed Malibu

## Scotch Plains ABC denies renewal of bar's liquor license

By DARIA MEOLI

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS --- After six meetings and over 15 hours of testimony, the Scotch Plains Township Council, functioning as the township's Alcoholic Beverage Commission, opted June 22 to deny Club Malibu a renewed liquor license.

At the summation hearing on June 22, prosecuting attorney Kenneth Lipstein said the grounds for non-renewal were based on a tax violation. The ABC also weighed the club's potential as a nuisance in the community. Besides the littering, illegal parking and noise created by the crowds attending the club, a fatal stabbing occurred in Malibu's parking lot on Thanksgiving Eve of 1998, and those factors also weighed in the commission's decision. "I believe in my mind that the claims were substantial," Lipstein said.

Defense attorney Neil Cohen, a state Assemblyman, pointed out the club had only received one notification of a violation in the past 14 years, when club owners Steve Dunnington and Lawrence Ray were cited for occupancy violation after club employees admitted 20 more people than allowed by the legal maximum capacity.

In his closing statements, Cohen called the impending nonrenewal "a commercial death penalty."

"I believe this is a political issue and this is an election year," Cohen said. "This is probably why elected officials should not sit as ABC ... Other communities have citizens on the board."

Cohen said he anticipated the ABC's decision. "I'm a political

(Continued on page A-10)

## Hamming it up

### With satellites and portable generators, unlikely heroes keep an ear on the world

By DARIA MEOLI

THE RECORD-PRESS

MOUNTAINSIDE - They are a group of unlikely heroes. They aided police during Tropical Storm Floyd in North and Central Jersey. They provided an irreplaceable service during the rescue of a father and son whose dingy

hijacked pirates in the icy Atlantic Ocean. accomplished these lifesaving rescues from behind a single-bulb desk lamp and a ham

The County Radio Association held annual

American Radio Relay League's Field Day Saturday and Sunday at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside. Association members spent 24 hours making contact with other amateur radio operators around the world in simulated post-disaster condi-

Ham radio, or amateur radio, is useful in disaster situations

when electricity is down, cellular towers have fallen and telephone lines are busy or out of service. Emergency "repeater" Gerry Miller of the Tri-County Radio Association was called to service during the 1996 crash of TWA Flight 800, when local phone lines were busy with calls from concerned family members and local and federal

officials.

American

Cross and the

U.S. Army Guard

used Miller to

relay messages. Stu Blank is

Red

"We do a lot of public service. Some of the members are so into it they join volunteer rescue squads."

— David Sawyer President, Tri-County Radio Association

another emer-County gency repeater. "The beauty of our emergency system is to take an input on one

frequency and repeat it on an outgoing frequency," Blank said, noting he often assists in the rescue of stranded motorists. Blank said he has called tow trucks and alerted police to accidents drivers report over the ham radios in their cars.

'We do a lot of public service," said association president David (Continued on page A-10)



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS

## The graduates

June 21 was the day most area high-schoolers had been anticipating for more than 12 years, ever since they kicked off their scholastic careers as toddling kindergartners. Westfield High School held its annual commencement exercises June 21, giving smiling grads such as (left to right) Danielle Baukh, Julia Gates and Rosy Hely a last chance to enjoy their youth before heading off to college or a career. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School held its graduation ceremonies June 22; for more looks at both events, please see Page B-1.

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#### Scotch Plains

A fight early Sunday at a party on Rahway Road led to one man being arrested and two others treated for injuries, according to police

One person from Scotch Plains was treated at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield for injuries suffered while leaving the party around 1:15 a.m., police said A South Orange woman also was struck in the eye during the fight, police said.

About two hours later, Brian J. Callan, 21, of Highlander Drive was arrest-

## Police log

ed at his home and charged with interfering with a police investigation. Callan, police. said, allegedly interfered with officers trying to determine the cause of the fight. He was released on his own recognizance, according to police reports.;

Vincent S. Noel, 35, and Jacqueline A. Thompson, 29, both of Plainfield, were charged June 22 with possession of stolen property.

Police said the suspects

were occupants in a car that was stopped by police on South Avenue at approximately 1:15 p.m. A check of computer records found the car displayed license plates that were reported stolen in Mountainside on May 21, according to police reports.

Noel and Thompson were released on their own recognizance, police said.

#### Westfield

Spray-painted graffiti was found June 22 on the grounds of the Washington School on St. Marks Avenue, according to police reports police. Police are investigating the inci-

## Westfielders invited to learn how the Web works

familiar with the World Wide Web?

Learn Internet search techniques 9:15 a.m. July 18 at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 E. Broad St.

This basic course for begin-

Meditation

ners is oriented toward using the Internet as a research and browsing tool.

Some experience with a computer mouse is required. If you have never used a mouse, visit the library before July 18 for instruction and practice.

The program is open to those with a valid Westfield library card. Seating is limited

Registration is required; call (908) 789-4090 or visit the library beginning July 10 to register or for more informa-

## Former church member returning

member of the First United Methodist Church on East Broad Street will return Sunday to deliver the sermon. Sue Moore, now a church

service. Child care is available during that service as well as during the "Seekers Service" 9

For more information, call

## **Cops:** Massage parlor rubbed the wrong way

Scotch Plains police charge workers with promoting prostitution

By DARIA MEOLI

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS Asahi Massage Therapy is still open for business, dispute charges of prostitution brought against the shop's co-owners and a shop employee.

Glen A. Lawres, 41, and Chong Suk Pak, 41, were charged June 20 by Scotch Plains police with promoting prostitution in their Route 22 East massage establishment. therapy Maria Kapralova, 29, was charged with engaging in prostitution.

The police were tipped off to alleged prostitution at the message parlor by anonymous calls placed in November. Reports were made claiming higherpriced massages were being given by topless and nude therapists. The callers reported that sexual acts were also being performed for money, police said.

For the past eight months, officers have been compiling information about the illegal activities

through undercover phone calls and traffic observation, police said.

The charges were filed at roughly 6 p.m. June 20, when Pak and Kapralova were taken into police custody. Pak was released on \$25,000 bail and Kapralova was given a summons, police

Lawres turned himself into the authorities on June 22, police said.

The charges of prostitution have not closed the business. In order for police to close a business, it must be established as a "nuisance", and a business must engage in criminal activity over a period of time before it is declared a nuisance, officials said.

"We are concerned about these types of businesses," said Scotch Plains Captain Joseph Protasiewicz. "They bring in less than productive clientele. These types of businesses advertise as far as New York. It builds a reputation."

Asahi advertised in newspapers and magazines all over the area, police said.

The case will be prosecuted by the Union County prosecutor's office. No court date has been set.

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#### to deliver United Methodist sermon WESTFIELD A former preach at the 10 a.m. worship

pastor in another town, will-

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## Service League names annual award winners

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is pleased to announce the names of the six recipients of their \$14,000 scholarship awards granted to local students for the year 2000.

This sum is part of the \$43,000 in donations being made to the community this year and the scholarship recipients are all graduates of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High

This year's recipients: Moira Cappio will be a junior at Boston College, majoring in Elementary

Education Special Needs, next fall. She has a GPA of 3.65 and is on the college's dean's list. Cappio does after-school tutoring in the Boston Public School Kimberly Eide, who will be

a senior this fall at Belmont Abbey College, majors in psychology with a minor in Sports Medicine. Eide works as a computer lab assistant and is also involved in student campus catering; for five years, she has been a member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and was part of the March of Life held in Washington, D.C.

Silvano Vizardo will be a senior at Kean University this fall, with a double major in elementary education and math. Silvana has a GPA of 3.94 and is on the dean's list. He volunteers at the Fanwood recycling center and Unico's Italian Festival, and assists in operating an auction for the Tomorrow's Children's fund. He also tutors SP-FHS stu-

Vaneisha Paynter will be a junior this fall at High Point University, where she majors in sports medicine. She is on the dean's list with GPA of 3.72 and volunteers in the emergency room of the High Point Regional Hospital. She also is a cheerleading coach for elementary and middle school girls at a local recreation center.

Kathleen Polito will be a senior this fall at The University of Virginia, where she majors in psychology and elementary education. Polito owns a GPA of 3.98 and is on the dean's list. She works on a local crisis intervention hotline and tutors at computer labs, and is the founder of the Curry Peer Mentoring Program of Curry School of Education.

Christian Sorge will be a junior at University of Maryland this fall. Sorge has a GPA of 3.37 and is leaning toward a major in journalism. He is member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and a server at the St. Bart's altar, and works with the church's Youth Group.



GEORGE PACCIELLO RECORD-PRESS

## It has a nice ring to it

Nora Dunn tries on some rings before deciding which to buy during the Street Fair and Flea Market held June 17 on Cacciola Place in Westfield. The event, which featured food, music and dancing, was sponsored by the Westfield Neighborhood Council.

### 'Partners' urge all to take precautions for holiday drives

The long Independence Day weekend brings more than just fireworks and barbecues to New Jersey: Along with the festivities come heavy traffic on area roads and highways.

It's a time for drivers to take extra precautions, urges Tri-State Traffic Safety Partners, a coalition of metropolitan area traffic safety agencies, with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Summer weather, vacations and longer hours of daylight mean the number of "vehicle miles" driven during July and August are more than 12 percent above year-round avernges, according to Tom Louizou, regional administrator for the

NHTSA The federal agency has estimated that more than 14.5 billion "vehicle miles" will be driven in the metropolitan area during July and August.

Last year 13 people were killed and more than 2,100 were injured in the metropolitan area over Independence Day weekend, which ran over four days. This year the toll may be higher because the holiday falls on Tuesday and many people will make it a four-day weekend.

The long holiday weekend and the entire summer can be safe and happy if drivers use a combination of common sense and courtesy along with a few simple precautions," said Peter O'Hagan, director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

He said drinking and driving remains the largest single contributor to fatal motor vehicle accidents, especially over holiday weekends.

Alcohol is a factor in almost 40 percent of fatal accidents nationwide throughout the year; that percentage historically jumps to nearly 50 per-

cent over Fourth of July. Traffic safety experts also urge motorists to get plenty of rest before driving as driver fatigue is a major factor in

many accidents. Motorists are reminded to take frequent breaks on long

trips and, if possible, share the driving with a rested passen-Tri-State Traffic Safety Partners also remind drivers and all passengers to properly

use seat belts and child safety

seats. Parents should always have young children in the back seat. State Police and local police are implementing an aggressive crackdown on drivers who don't wear seat belts and don't use seat belts or child

safety seats for children. For more safe driving tips, visit www.njsaferoads.com.

## Westfield chamber grows weary of waiting

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - The town's Chamber of Commerce is growing restless with Town foot-dragging Council's approach to resolving the downtown parking crisis.

Chamber of Commerce Chairman Darryl Walker addressed council members at the council's meeting Tuesday night and suggested the crawllike pace toward a solution was scaring away potential downtown customers. "We have heard many complaints from business owners downtown," said Walker. "There is a perception that Westfield has a major parking problem and consumers are staying away."

Walker said he shared in the business community's belief that better parking will create better businesses. He also said a parking deck near the shopping district, on the north side of the train tracks, should take precedence over closer and more available commuter parking options on the south side of the tracks. "Many of the stores are doing marginal business right now," he said. "We are in favor of building a north side deck before a south side deck."

Darryl has also drafted a letter, addressed to Mayor Tom Jardim and Town Council members, urging officials to generate momentum toward a commitment to build a deck. The letter also states the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's agreement with the deck recommenChamber of Commerce wants deck decision; officials consider two new parking options

dations made by town consultants Rich and Associates.

The council also met with parking consultant Rick Rich Tuesday night. But the parking issue continued to render council members indecisive and pugnacious. No agreement was reached Tuesday on any parking deck plan.

"I fear we are going to show indecisive behavior to business owners," said Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz, echoing Walker's statement. "I'm stepping out on a ledge here and saying this is scaring me."

The council has begun to narrow down the location options, in case it does decide to build a deck. Rich provided council members with feasibility information for a new parking deck scheme involving Municipal Lot 5, located behind the Rialto Theater, and a planto place a single deck on adiacent Municipal Lots 1 and 8. Both sites are located north of the train tracks.

"Building on lots 1 and 8 makes the most sense, because

Fax Us Your News! (908) 575-6683 it requires no easement or land acquisition," said Rich, who proposed the parking deck be

initially allocated to allow 60 percent for short-term parking and 40 percent for permit parking. Adjustments can be made to those allocations in the

ness, you fine tune it," Rich

The Town Council is scheduled to hold a special meeting with Rich, during which they will further discuss the Municipal Lots 1 and 8 and Lot 5 plans, on July 11. The meeting will be held at the Westfield Municipal Building.

future as needed, he noted.

"After it opens, like any busi-

## Magician, country crooner highlight Scotch Plains' Village Green show

SCOTCH PLAINS township's Cultural Committee has announced that two shows will take place July 13 on the Village Green.

The first performance, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will feature Randy "The Magician" St. James, St. James has performed in 46 states and in Canada. His show includes comedy, audience participation, expert slight-ofhand and live animals.

St. James will be followed by Tom Klimchock, who's scheduled to take the Village Green stage at 8 p.m. Klimchock's performance is scheduled to be a 90-minute country music effort featuring powerful ballads and country love songs.

The concerts are free to the public. Spectators are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs. In case of rain, the shows will be moved indoors to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School auditorium.

For more information, contact the Scotch Plains Recreation Office at (908) 322-6700.

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## Top SP-FHS graduates garner first David E. Ringle Scholarship awards

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has awarded its first David E. Ringle Scholarships to the two highest-ranking graduates of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Valedictorian Jessica Biegelson has received \$500 from the Rotary Club and salutatorian Justin Ross has received \$250. They were presented their awards by President Andrew Calamaras at a Rotary Club meeting June

The grants are in honor of Mr. Ringle, a past president of the local Rotary Club, a past district governor of Rotary International and a trustee of the Rotary-Garbe Foundation. He was a Rotarian from 1953 until his death in 1996 at age

Accompanying Biegelson and Ross were Nancy Ringle, a daughter of the late Mr. Ringle; Pierre "Pete" Peterson, the Rotarian's former business partner; and Jane Peterson, Mr. Ringle's personal assistant and Mr. Peterson's wife.

Rotary-Garbe The Foundation administers the scholarship and will award it to the valedictorian and salutatorian of SPFHS, according to a Rotary Club press release.

Mr. Ringle was president of the local Rotary Club in 1965-66; he also was a director, secretary and vice president. He recorded perfect attendance at Rotary meetings for 37 years and twice was honored by club members as a Paul Harris

Within District 751 he received the Matty Mathewson Mr. Rotary award in 1984-85 and was district governor in 1989-90. The Rotary Foundation Rotary International honored Mr. Ringle with its Certificate of Meritorious Service in 1993 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1993.

Mr. Ringle lived in Fanwood from 1945-75; he operated the Peterson-Ringle Agency for insurance and real estate with Mr. Peterson from 1950-90.

Biegelson and Ross plan to study at Cornell University.

## Israelites counsel campers at JCC's Camp Yachad

SCOTCH PLAINS Three men from Israel are summer camp counselors to Camp Yachad, based at the Jewish Community Center of Central

Tal, 22. All are coming to Scotch Plains shortly after their discharge from a mandatory period in the Israeli army.

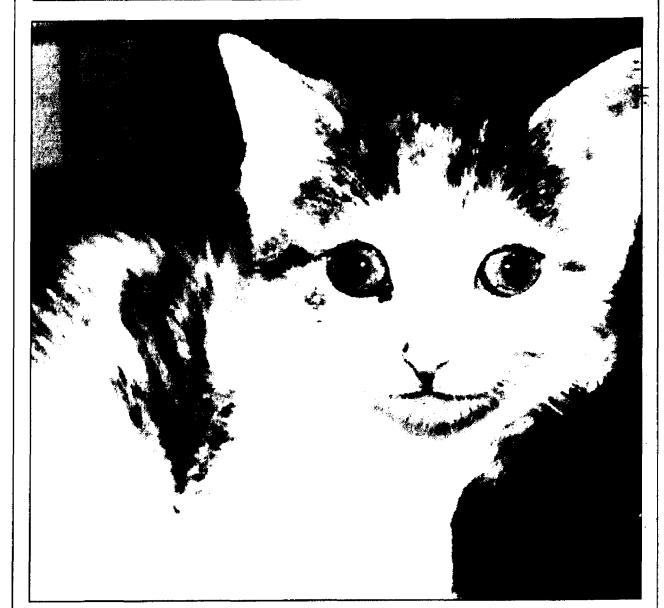
Meir, Schnaiderman and Talreceived training in Israel that They are Lital Meir, 20; Orit allows them to work with chil-

"These three individuals are valuable asset to our camp program," camp director Robin Brous said in a JCC press release

"We know that our campers will learn many wonderful things from them," Brous said. "We are delighted to have

The counselors booked their work arrangements with the "Summer Schlichim Emissary" program operated by the Jewish Agency. The programplaces nearly 800 Israelis with summer camps in North America, according to the JCC release

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Biegelson, Justin Broderson, Diana

Filo, Kevin Grinberg, James

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## Real estate firms find another use for Internet

BY JAMES M. WOODARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The real-estate industry was the first to use Internet online communications in a serious way - primarily as a tool to help consumers find and finance new homes. But it quickly evolved into a rather confusing array of competing Web sites, each claiming to be better than the

Now, for the first time, seven real-estate organizations, all industry leaders, have joined in a team effort to organize, facilitate and streamline the steps involved in finding and purchasing a home and closing the sale transaction. If it comes together as planned, it could be a big boost for future home buy-

The new project is named Realtors Electronic Transaction Platform. It's basically designed to provide Realtors and other transaction participants with an efficient business-to-business platform for ordering services, coordinating the closing process, and exchanging data and documents

To achieve this objective, the participants are collaborating with key industry participants and financial and technology leaders to bring a sense of organized efficiency to the homebuying process using state-ofthe-art computerized communications. This is quite a challenge, considering that some of the active participants and firms working as part of the Platform team are long-time competitors. But it's starting on a very solid and positive founda-

The active participants are the National Association of Realtors: Homestore.com Inc. the Internet network that carries more home listings than any other Web site; GMAC Real Estate and GMAC Mortgage; Fannie Mae, the largest nonbank financial services company in the world and the largest source of mortgage financing for homes; Verisign Inc. a leading provider of Internet trust services; Wyldfyre Technologies, a leading software developer; The Prudential Real Estate Network: RE/MAX International; and REFormsnet, a provider of electronic standardized real-estate forms accessible via the

"We are creating the platform we hope will set the standard for the real-estate industry," said NAR president Dennis Cronk. "We believe the result will be a more efficient, consumer-friendly digital transaction that ensures the Realtor will remain in the center of the transaction.

Homestore.com Stuart Wolff also noted the importance of the development.

This is truly a landmark development in the annals of the real-estate industry," he

"We turned to the superstars of our business to assemble a powerhouse lineup to ensure that this platform will succeed."

Mike O'Brien, chairman of GMAC Home Services, focused on the platform's intended benefits to home buyers.

'We believe that this oppor-

to deliver a seamless closing experience to millions of customers we serve through GMAC Real Estate and GMAC Mortgage," he said. "Also, the platform will provide the capabilities to advance Internetenabled business models for the residential real-estate indus-

The GMAC Real Estate notwork was previously Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate

As the work and impact of the new Electronic Transaction Platform grows, this column will report on its development.

There's also competition in forming major coalitions or platforms within the real-estate industry.

Another recent announcement came from HomeAdvisor Technologies Inc., owner and operator of HomeAdvisor.com Web site -Realtor.com's biggest competitor. HomeAdvisor has teamed with Intercalty.com to produce the Realty Desktop transactionmanagement platform for Interestty's 260,000 brokers and agents, according to a report from this firm.

Realty Desktop will help brokers and agents manage their customer relationships and transactions more efficiently in order to maximize sales and profits and improve the cus-

tunity will accelerate our ability stated. "Through improved integration of all steps in the realestate transaction, agents will be able to close more business and focus on better customer service by reducing the amount of paperwork in today's sys-

As always, real estate is a highly competitive business. It's the fuel that keeps new and better programs coming on board, thus benefiting home buyers and sellers.

Q. Are reverse mortgages for senior homeowners becoming more popular? If so, what type of reverse mortgage is the hottest seller?

A. An increasing number of elderly Americans are obtaining a federally insured reverse mortgage, according to a new Department of Housing and Urban Development study, More than 38,000 elderly homeowners have so far obtained a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage. These reverse mortgages are insured through the Federal Housing Administration.

Seniors often use a reverse mortgage to supplement their income, pay off debt, finance home improvements, purchase long-term care insurance or for other purposes. But there is a widening variety of reversemortgage programs now being marketed.

They should be studied and evaluated carefully before sign-

Sincerely,

Norby Jaramillo'

er in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, has been honored for the second time this year as Salesperson of the Month for May 2000, with sales of 6 units sold and dollars

Faith has received many distinguished awards; her latest Burgdorff ERA, Realtors President's Council Award for 1999 and 2000. The President's Council is the highest honor an associate can attain at Burgdorff ERA, Realtors. The Council accepts as members only the top 17 producers out of more than 825 associates each year. Faith has also been awarded this year for Total Production, both for Dollar Volume and Total Number of Houses Sold and also the

Number of Listings Sold. Maricic has also earned the NJAR Million Dollar Club Gold Level Award in 1998 and 1999. This award is the Association's highest honor given to less than 1 percent of Realtors in the state for production exceeding

Massard, Jean President & Manager of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield office, added "It's obvious that hard work and dedication to her clients needs have resulted in high production in yet another fabulous month for Faith. She is a great asset to our office. We are very proud of Faith and congratulate her on her many out-

### Maricic honored as top salesperson for Burgdorff - Faith WESTFIELD awards for Listing Sold, both for Maricic, a consistent top achiev-Dollar Volume and Total

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> standing accomplishments. You can contact Faith Maricic on her direct line 233-4646 or email her at Faith-Maricic@burgdorff.com.

### Mack-Cali, SJP Properties sign KPMG to lease at center CRANFORD — Mack-Cali

Realty Corporation and SJP Properties announced today the signing of a lease with KPMG Consulting LLC for 38,000 square feet at Liberty Corner Corporate Center in Somerset County.

Liberty Corner Corporate Center is a 135,000 square-foot class A office facility that was recently constructed by a joint venture between Mack-Cali and Parsippany, New Jersey-based SJP Properties.

Consulting's KPMG Broadband Solution Center will occupy an entire floor of the four-story building when it takes occupancy in September.

This new facility was developed to meet the growing demand for high-quality office space in the central, I-78 corridor real estate market," said Mitchell E. Hersh, chief executive officer of the Mack-Cali Realty Corporation. "We are

very pleased to welcome this prestigious tenant to this new, state-of-the-art building."

"Liberty Corner Corporate Center is the perfect site for our Broadband Solution Center," said Christopher P. Gallo, National Director of Real Estate for KPMG. This new facility will support our operations in central New Jersey, so that we can continue to provide the best in consulting and business services to our customers."

Liberty Corner Corporate Center is located at 106 Allen Road in Bernards Township, set on a 10-acre wooded site. The property features a facade of solar-insulated tinted glass, brick and cast stone, a twostory central atrium, a full service cafeteria, and a seminar

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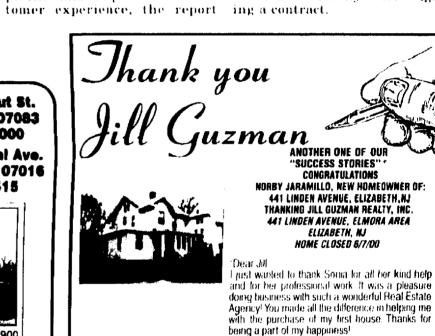
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## Commentary

## The responsibilities of independence

Millions of Americans are looking forward a long fourday weekend of fun. We will barbecue, play softball, swim in the ocean, watch a flotilla of boats sail up New York Harbor, get sunburned and watch glorious fireworks displays. Yet, in the midst of these distractions, few of us will take the time to think about the meaning of Independence

July 4, 1776 was not only a turning point in this country, but also a momentous day in the history of the world. On that historic day was laid the political foundation for a government whose authority rested on the respect and protection of the inalienable rights of individuals.

The document signed that day in Philadelphia has proven to be the most revolutionary manifesto in the history of western civilization; it is as relevant today as it was 200 years ago. There are still many nations in the world where the citizens do not enjoy the freedoms we take for granted. They do not have the power of self-determination that is at the heart of the American experience. For them, the Declaration of Independence is a beacon of freedom.

The rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence are precious and must be preserved. But they can be threatened if we become apathetic and take them for granted, or if we twist them to self-serving ends not intended by their authors. The continued health of our democracy depends on all of us taking an active role --- if we do not exercise our rights as responsible citizens, our democracy will wither like a muscle that's never used.

Life in a free and open society requires certain burdens for the normal citizen. There are too many people in our country who shirk those responsibilities. They do not vote, they do not keep up with current events and they do not become involved in their communities. That sort of anathy has an insidious impact on the health of our democracy.

That's why it is important for us to take a few moments this fun-filled weekend and realize just what we are celebrating. Perhaps, if we have the means, we could make a quick read of the Declaration of Independence. It would make a nifty summer vacation homework assignment, for kids and adults alike; for extra credit, we should all read the Bill of Rights, too.

Just as we make personal resolutions on New Year's Day, we should make resolutions as citizens on Independence Day. It could be as simple as resolving to vote in the November general election. It could be as demanding as resolving to volunteer for a municipal board or becoming involved in a local political party.

In those simple ways we can guarantee the continued strength of our democracy and we can keep alive the Spirit of '76, as we start a new century.

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### Letters to the editor

## Eliminating GST is a huge mistake

To The Editor:

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (school) administrators are recommending a schedule change in the middle schools. They plan to decrease the schedule from eight periods to seven periods by eliminating Guided Study Time (GST). They also plan to increase each academic period by nine minutes. They state that over the school year, each student will receive 1,600 hours of additional academic time.

While the board feels this plan will benefit students, it falls short of a solution for the majority of students who actively and effectively utilize GST.

Guided Study Time is a period in the day where students are guided in their studies. They can utilize this period in a variety of ways. They have access to teachers for assistance with class work or home work that was not understood. They can go to the media center for research or reading. They can go to the computer labs to work on multimedia projects or type reports. They can get help with their study and organization skills. They can go to the resource center for replacement reading. They can go to band and/or chorus.

They can use this extra time to pursue extra work in electives or do some homework. The freedom of GST teaches the students to make decisions about how to use his or her time effectively, GST empowers the student when s/he seeks and receives immediate help with an academic problem. At the least, it offers out students a little "down time" in a pressure-filled, rigorous academic environment.

For the minority of academically accelerated students who feel GST is not beneficial to them, perhaps GST can offer than additional choices in areas of interest that could be tailored to meet their needs.

Why would the board want to take away this structured time from the students? The reasons provided by the board are contradictory. On May 25 it was stated that a majority or parents and some teachers wanted this parents eliminated. When asked at the June 8 meeting whose were these parents and teachers, the board finally mentioned that this was a negotiation issue and could not be discussed. What is the correct answer?

Parents of elementary and middle school students need to become informed and proactive in voicing their displeasure about the potential elimination of GST. This is not solely a special education issue. The options presented at the June 8 board meeting are exclusively for classified students and will not be available to the majority of students. What is the borderline student who uses GST effectively going to do next year? How about the student who is involved in religious or sports activities after school? Will s/he have to stay up until midnight to get his/her work done? What about the student who has no computer at home? How is s/he supposed to do the necessary research and type up the final

The initial choices presented to the parents of classified students were unacceptable. This resulted in new options for the board to consider. What resource will be available for the balance of the student body?

Additionally, those students who are not taking band or chorus will be penalized by having to take extra P.E. or health.

GST is appropriate for the middle school students, since it empowers them by teaching them to become independent, proactive learners. The ability to self-advocate during GST will help them meet the challenges of high school.

In 2002, both fifth and sixth graders will be making the transition to middle school. GST would provide these students with a safety net as they make the sometimes difficult adjustment to middle school.

Concerned parents should contact the board members and administrators.

BERNADETTE LOPEZ Scotch Plains

## **Kudos to Connelly for upset victory**

To The Editor:

Almost unnoticed in the protracted resolution of the 7th Congressional District Democratic primary was Maryanne Connelly's victory in accomplishing what Bill Bradley and John McCain could not do.

Running an insurgent campaign against candidates who were heavily endorsed by party officials at (the) local, state and national level, independent Democrat Connelly proved that one of the rights promised by the United States Constitution is not

Despite difficulties experienced by independent candidates in primary elections, Maryanne Connelly proved that the right of the people to actually choose their own candidates still exists. To guarantee that right, the people mostly need to remember to speak loudly enough on Election Day by voting for the candidates of their choice.

**WILLIAM T. FIDURSKI** 

## Terrill PTA thanks crossing guard

The Parent-Teacher Association of Terrill Middle School wishes to thank crossing guard Tracy Cajigas for her years of conscientious service monitoring the safe passage of our children across Terrill Road.

Her skill at managing the challenging flow of traffic at the intersection of Terrill and Kevin roads went a long way toward preserving the san-

ity of parents and ensuring the safety of our kids during the before-school and after-school rush

Ms. Cajigas will be missed, and we wish her well in future endeavors.

SUSAN M. DYCKMAN Corresponding Secretary, Terrill Middle School PTA Scotch Plains

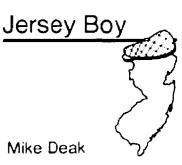
### Correction

An article in the June 23 edition of the Record-Press reversed the political affiliations of Scotch Plains' mayoral candidates, Councilwoman Geri Samuel and incumbent Mayor Martin

Marks is the Republican candidate for mayor. Samuel is a Democrat.

The Record-Press regrets the error.

The Record-Press will correct errors of fact, context or presentation and clarify any news content that confuses or misleads readers. Please report errors to Editor Gregory Zeller at (908) 575-6686.



## The season to resist temptation

Summer is the season of tempta-

You are strolling on the boardwalk when you see an attractive person (of whatever sex you are attracted to) in a skimpy bathing suit. You are tempted to stare longingly and lustfully, to begin panting and howl at the moon even though it's 3:17 p.m.. You may also be tempted, depending upon the alignment of the stars and planets, to even approach that person and start a conversation, abandoning your spouse, significant other, lover, potential lover or "just friend" strolling with you. You are tempted to say something seductive - "Do you want to share a piece of taffy without using our hands?"— that will lead to an excellent carnal adventure.

But, alas, you don't do any of the above except for a brief furtive glance that is wistful and ashamed, like a defeated general gazing over a battlefield. You realize you are more than two score years older and the other person, my God, is probably only half your age and you remember those summers long, long ago when you were on the boardwalk and noticed all the two-score creeps with droof dripping from their tongues. You sigh.

In summer you are tempted at the office picnic to attempt some athletic derring-do. You believe you can dive for the volleyball and not worry about grass burn and you know you can leg out a softball single into a double. With the bravura that only Coors can brew, you want to show off that dive you couldn't do as a teenager because you didn't have the coordination you do now. Sadly, you fall prey to this temp-

tation. You dive like a fool for the volleyball and though you miss, everyone congratulates you for trying hard; it's the same words people reserve for children who are not embarrassed by their failures. Later, in the middle of the night, when you have to make the inevitable 3:17 a.m. visit to the bathroom, you discover you can't straighten out of your stiff slumber posture. On the softball diamond, you chug around first base with the voice of The Little Engine That Could as your motivator and you begin to pant out of exhaustion, not lust. On that inevitable midnight visit to the bathroom, you limp like a Civil War veteran and you realize that Ben Gay also clears your sinuses. At those times, you wish you hadn't given in to temptation and had settled for a friendly game of horse-

The summer's worst temptations are food. At every picnic you are tempted to eat foods that are really bad for you. What are ribs, except fat with sauce? Ah, but you are tempted to eat them anyway, along with the fatty hamburgers, the mysterious hot dogs, the salads with fatty dressing and the fatty beer. You are tempted to say, "What the heck? I can eat whatever I want because I'm going to play softball later." But by the time the young people have organized the softball game, your stomach is purring and you're falling asleep. And at the next picnic you attend, you don't really know why all the kids want you to show off your famous belly flop in the pool.

disregard decorum and engage in the wild behavior that once made summer so magical. You want to buy a six-pack of beer and drive in the country with the rest of your high school buddies to the spot along the Raritan River where you slurped the warming beer, cursed life for being so wretchedly unfair, cursed the women who were so wretchedly inaccessible and emptied your bladders into New Jersey's mother of all

In summer you are tempted to

This is the one temptation you really want to surrender to. But you can't. Your high school buddies are hostage to the commitments of family, community and job. And nobody feels good when you still drink too much beer. But secretly, within the confines of your air-conditioned car, you can turn up the radio as loud as possible and sing along at the top of your lungs to songs that were once considered revolutionary, but are not classics. And you can howl at the moon as long as you want because nobody but the moon is listening.



## It's not impossible — retirees can learn how to live on less

You just can't escape it. Sometimes it seems like everywhere you turn someone else is issuing a dire warning about the need to save millions in order to retire comfortably. But the truth of the matter is that vou can retire on less if you spend less. It's that simple.

While it's vital to save for retirement, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) says that by making some compromises in your retirement lifestyle and managing your money carefully, you can achieve a full and satisfying retirement at a far lower cost than some would have you believe. It all depends on how you play the retirement game. The following game rules for maximizing your retirement portfolio and minimizing your expenses may make it possible for you to retire on less.

#### Maximize Your Investments

By investing your portfolio wisely and drawing funds from it prudently, you can make the most of your retirement nest egg. Many new retirees assume they need to reduce their exposure to investment risk by putting their nest eggs into bonds and cash, but CPAs say you should keep anywhere from 40 to 60 percent of your investment savings in equities. Doing so allows your assets to continue to grow during your retirement years and provides you with some protection against inflation. Also, as a retiree, you can continue to build your retirement savings by reinvesting your interest and dividends.

When it becomes necessary for your to tap into your savings, withdraw assets from your taxable accounts before you

deferred accounts. Doing so will allow the money in your taxdeferred plans, such as 401 (k)s or Individual Retirement Accounts, to continue compounding tax-free for as long as possible.

#### Reduce Housing Costs

When it comes to reducing spending, it makes sense to start with housing - the biggest monthly outflow for most retirees. Consider whether it makes sense to sell your home, pay off your current mortgage, and buy a smaller home or condo with lower property taxes, energy bills, and maintenance costs. If you're willing to relocate to an area with a lower cost of living and low or no income taxes, the savings can be considerably greater. Before you choose a location based on income tax savings, check what estate taxes would apply to you here.

If retirement is still several years away, do what you can to trim expenses or boost income now so you can pay off your mortgage by retirement. Having your house fully paid for at the time you retire can go a long way toward making it easier to live on a reduced income. If paying off your mortgage isn't feasible, at least try to pay off any credit card debt you may

way to reduce housing costs and gain companionship. It takes careful thinking and planning. but it can work. Anther option is to agree to perform housekeeping or maintenance services in exchange for free or reduced

If you're "house-rich and cash-poor," a reverse mortgage, which acts like a regular home mortgage in reverse, lets you use the equity in your home as a source of income.

Instead of borrowing a sum that you pay back in monthly payments, the lender typically pays you a monthly payment against the equity in your home. The payment is based on your age and the value of your home. The loan balance - the amount you've received plus interest --- doesn't have to be repaid until you die, sell the house, or move.

Reverse mortgages are complicated; be sure you completely understand the terms before pursuing this Remember, you will be depleting the equity you have in your

#### Go Back To Work

Be creative. For some people, and self-fulfillment and, if you

withdraw assets from your tax- home-sharing might be a good find something that you truly choice of doctors, hospitals, and enjoy doing, it won't even feel like you're working.

If you're thinking about entering the job market after a career as a homemaker, consider how skills you have developed in raising a family, managing a household, volunteering, or pursuing a hobby might translate into marketable business skills.

#### Reduce Healthcare Costs

Joining a Medicare managed care plan is a less expensive alternative to purchasing Medigap insurance. Many of these plans provide comprehensive coverage for a small monthly fee and/or a small co-payment for office visits. On the down side, with some plans, your

other providers is limited to those in the plan's network.

If it's payments for prescription drugs that are ruining your budget, you may be able to reduce your costs by asking your doctor to substitute a generic drug.

Or, you may be able to use a mail-order pharmacy that charges significantly less for some prescriptions, providing you can plan ahead and allow time for delivery.

While the golden years certainly don't come cheap, CPAs say that with careful planning and the willingness to control your spending in retirement! you can enjoy a satisfying retirement even if you don't have millions in the bank.

## How to handle things when your parents become your children

More and more baby boomers are becoming official members of the sandwich generation --- that group of adult children squeezed between caring for aging parents and raising growing children. One of the many challenging responsibilities these adult children face is the task of handling their parents' financial and legal obligations. Then New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) offers the following advice.

Talking Money - Many adults approach talking to their parents about finances with the same kind of anxiety they feel about talking to their children about sex. While it may be difficult to ask them to talk about illness and death, it is critical that you have this discussion while your parents are mentally compe-

Tackling The Paperwork -With their permission, locate and review your parents' bank savings and checking accounts, investment and retirement plans, insurance policies, outstanding mortgages and loans, and pension and Social Security payments. It's also a good idea to round up the names of their attorney, stockbroker, insurance agent, financial planner, and CPA.

**Handling Finances** — When it becomes necessary for you to begin managing a parent's day-today finances, you might be inclined to set up a joint account. Before you do so, you should be aware that there are drawbacks to this arrangement. For example, if either of you gets into financial trouble, creditors can take all the money held jointly, regardless of who owns the money Also, since any money in a joint account with your parent becomes yours when your parent dies (regardless of directives in your parent's will), you run the risk of disgruntled siblings.

There are, however, some ways you can simplify your tasks. For one thing, you can save vourself extra trips to the bank by having your parent's Social Security, pension, and dividend checks deposited directly to his or her bank account. You may be able to arrange to have the bank pay your parent's regularly recurring bills,

such as insurance premiums.

Putting Legal Documents In Place — Make sure your parent has a will and that it is up to date. If the estate is sizable, he or she might consider establishing trusts. In addition to saving on estate taxes, trusts can be designed to accomplish many different objectives.

Your parent also should have a durable power of attorney drawn up, a legal document that enables your parent (who must be mentally competent when the power is given) to give you or someone else the authority to sign checks, pay bills, and handle his or her financial affairs. Be certain that the power of attorney is durable, since only a durable power of attorney remains in effect if your parent becomes incapacitated.

Two other documents that can make your care-giving task less complicated are a living will, which sets forth your parent's wishes about the use of heroic

measures to sustain life, and a healthcare proxy, allowing you or the person named in the document to make medical decision s on behalf of a parent. Legal requirements for powers of attorney, health care proxies and living wills vary from state to state. When executing legal documents, make sure you consult with an attorney in the state where your parent legally resides.

Taking Tax Breaks — There are several tax strategies that can help to ease the financial burden of helping elderly parents. If you provide more than half of their support, and if certain other dependency rules are met, you may be entitled to claim the dependency exemption. This tax break applies whether or not your parent lives with you. If you and your siblings share the costs of financially supporting your parent, and none of you contributes more than half the amount spent on support, you may enter into a multiple support agreement. Under such an agreement, one of you, with the permission of the others, claims the exemption. The person claiming the exemption must attach Form 2120 to his or her tax return.

Although, at first, it may sound like an oxymoron, working in retirement is an alternative that more and more retirees are pursuing. The right job can provide welcomed cash

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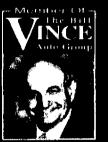


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PARENTING YOUR TODDLER parents' group sponsored by La Leche (908) 527-4900. Westfield. League of Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. Brooklyn Bridge. Echo Lake East, Cranford, 10:15 a.m. July 6, Aug. 3.

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July 30 - Woodloch Pines with smorgasbord. Cost is \$56.

Aug. 9 - Bronx Zoo. "Bengali Includes Express" monorail and passes. Lunch is on your own. Cost is \$38; grandchildren are invited.

Aug. 16 - New York Harbor cruise. Includes lunch in Japanese restaurant and browsing at South Street Seaport. Cost is \$44.

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person, double occupancy. Oct. 3 — Kay Starr at Fernwood. Cost is \$58.

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For more information, call (908) 354-3040, Ext.

## Westfield man tabbed as new state commissioner of labor

WESTFIELD -- The state Senate Judiciary Committee has approved the nomination of town resident Mark B. Boyd as New Jersey commissioner of

The full Senate was expected to vote on the nomination this week.

"Boyd's impressive background in the Labor Department and his commitment to our state's workforce make him an obvious choice," Gov. Whitman said.

As deputy commissioner of labor since 1998, Boyd has been involved with the "One-Stop Career Center System;" unemployment and disability operations; vocational and rehabilitation services; labor standards and safety enforcement; labor research and analysis. He previously was director of

the Division of Employment and Training as well as assistant commissioner for rehabilitation and disability programs.

Boyd owned a business for 10 years before joining the Labor Department, He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine and is studying for a law degree from the Rutgers Law School in Newark.

He lives in Westfield with his wife, Pam, and their sons John, Mark and Matthew.

## Westfield middle-schoolers attend national peer summit

leaders from Edison Intermediate School were chosen to attend a youth summit sponsored by the American Legacy Foundation.

Becky Fallon and Emily McDermott were scheduled to attend the summit in Seattle, Wash. The summit began June 23 and ended Monday.

They were to join 10 other peer leaders from New Jersey schools. The candidates were chosen from more than 500 applications submitted from around the state.

"The fact that we have two students from the same school district attending the summit is absolutely unheard of," said Marie Koch, student assistance counselor in the Westfield district's intermediate schools.

Westfield's two intermediate schools have 130 peer leaders, ences.

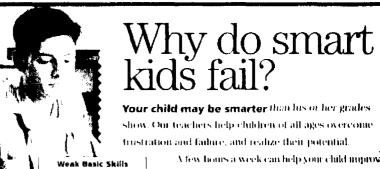
WESTFIELD - Two peer all in grade 8. They work with all grade 6 pupils in town schools, plus more than 500 other peer leaders and 150 adult mentors from throughout New Jersey.

Becky and Emily were to be trained about the effect of the peer leadership program on the decision to smoke, the use of refusal skills and reaction to peer pressure.

Separately, Emily spoke June 14 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City during a luncheon that launched the New Jersey Youth Anti-Tobacco

Corps. Gov. Whitman, New Jersey Commissioner of Health Christine Grant and two other New Jersey students also attended the luncheon, which was held for editors of magazines targeted at young audi-

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Both courses will be held at the Union County Magnet High School, located on the grounds of the Union County Vocational and Technical School in Scotch Plains.

"Introduction to Laboratory" covers basic lab functions and science essentials, Gases, rockets, model cars, graphing calculators, polymers and computer-assisted drafting are among the subjects scheduled to be discussed.

"Using Technology and the Internet" covers World Wide Web software and teaches students how to create a Web site.

In addition, kids will have a chance to do research using the Internet and CD-ROM encyclo-

Courses are scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from July 24 to Aug. 3.

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### **Births**

Justin Scott, a son, was born May 28, 2000 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston to Lara and Mark Moskowitz of Millburn.

The parents are former residents of Scotch Plains and Justin is their first son. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Rita and Leonard Selesner, and paternal grandparents are Gavle and Joel Moskowitz, all of Scotch Plains.

Justin is named for his paternal great-grandmother, Carolyn Moskowitz, and his maternal great-grandmother, Sophie "Sonny" Selesner.

## Unlikely heroes keep an ear on the world

(Continued from page A-1) Sawyer, "Some of the members are so into it they join volunteer rescue squads.

"The purpose of field day is to test the group's emergency readiness," said member Dick Montgomery. "They turned it into a contest because it makes it fun."

The contest is sponsored by the American Amateur Radio League and is won by the amateur radio organization that scores the most points.

Points are awarded based on the number and type of contacts each organization makes. "Emergency readiness is determined by two things," Sawyer noted. "One, setting up our antennas. Two, how quick can we make contact from where we are to where we can reach."

The American Amateur Radio League was established in 1934.

Back during the 1946 field day, the Tri-County Radio Association earned the most points worldwide.

The game may be the same at it was way back them, but the technology available to the players has improved consider-

The radio operators have the ability to make contact with satellites and the generators

they use for power are portable. The portable radios are as small as the latest cellular flip

phones, and even the mobile car radio units are less bulky than older pull-out radios. Old tube radios have been replaced by solid state transistors.

Radio operators must be licensed by the FCC and must be able to communicate at least five words per minute in Morse Code, which is recognized as an international language.

There are three levels of licensing: technician, general and extra. Operators at the extra level can operate at the highest frequencies.

Although the FCC monitors amateur radio operators, recent budget cuts have made the

operators self-policing.
"Official observers," a subset of the FCC, monitor broadcasts and keep track of any violations of FCC regulations including foul language and unauthorized broadcasts.

They do not impose fines, but the official observers do alert the FCC and send warnings.

"It's just a reminder," said Miller, who serves as an official observer. "It's just like a friend telling you (something)."

The official observers — who aren't always received well by violators ("I've heard threats about myself over the air," Miller noted) --- were instituted in the 1950s, and the budget cuts have left the FCC relying on them more than ever.

According to Tri-County member Thomas Yeager, the results of last weekend's contest - which involved ham radio operators from around the world --- will not be completely tallied for a few weeks.

## Campus notes

Four area students have graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Receiving degrees during commencement exercises May 14:

Amelia "Mia" Baker of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in classical archaeology with a minor in ancient history. The dean's list student and "America Reads" tutor was a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority and Students for Organized Services.

A 1996 graduate of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, Baker is the daughter of Dr. Stephen and Marjorie Baker.

Stefanie Brendel Westfield, bachelor's degree in German and French. She was a member of the French Club, German Club, horseback riding club and women's tennis team.

The daughter of Juergen and Carole Brendel graduated from Westfield High School in 1996.

George Daniledes of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in music. The honors list student played with the Chamber Music Society, F&M Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Wind Ensemble. As a junior Daniledes won a solo competition sponsored by the music department. He also was director of WFNM radio and a member of Alpha Kappa Delta honor society in sociology. Daniledes was involved with computer services, the Debate Society, the F&M Players and the Strategic

A 1996 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, he is the son of E. Joy Daniledes of Scotch Plains and Peter Daniledes of Freehold.

Jodi Goldberg of Westfield, bachelor's degree in government with a minor in history, magnacum laude. The honors list student was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and studied abroad. Goldberg also was a member of Phi Alpha Theta honor society in international history, Pi Gamma Nu honor society in social science and Pi Sigma Alpha honor society in political science. She worked for WFNM and participated in a phon-a-thon.

The daughter of Don and Barbara Goldberg graduated from Westfield High School in

Amy Schoeman of Scotch Plains has graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y. She received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, with a concentration in cultural studies, during commencement exercises May 19.

Lawrence, where she wrote "The Radford University in Radford Space." She also was an intern in art.

with the Working Families Party in Brooklyn and with Common

The daughter of Dr. Stephen and Ellen Schoeman graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1996.

Kathleen Kennedy Westfield received a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., during its 93rd commencement exercises May 14.

Theodore Sananman of Wyandotte Trail, Westfield, has graduated  $\mathbf{from}$ University in Syracuse, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree in geography at the university's 146th commencement ceremony May 14.

Sara Jane Billard of Scotch Plains received a bachelor's degree in English from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Md., during commencement exercises May 25. The daughter of William and Margaret Billard attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Two area students received [ ? degrees from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., during commencement ceremonies May 21. The graduates and their majors:

Tiana Barsam-Brown of Sylvan Lane, Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in English. She is the laughter of Stanley Brown and Pamela Barsam-Brown.

Lauren E. Rabadeau of Winding Brook Way, Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in management. She is the daughter of. Plains, bachelor's degree in man-Gerard and Evelyn Rabadeau.

named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Lafayette ollege in Easton, Pa. They are: Stephen Chiger of Cayuga

Seven area students were 🛂

*N*ay, Westfield, a junior. William Hedden

Knollwood Terrace, Westfield, a Michael Milberger of Maple

View Court, Scotch Plains, a sophomore.

Molly Phelan of Kimball Avenue, Westfield, a junior.

Schwartz Lauren Graymill Drive, Scotch Plains, a.º freshman.

Rosemarie Sullivan of Debra Court, Scotch Plains, a

Robin Yudkovitz of Eton Place, Westfield, a freshman.

Jillian Kathleen Cordes of Elizabeth Avenue, Scotch Plains, Schoeman was a member of was named to the dean's list for the Student Senate at Sarah the spring 2000 semester at Dialectics of Orientalism" and Va. The daughter of William "Revisioning Urban Public Cordes is a sophomore majoring

## Westfield mulls downtown radio plan

(Continued from page A-1)

sharing is in the proposal phase. "At this point, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Westfield Corporation think this is interesting because it would be an inexpensive way to advertise," said Michael LaPlace, executive director of the DWC.

One ad spot every hour, everyday for a month, would cost a business owner \$150, according to Rosenberg's proposal. This averages 36 cents per minute of According to advertising. Rosenberg, the station will reach 100,000 people.

There is no guarantee, however, that a business prone to large advertising campaigns—such as a car dealership --- will not dominate the airwaves, Rosenberg noted. "This is a free enterprise system," he said. "First-come,

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realist," he said. "I understand

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ue on this case, Cohen said hew

would suggest his client file an

appeal with the state ABC

based on the Property Interest

He said the decision could be

Civil Rights Act.

Although he will not contin-

first-serve."

The station could also be used for emergency notification possibilities, officials noted.

At this stage, it is unclear what kind of regulations will be placed on the station or what role the FCC will have in determining those regulations. "We need the means to control this," noted Councilman Neil Sullivan.

No guidelines have been set to address the type of businesses that will be allowed to advertise, although "we probably won't accept political advertising,' Rosenberg noted.

He also told council members some of the other towns presented with the idea were concerned about liquor store advertisements.

In order to broadcast the programming, an eight-and-a-half-

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governing body.

final meeting.

foot antenna must be placed on the roof of one of the highest buildings in the downtown area. The building owner who allows the antenna on his or her roof will receive free advertising, Rosenberg said.

According to Town Attorney William Jeremiah, there is no existing ordinance that would forbid the antenna.

If the Town Council supports the station, the Westfield Department of Public Works will be responsible for putting up signs advertising the station around the downtown area. The color, size, wordage, quantity and locations of the signs will be at the council's discretion.

Right now, no other municipalities or downtown areas in the state have a community business radio frequency, Rosenberg said.

The commission said neigh-

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Scotch Plains had a right to

testify during the Malibu hear-

Cohen objected to their testi-

"Not a case in 50 years

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Plains residents should be able

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the street, the sex, the drinking, and the noise," said a resident of Eddwin Place and Club Malibu neighbor, who asked not to be identified.

The ABC also sided with Lipstein's argument that Malibu drained resources. Cohen rebutted the behavior of Malibu patrons once they are off club property is not the owners' responsibili-

"The owners and managers have the jurisdiction of humanity," said commissioner Tarquin



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## Rockets' red glare

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piece Latin jazz group who willbe performing at Race Street and Somerset Street in North ? Plainfield and then at Richmond Street and East Front Street. Plainfield's Green Brook

Park will be the site for the Independence Day finale. A host of bands will be

warming up the crowds begin-ning at 6:30 p.m.

The fireworks will be set off at 9:00 p.m. to end the day celebrations.

6, Westfield On July Recreation Commission will Westfield 💆 present the Community Concert Band's-Independence Day Celebration.

This instalment of the 2000 Summer Concert Series will feature patriotic music in Mindowaskin Park at 8:00 p.m. Elias Zareva will be conduct-

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## Black Potatoe Music Festival returning next month

Festival, presented by Atomic Productions of Clinton, has become a summer tradition for music lovers in the area.

Now in its fourth year at the Hunterdon Historical Museum (the "Red Mill") in Clinton, the Festival, which will be held on July 15 gives local and nationallyrecognized musicians alike the opportunity to showcase their talents to people of all ages during a day-long celebration of independent music.

The Hunterdon Historical Museum, home of Clinton's landmark Red Mill, is located at 56 Main St. in Clinton, just before the bridge over the Raritan River. Gates will open at 1 p.m., music will start at 1:30 and last through 10:30. This a rain or shine event.

Admission is \$20 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Tickets are on sale now through Black Potatoe Records charge by phone and the Black Potatoe Music Festival 2000 Hotline:

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> This year the line-up will include Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer and member of The Band Levon Helm, with his blues band The Barnburners; lead singer of the Spin Doctors Chris Barron with his solo band; Mike Glabicki, lead singer of the band Rusted Root performing solo; plus Black Potatoe recording artists Angus, Cairo, Gregg Cagno, and Kathy Phillips; and special guests The VooDudes and Joe Stuby with his band Rocking Horse.

> Black Potatoe Records, founded in 1988 and also located in Clinton, is a record label which focuses on the production, promotion and marketing of music independent of major label assistance. Based on the notion that the

much "manufactured entertainment" with not enough regard to the integrity and artistic value of the music itself, Black Potatoe holds this Festival simply to offer great music that, were it up to the record industry, people might not otherwise hear or know about.

The Festival evolved from the 1997 CD release party of Black Potatoe's first signed band, Angus. This was the first event Black Potatoe and Atomic had held at the Mill, and was enormously successful. By the end of the night, as staff members watched people dancing barefoot in the grass under the stars, they knew they had to find a way to do this every year. Thus the Black Potatoe Music Festival was born.

Levon Helm will return to close the festival, as he did the first year, with his Chicago Blues band The Barnburners featuring daughter Amy Helm on vocals. Levon and the Barnburners recently finished up a tour of the

deep south and were featured in an article in the April 27 issue of Rolling Stone magazine.

There will be a rare solo acoustic performance by Mike Glabicki, lead singer and guitarist of the Pittsburgh-based band Rusted Root. Mike has toured nationally with Rusted Root in support of Jimmy Page and Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin, The Dave Matthews Band, The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band, as well as making appearances at Farm Aid, The Further Festival, and the H.O.R.D.E. tour with Lenny Kravitz and Blues Traveler.

Chris Barron, long time Princeton resident and lead singer of the NYC based Spin Doctors will appear with his solo band. Chris and The Spin Doctors helped forge the way for widespread success of other rootsbased rock bands in the early 1990's including Joan Osborne, Hootie and the Blowfish, Dave Matthews Band, Blues Traveler

Black Potatoe Records will also be proud to feature performances. by current label artists Angus, Cairo, Gregg Cagno, and Kathy Phillips. Angus, who have spent the better part of the past nine months recording at Atomic Productions' new studio location in Clinton, will be featuring new music from their upcoming album which is slated to be released in September. This new record was produced by John Ginty of Morristown, who has recorded and/or toured with Jewel, Lou Reed, and Matthew Sweet among others. Angus also took the last month to mix part of their upcoming release in Woodstock, NY at the legendary Bearsville studios with producer John Holbrook (Brian Setzer Orchestra, Natalie Merchant).

Cairo will deliver a set fueled by their funk reggae rock. Cairo, comprised of many Hunterdon County natives, is celebrating twenty years of entertaining cen-

tral Jersey and Pennsylvania andiences. Their following is ever growing with many of their shows having lines of people waiting to get in. Cairo's latest release, "Live at the State", was recorded in front of a live audience of over 750 at the historic Easton State

Gregg Cagno, who just recently released his live album on Black Potatoe entitled "Present Moment Days", will be featuring a set of his original songs. Gregg, who was born and bred in Clinton. had great success with an exclusive internet release in 1999 on the wildly popular downloadable music site MP3.com.

Gregg enjoyed ranking in the top five acoustic music downloads on MP3.com for many weeks, sharing that space with the music of Roger McGuinn of The Byrds and folk due Billy Pilgrim. Last summer, Gregg performed on the First Stage at the James Taylor show at the PNC Bank

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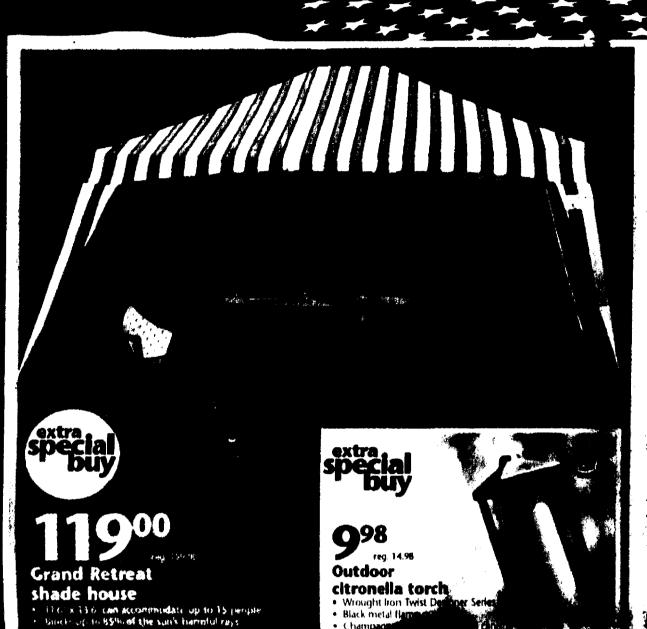


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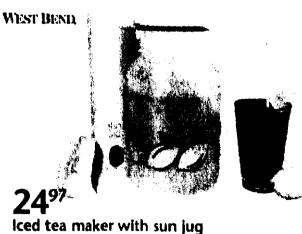






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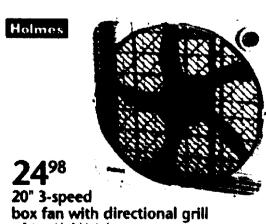
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For years, they worked and waited. From their first day of kindergarten, for more than a decade now, they withstood the trials — homework, books, teachers' dirty looks — and dreamed of the day it would be over, when the diploma would be theirs, when their efforts and achievements would be recognized. For the Class of 2000 at Westfield High School, that day was June 21; for their counterparts at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, it was June 22. Some of the graduates — including (top left) Westfield grad Frank Ellis and (left) Lyndsay Ruotolo, president of the WHS Class of 2000 — took the proceedings very seriously. Others, including SP-FHS valedictorian Jessica Biegelson (above), were all smiles; several of Jessica's classmates got into the spirit by decorating the cars (bottom left) for the occasion. However the grads chose to celebrate their achievement, the pride of beaming parents was evident in the swelling crowds that attended the celebrations, especially the sun-drenched commencement at the SP-FHS football field (below).





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## **BEST BETS**

#### Poster exhibition explores Latino life

PLAINFIELD -- A special exhibition of posters coming to the city July 8 traces the history of Latino immigrants in America

"Americanos: Latino Life in the United States" is scheduled to run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 8 at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, located at 724 Park Ave. in Plainfield.

The show features photographs and posters formerly displayed at the Museum of the City of New York.

The exhibition is open to the public.

For more information, call (908) 756-0750.

#### **Printmaking Council** presents member work

BRANCHBURG --- The **Printmaking Council of New** Jersey is proudly presenting its 26th annual Members' Juried Exhibition.

The exhibition is scheduled to remain on display through Aug.

Monotypes, woodcuts, etchings, photographs, mezzotints and handmade paper are included in the exhibition.

Arie Galles, international artist and educator, is the exhibition's juror.

Artists featured in the statewide exhibition are Cornelia Baker, Paul Bonelli, Robert Borsuk, Gary Briechle. Jean Burdick, Peg McAulay Byrd, Jean Davidson, Gayle Fitzpatrick, Laurie Hartman, Claire Heimarck and Christine

Other featured artists include Linda Ippolito, Linda Kohl-Orton, Carol McCarthy, Elissa Merkl, Takayo Noda, Florence Putterman, Roberta C. Scott, Miriam Stern, Marie Sturken and Idaherma Williams.

Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and I p.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays.

Admission to the gallery is

The Printmaking Council is located on River Road, south of Route 22, in Branchburg.

For more information, call (908) 725-2110.

#### Mystic Vision offers 'Finian's Rainbow'

LINDEN The Mystic Vision Players are presenting their version of the stage/movie musical "Finian's Rainbow" in the newly renovated auditorium of Linden High School.

Show times are 8 p.m. July 14-15; 3 p.m. July 16; and 8 p.m. July 20-22.

The musical combines fantasy, reality, Irish folklore and

Kevin Brady plays Finian and Amy Trotter of Cranford plays

"Finian's Rainbow" is directed by Judy Stiskin with music under the direction of Tom Pedas.

Admission is \$10.

Linden High School is located on Route 27 (St. George Avenue) between North Wood Avenue and Stiles Street.

The performances are sponsored by the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee

For reservations or more information, call (908) 925-8689,



Rob Paparozzi will stretch his vocal chords and wale on the harp when the Hudson River Rats appear at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside for a special post-Independence Day performance. The free show is open to the public and scheduled to begin 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

## Singin' the blues

### Hudson River Rats to surface Wednesday at Echo Lake Park

MOUNTAINSIDE Union County music lovers are invited to a blues show with Rob Paparozzi & The Hudson River Rats 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Echo Lake Park.

Paparozzi has been performing in New Jersey and nearby New York since 1967. In addition to the Hudson River Rats, he has been a lead singer and/or harmonica player for the Psychotic Blues Band, Blues Farm, Goofer Dust and Mario's R&B All Stars, His bands have been opening acts for the likes of B.B. King and Bruce Springsteen.

The Hudson River Rats were headliners for a "Blues" Jam" series at the Manhattan club Under Acme.

Their career resume includes playing behind Carole King, Roberta Flack and 80's

singing star Cyndi Lauper.

The free concert is the second in this year's Summer Arts Festival sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. This year's series began on June 28 with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Other concerts in the series: \* July 12 - Verdict, reggae

\* July 19 --- Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge, longtime CBS-FM favorites, with special guest The New Hearts. \* July 26 -- New Power Soul, R&B cover band.

' Aug. 2 — Shirley Alston Reeves, original lead singer of The Shirelles, with special guests Who's Johnny. S Aug. 9 -- Mustang Sally,

country and Western band. Aug. 16 - Sensational Soul Cruisers, Sixties R&B tribute group. \* Aug. 23 Brass Tacks,

Forties-style big band.
\* Aug. 30 — The Party Dolls, "girl group" tribute act.

All shows begin 7:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Picnics are welcome. A snack bar will be set up for those who prefer.

Echo Lake Park is off Route 22 East between Mountainside Borough Hall and the Loews Theatres. From Westfield, take Mountain Avenue north to the park entrance. In case of rain, concerts will move indoors to Cranford High School on West End Place off Springfield

Avenue. For more information, call (908) 527-4900.

For show updates, call (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. the day of the show.

## They don't need no stinking walls

### Westfield jeweler heads to Morristown for 'Art in the Open'

MORRISTOWN - The Peters Valley Craft Education Center is taking its work to the people.

For almost two years the Layton-based arts center has maintained "Art in the Open: The Peters Valley Gallery Without Walls," located in Morristown. This gallery is spread among 14 sites in businesses and other public spaces.

The mission behind this project is to promote craft education by providing New Jersey artists working in craft media the opportunity to show their work through a venue accessible to the largest and most diverse audience possible.

Each site features a pedestal and work of art, accompanied by a map and a brochure that link the sites together. Exhibitions change on a quarterly basis. A "Third Quarter Exhibition 2000" will run July 1-Sept. 30.

Kirk D. Klenk will have wood-turned bowls and vases on display in several of the Morristown sites. The Trenton native began turning wood at age 13 and continues his mastery of lathe techniques to this day. Klenk also maintains a selection of wood-turned objects in the Peters Valley Store and Gallery at the Layton

Jennifer Crupi will have jewelry on display that represents her investigation in mechanical movement. Two expandable structures, a sterling silver brooch and a sterling silver bracelet, will be included. Crupi holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Cooper Union and a master of fine arts degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Jennifer Yaros, the summer assistant in the Peters Valley photography studio, will have five black and white pho-

"As a photographer, I continually examine metaphors for the human condition through the world we've created," Yaros said. "Through the exploration of individuals, cultures and their environment, I hope to break through preconceived notions and weave together common threads of our existence."

Eric Cuper will have several works in steel and wrought iron on display. His Fossil Series, which came out of his fascination with the imagery of the aquatic environment, will be shown in full. The summer assistant in the Peters Valley blacksmithing studio, Cuper is studying for a master of fine arts degree in metalsmithing Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Lucille Lukas of Westfield will have on display one-of-akind sterling silver jewelry with brass accents and semiprecious stones. The jewelry

room is expected.

"expresses beauty, femininity, balance, contrast and sensuality," according to her Peters Valley statement. She strives for balance without symmetry and strength without overstatement in her pieces.

Kerr Grabowski will feature silk crepe that uses her invented technique of "deconstructed screen printing" as well as direct dye painting. "South African Farm" was inspired by a recent trip to India. Grabowski's 17-year career as a fiber artist has been marked by her constant experimentation with the dying and screening processes. She successfully integrates her love of color, markmaking and spontaneity with the challenge of creating contemporary, one-of-a-kind handpainted silk fabrics and wearables.

Denise Bonaimo also will be represented with sterling silver jewelry. She draws her inspiration from paintings by the likes of Matisse, Picasso and Mondrian. Her work mainly is hand-fabricated and hand-cast in silver, mixed metals, glass, semi-precious stones oceanic fossils.

For more information, visit www.pvcrafts.org or call (973)

## Start your engines!

## **NASCAR Modifieds** roaring into Raritan

RARITAN - For the first time in many years Flemington Speedway has decided to add the NASCAR Modifieds to the racing card.

The NASCAR Modifieds are expected to join the fray Saturday and are scheduled to race every Saturday night for the whole season. This division has grown in popularity with the drivers, owners and fans that the speedway felt compelled to run the division every

Fourth of July weekend will start with a bang when gates open 4 p.m. Saturday. Racing begins 6:30 p.m.

The NASCAR Modifieds and the Great American Stocks and Trucks will compete in the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series. Both divisions have proven to be very competitive this season, especially the NASCAR Modifieds. Pete Brittain and John Blewett III have been repeat winners but neither has led the points standings. Steve Whitt and Jim Willis have been competitive and consistent and their efforts have been rewarded.

Dan Ballentine Jr. of Liberty Corner made two goals at the beginning of this season: win a third Great American Stocks and Trucks championship, and win seven features. He is well on his way to both. NASCAR has added another incentive this year with a money award given to the top four in points from Accel Ignition, a division of Mr. Gasket Co.

Add to this already exciting race card the American Race Trucks, which put on a great show at their first appearance last month. They will be back with even more trucks and hopefully have Stan Ploskis's truck repaired and ready to add another win to his list.

After the heats and features have been completed for the three divisions, the track will start to rumble with almost 100 Enduro cars as they take to the track for the 1-888-VALUE-TOW 100-lap feature. Nearly 100 cars dicing it out for 100 laps - always exciting and a show the fans can truly get involved in.

To top off the evening there will be a gigantic fireworks dis-

## Mintel Quartet tunes up for Brubeck bash ing is already so strong, that a full

## July 14 performance by fabulous foursome highlights jazz great

WATCHUNG --- The Eric Mintel Quartet will perform an entire evening of jazz composer Dave Brubeck's compositions at the Watchung Arts Center.

The quartet is scheduled to take the stage at 8 p.m. July 14.

This fabulous foursome has worked tirelessly to develop their own unique sound. The quartet's material recalls the smooth jazz of the 1950s when Brubeck enjoyed top chart status despite the inroads being made by rock and roll. The quartet is so noted for capturing the mellow jazz stylings of Brubeck's works, that even Brubeck himself is counted as an

This is a quartet with ambition and drive, and we can expect to continue to be surprised by their innovations," stated the famed jazz innovator Dave Brubeck about the Eric Mintel Quartet,

A respected jazz magazine agreed with Brubeck's assessment of the quartet. The quartet shows especially inventive uses of Brubeck's influence," observed Cadence Jazz magazine in a recent review. "Mintel shows more than promise.

The quartet itself consists of Dave Mintel, Harvey Orkin, Nick Roberti and George Hrab. Mintel is the group's pianist, so the art center's Altenburg grand is sure to be put to good use. Orkin, whose mastery of three saxophones plus the flute is impressive, supplies the essential reed sound. Roberti keeps the beat on the bass and George Hrab provides the percussion on the drums.

The quartet is quickly gaining a loyal audience. They recently played to a packed house at New York City's Kennedy Center. The group is trying to lure young fans back to jazz as well, having toured numerous college campuses this spring in this effort. The quartet's

efforts have paid off. At one college campus site, with a 14-year track record for presenting jazz, the quartet set an all-time attendance

first appearance for the decade-old art center jazz series, their follow-

Seats are only \$12, including refreshments. Reservations are recommended. Although this is the quartet's For reservations or more information, call the Arts Center at (908)

753-0190

## Piscataway's Johnson Park hosts 'Olde'-fashioned Independence Day

PISCATAWAY - To cele- replica buildings from the 18th brate Independence Day, East Jersey Olde Towne, the historic village within Johnson Park in Piscataway, will be open 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday.

Holiday events include Steven Edenbo as "Young Thomas Jefferson" 2 p.m. Visitor's will hear about Jefferson's life as a young man along with his views and knowledge of events back in the day. Admission is free, but registration is required.

East Jersey Olde Towne includes found, rebuilt and

and 19th centuries. The historic site is located

off River Road at the stop light for Hoes Lane West.

Normal hours for East Jersey Olde Towne are 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Guided tours are available for the public 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday plus 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Group tours are available by appointment.

For more information or registration, call (732) 745-3030.

## Give that sandwich a little kick

### Pepperone rosse (Red peppers)

6 bell peppers, red,

1 cup virgin olive oil 1/4 cup balsamic vine-

1/2 cup unflavored bread crumbs

When lunch time rolls around, you sometimes wonder what to prepare. Normally, it's just a regular sandwich - cold cuts, lettuce, tomatoes, mayonnaise or mustard usually combine to form the answer.

Today's answer to the lunch question is something else to add to your sandwich, and it's quite unique. The flavor of the sandwich will be enhanced.

You do not necessarily have to use this on a cold cut sandwich - it also goes great on leftover chicken, roast beef or even a veal cutlet sandwich. It's great on a hamburger, too!

Today's recipe is pepperone rosse (red peppers) and it's prepared in a very special and simple way.

The pepper combination will definitely change your sandwich, and you may never go back to normal fix-

Feel free to contact me by fax (908-272-2974) if you have any questions. In the meantime, buon appetito! Enjoy!

Clean the peppers and slice them in half, removing the stem and the seeds. Cut each half into four sections, then cut each section into three smaller slices.

In a pan, sauté the slices in the olive oil at a temperature medium until tender, Try not to let the pepper skin get too dark, because it will become bitter.

Turn off the heat and add the balsamic vinegar, then stir to coat the pep-



Add the bread crumbs and mix well until all the

bread crumbs are coated. Cover the pan and let the mixture rest for five

This allows the flavor to be enhanced.

Place on any sandwich as a filler. You will definitely find that the peppers change the flavor of the sandwich!

This pepper combination can be refrigerated and used for a few days. It also goes great as a side dish to steaks or chops.

Ecco, tutte e pronto!

## Wide Open Arts limbering up for 'Love After Death' recital

### Tri-state arts group setting the stage for amphitheater debut

WEST AMWELL --- Wide Open Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to interdisciplinary arts education and performance and known for innovative and theatrical performance in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, has begun a six-week rehearsal process for "Love After Death," a new site-specific dance theater

"Love After Death" features four dancer/vocalists and a spectacular large-scale vocal and movement chorus, with an original live score by the percussion trio MbiraDinda. "Love After Death" will premiere in a natural amphitheater 7:30 p.m. July 7-8 (rain date July 9) at North Slope Organic Farm, located in West Amwell.

"Love After Death" is a collabo rative project combining the talents of artistic director/choreographer Julia Ritter, dramaturge Melanie Stewart and writer Michael Duke, Stewart, Duke and Ritter previously combined their talents to create the 1997 and 1998 sold-out Philadelphia Fringe Festival hits "Perfect" and "Underlife Cabaret." In addition to her roles as choreographer and artistic director of Wide Open Arts, Ritter is a dancer and vocalist who will perform in "Love-After Death." She has been described as a

(Philadelphia)CuySeptember 1998) and the Philadelphia Inquirer has praised her vocal work, noting that Ritter "sings in a highly stable voice of wide range" (May 2000).

Tender, funny and achingly beautiful, "Love After Death" explores the public displays and private emotions of mourning. The performers of "Love After Death" navigate their way across the gorgeous rural landscape of a 55-acre organic farm through dynamic choreography and song, alternately acting as mourners and the mourned. Outpourings of grief, from the crosses of Columbine High School to the shrines for Princess Diana and John F. Kennedy Jr., provide us with

of mourning the very pubbe expressions of private suffering The performers build and then deconstruct a series of haunting tableaus, evoking images of breathtaking impact in which altars, shrines and beckoning callcreate a mysterious abyss. In this place, those left behind fill their lives with reminders and questions of who and what they have lost. Us it better to have loved and lost? Or not to have loved at all?)

Funding has been made possi ble in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through funds administered by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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## **Art School** will offer adult courses this summer

FLEMINGTON - Summer semester 2000 marks the completion of five academic years operation for the Flemington Art School, located at 117 Broad St.

The school marks this milestone with a diverse schedule of classes this summer.

Landscape painting classes with renowned local artist Robert Beck will lead the adult summer course offer-

"We're very happy to have Mr. Beck on our faculty this summer," said Charles Viera, the school's director. "Last summer Bob took a leave from teaching with us to tour the northwestern part of the U.S. He used that opportunity to create over 50 paintings that he exhibited in his last exhibition at the Ruth Morpeth

"I know that the students missed him, but now he is back and ready to share this experience with his students." Viera said.

Beck's classes are slated Wednesday and Saturday mornings during the summer throughout Hunterdon County.

The adult summer program will also feature painting and drawing classes for beginners, taught by Viera, and ceramic sculpture classes taught by sculptor Caroline local Gibson.

There are some new additions to the school's teen program for ages 11-16.

Joining the popular painting, drawing and comic book classes illustration "Introduction to Fashion Design," taught by Blue Fish clothing designer Leah Cahill.

This class offers the basics of fashion design and will be available 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday.

For more information, call (908) 782-8788.

### Parents, kids invited to make 'Music Together'

WHITEHOUSE STATION Music Together is accepting registration for its summer semester of music and movement classes for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and/or other caregivers.

Summer classes will start the week of July 10 and continue for six consecutive weeks. Classes are offered Monday through Thursday morning and run for 45 minµtes.

Tuition is \$90, sibling tuition is \$65 and siblings up to 6 months old may attend at

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## Human figure on display in 'Best of Life 2000' exhibition

WOODBRIDGE - "Best of Life 2000," an exhibit produced by artists who meet every week to study the human figure, will Barron Arts Center.

The public is invited to a reception scheduled to run 7:30 located at 582 Rahway Ave., p.m.-9:30 p.m. July 6.

Karen Zavali to make life models available so artists in the area could improve their own skills. Artists in the exhibit are Tom Martin, Ray Skibinski, information, call (732) 634-Mezinis, Cynthia 0413.

Walling, Lynch, Zavali, Elaine Gould, Cathleen Rybkiewicz, Jack Dunlap, Steve Simon, Louis Mazar, Maxine King, he on view July 6-30 at the Sha-Ron Karr, Dawn Gilmore and Charles A. Johanesen.

The Barron Arts Center is north of the Woodbridge "Best of Life" grew out of a Municipal Building. Hours are project by Joanne Lynch and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. The center will be closed Tuesday .

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A special exhibit of period wedding gowns is scheduled to be shown from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 St. in Scotch Plains. Included in the exhibit will be the circa-1815 gown of Mary Darby (above), whose family was among the first settlers of Scotch Plains. Admission to the exhibit is free.

## **Summer Concert Series** lights up Duke Island Park

BRIDGEWATER — Duke Island Park plays host to the Summer Concert Series of free performances each Sunday through Aug. 27, and a special Independence Day show slated for Tuesday. Concert-goers can bring their lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy a variety of lively sounds.

July 4, Fourth of July Family Festival featuring The Infernos. North Branch Park 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Those who enjoy a variety of music won't want to miss the Infernos, a group of talented individuals including lead vocalists and harmonizers backed by a dynamic rhythm section and an exciting horn section featuring trumpet and multiple saxes. The crowd will be dancing to this dynamic group from doo-wop to disco and Sinatra to the pop and Latinbeat hits of today. Other highlights of the day include Jolly Joe and the Polka Bavarians, children's entertainment and activities, historical re-enactments and fireworks.

July 9, Veronica Martell & The Big City Swing. Duke Island Park 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Today's swing revival is perfect timing for some of the greatest hits of the '30s, '40s, and '50s, and Veronica Martell's strong vocals do them all great justice. Choo Choo Boogie is a pop-swing track, appealing to both young and older audiences, and on the blues side, Buzz Me Baby and Sneakin' Around with You are two blues hots with killer horn arrangements. The Big City Swing Band are alumni of The

Duke Ellington Orchestra, Cab Calloway Orchestra, and Chico O'Farrell Big Band. As a recent review of the group quoted, "this

is charm beyond compare."

July 16, Verdict. Duke
Island Park 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Take a tropical vacation without leaving home! Attend the Caribbean Dance Party in Duke Island Park, when the Verdict unleash their rich blend of classic reggae, calypso, soca, funk, and hip-hop to an exuberant audience.

July 23, Fifth Annual Bayou Fest featuring the VooDUDES, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Duke Island Park. A mixed bag of Creole soul, swamp funk, and bayou boogie, The VooDUDES incorporate elements of R&B, boogie-woogie, zydeco, Latin, honky-tonk, gospel, southern fold, and island music into their own distinctive blend of what can only be Louisiana music with a New Jersey flair.

July 23, Wayne Toups and Zydecajun, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Duke Island Park is the place to be when zydeco and cajun meet soul and a little bit of southern rock, all in the form of Wayne Toups. This distinctive sound has Wayne being dubbed "The Cajun Springsteen" by many of his fans. He criss-crosses musical boundaries on his accordion with ease, and has performed throughout Louisiana, Nashville, South America, Canada, Europe, Asia, and New Zealand.

July 30, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Duke Island Park 7 p.m.-8:30 p m. Big band is in full swing with The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Under the direction of Buddy Morrow, who played with Dorsey since 1938, expertly plays the trombone, and leads the group in many of the old Tommy Dorsey hits, as well as some newer arrangements. Talented musicians carry on the traditions, playing Night Train, Swanee River, and I'll Never Smile Again. Come reminisce and feel the tempo of the legendary swing band.

Aug. 6, Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun. Duke Island Park 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Bill Kirchen celebrates American music at its roots-country, blues, and bluegrass. No newcomer to performing, his rockabilly sound has been heard since the early 70's. With diverse influences from Emmylou Harris, Elvis Costello, and Commander Cody & His Lost Planet Airmen, Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun have performed at Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center and have also appeared on MTV and

Aug. 13, Classic Car Show featuring The Passions & Joey Dee and the Starliters, Duke Island Park, 5:30 P.M.-8:30 p.m. Relive the sounds of the sixties with two great rock-'n-roll groups! After 35 years, the Passions still have incredible vocals, signing hits such as Gloria, This is My Love, and Just to be With You. They play love songs with nostalgia, along with a hilarious medley of comedy routines, sure to make all smile. Joey Dee and the Starliters will then take the stage, with their multi-million seller Peppermint Twist. This can only be followed by the hits that hurled them into stardom, including Shout, Mashed Potatoes, and What Kind of Love is This. The new millennium sound for Joey also incorporates comedy and a little dance. Over 75 classic and antique cars from Unforgettable Autos of Mid-Jersey will also be on display. As this is a fund-raiser for the Therapeutic Recreation program, a visitor donation is suggested.

Youngblood. Duke Island Park 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. In the early 60s Lonnie Youngblood hit the music world and soon became an accomplished bandleader. inspired by and supported by some of the biggest names in rhythm and blues. He even hired an unknown guitarist named Jimmy Jones, who later became legendary artist Jimi Hendrix. Lonnie's love of music also includes gospel, and he has released a CD of gospel classics that conveys spiritual feelings through his saxophone.

Aug. 27, Diane Schuur. Duke Island Park 7p.m. 8:30 p.m. Diane Schuur has inspired raves from around the world as "the new first lady of jazz." She has been awarded Grammies as best jazz vocalist, twice played at the White House, and her recordings have topped the jazz charts. Acclaimed for her incredible three-and-a-half octave range, Diane was discovered by Dizzy Gillespie.

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## Hunterdon museum hosts national showcase

CLINTON — The Hunterdon Museum of Art, located at 7 Lower Center St., has announced two exhibitions that will run through July 30.

The 44th annual National Juried Print Exhibition is a nationally recognized competition. "Artists of Hunterdon County" is presented in cooperation with the Hunterdon County Arts and Cultural Alliance.

These are being produced in conjunction with "Beaux Arts 2000," a weekend-long festival that includes multicultural art events at Deer Path Park in Readington.

The National Juried Print Exhibition has been attracting entries from across the country for most of its history. The museum's 20th century print collection has grown substantially over the years through the purchase prizes awarded in each of the exhibition.

Winners of this year's prizes: Pete L. Bowman of Gainesville, Ga., the Rembrandt Graphic Arts Award for "The Pond," color litho-

Brooke Bulovsky Cameron of Columbia, Mo., the Lynd Ward Memorial Purchase Prize for "What My Grandmother Told," photo intaglio.

Marilyn Silberstang of New York City, the Hunterdon Museum of Art Purchase Prize for "Omega Vision," a photoetch that includes aquatint and dry point.

George Olexa Jr. of Titusville, the Johnson & Johnson Purchase Prize for "Desert Wash," two colographs woven together.

Katherine Yvinskas Hackettstown, the James R. &

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Purchase Prize for "Silent Night," hand-colored linocut.

This year's juror, Kenneth Endick, is an arts writer and a member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. He has been a chairman or director of arts organizations throughout New Jersev.

The exhibition Endick chose is diverse and exciting in subject matter and medium. Imagery includes a range from abstract geometric compositions to collaged, realistic, contemporary social commentary. Cut and woven collagraphs, multimedia monoprints, three-dimensional constructed garments made of printed handmade paper and photo intaglio will hang beside dry point etchings and color litho-

"Artists of Hunterdon County" is the visual arts component of "Beaux Arts 2000," occupying the first and third floors of the museum. Artists in this exhibit are Susan Boynton, Gary Briechle, Vincent Ceglia, Jacqueline Ann Clipsham, Christopher Darway, Don Gonzalez, John Goodyear, Harry H. Gordon, Donna Lish, Elizabeth Mackie, Larry McKim, Liz Mitchell, Hiroshi Murata, Carol Rosen, Nancy Silvia, Val Sivilli, Toshiko Takaezu, Ann Tsubota, Joe Van Ramp and Wendy Wilkinson-Gordon.

Subject matter in this exhibition reflects the diversity of high caliber artists residing in Hunterdon County and covers the territory from realism to abstractism. Equally compelling is the broad range of mediums being explored by these artists. They include contemporary ceramics; S. Marsh Memorial glass; marketry; metalworking

sculpture; collage; computerassisted photography; oil and acrylic painting; stone sculpture and wax; wire and paper con-

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#### New releases

Memphis Raines (Nicolas Cage), who has put behind him being "the best boost man" in auto theft. Now he runs a go-kart track, but returns to L.A. crime in order to save junior brother Kip (Giovanni Ribisi). Why would anyone go through hellish risks, stealing 50 cars in four days for a (Christopher Eccleston), to save this whiney pimple of attitude? Memphis assembles his "crew," including Robert Duvall and Angelina Jolie. Filmed through what looks like gilded rust, Dominic Sena's movie is a brawny chop shop of tech talk, theft craft, sudden danger lightened by an exploding chicken, roving gangs, a diarrhetic dog, the old rip-the-chassis gag used best in "American Graffiti." Cast: Nicolas Cage, Giovanni Ribisi, Angelina Jolie, Christopher Eccleston, Will Jolie, Patton, Delroy Lindo, Robert Duvall. Running time: 120 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

"Gone in 60 Seconds" — The

car-crazed movie's engine is

#### Recent releases

"Battlefield Earth" — It is the year 3000, the Psychlons have conquered Earth and enslaved most of its surviving humans, and their motive for coming billions of miles is gold. Tribal remnants of our kind hang out in woods and caves, fearing the Psychlons as monstrous gods. Despising humans, Terl (John Travolta) knows that torture is the best way to make a day shine. Most of the humans are dumb as logs, but a savvy, saving hero arises: Jonnie (Barry Pepper), who discerns that humanity once mattered. He learns Psychlonic lore and lingo, via mind beams that provide 12 years of grad

school in about 12 seconds. Then Jonnie leads a revolt by a) the superior glow of his hair and b) manipulating Terl's lust for gold. If "Gladiator" is the past and this film is the future, we are truly a doomed race. If this is the lofty leverage of stardom, it's a bad joke. Maybe Travolta can move on to "Look Who's Talking Psychlon." Cast: John Travolta, Forest Whitaker, Barry Pepper, Kim Coates, Sabine Karsenti. Running time: 1 hour, 56 minutes. Rated PG-13, 1 1/2 stars.

"The Big Kahuna" — Kevin Spacey is not the Big Kahuna. That is a barely seen company CEO named Dick Fuller, target for the pitch of an industrial lubricants outfit of which Spacey's Larry is the most aggressive marketer. The place is a mediocre hospitality suite rented during a convention in Wichita, Kan. To it, it is hoped, the Kahuna cometh. Larry, the lippy huckster of sales fever, has the core bitterness of too many deals made and lost. Phil (Danny DeVito) is his exhausted, veteran partner who is suffering a divorce, is on the wagon and has the stillness of surrender. Bob, the novice "from Research," is played by Peter Facinelli. It becomes clear that lubricants are not Bob's real game. Bob is lubed with religion. "The Big Kahuna," despite a joke name and talk about cheese balls, is not trivial. Even at a convention hotel in Wichita, where the Kahuna might as well be the Wizard of Oz, a man can stop selling and start telling. Cast: Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito, Peter Facinelli. Running time: 1 hour and 35 minutes. Rated R. 3 1/2

"Big Momma's House" ---The high point (if you will) is the "real" Big Momma (Ella Mitchell)

## Films in Focus

letting loose on a commode, while FBI man Martin Lawrence gags behind a shower curtain. Mostly, we have Lawrence faking it as B.M. in enough prosthetic fat to sink a whaling boat, plus a non-sensical plot, pratfalls, a psy-chopath (filmed in an entirely different tone) and "rousing" scenes in a church. Nia Long is the smiling love interest, Jascha Washington her cute kid, 95 minutes. Rated PG-13; 1 1/2 stars.

"Bossa Nova" — Amy Irving is the spirited teacher of English in Rio, looking lovely despite the overawing settings. Her husband Bruno Barreto filmed this salute to her, the city, the bossa nova songs of "Tom" Jobim, the endless succulence and tourist appeal of a city full of available people. Should we really mind that the story is airblown piffle? 95 mliiutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

"Dinosaur" —The dinos move with almost 3-D intensity in this "state of the art" digitalized cartoon from Disney, though some of the backdrops are like leftovers from a '50s jungle cruise travelog. Of course, the critters talk cutely, the voice work is competent - fortunately, there are no dumb songs. Maybe too intense for the very young and nerve-rattled. Overall, pretty good tonnage. 104 minutes. Rated PG. 3 stars.

"The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas" — Fred (Mark Addy) and best buddy Barney (Stephen Baldwin) have graduated from Bronto Crane Academy and secured jobs at the Bedrock rock quarry. Enter Bronto King waitress Betty O'Shale (Jane Krakowski) and her mysterious

girlfriend Wilma Johnston), an heiress and daughter to Colonel (Harvey Korman) and Pearl Slaghoople (Joan Collins). Fred and Barney encounter The Great Gazoo (Alan Cumming), a little green man sent to observe the mating rituals of humans. After a disastrous visit to Wilma's parents, Fred and Wilma, along with Betty and Barney, take a trip to Rock Vegas. It's there that chaos ensues and the plot goes downhill. The film's shortcomings not only lie in the plot but with the actors. It's the Flintstones, meet the Flintstones but not here. Cast: Mark Addy,

Stephen Baldwin, Kristen Johnston, Jane Krakowski, Thomas Gibson, Alan Cumming, Harvey Korman, Joan Collins. Running time: 1 hour, 32 minutes. Rated PG. 2 stars.

"Frequency" - The story centers on a cop in present-day New York who makes contact with his long-dead father via ham-radio transmissions from the past. In "Frequency," the time-warp arrives courtesy of solar flares, which trigger a psychedelic display of the aurora borealis over New York, along with magnetic fields so strong they pry open a portal for dad's transmissions to beam in from 1969. It is that the son, John (Jim Caviezel) has just that day hauled his father's old radio set out and hooked it up. When the two first talk, it is on the eve of the '69 World Series. John is able to pass on Series details that have yet to happen in Frank's time. It develops that John, having saved fireman Frank from his death in a warehouse blaze, has

also somehow set a serial killer on the loose - with his mom as an eventual victim. "Frequency" probably won't rewrite the history of time-bending movies, but the movie works in enough dimensions to make it a pleasant one-way trip. Cast: Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel, Andre Braugher, Elizabeth Mitchell, Noah Emmerich. Running Time: 2 hours, 1 minute. Rated PG-13. 2

"Gladiator" — It's 180 A.D., vet with no sign of Christianity. In Rome, the debased citizenry gets its kicks at the Coliseum. Far up north in Germania, the legions slaughter inept hordes of hairy Teutons, by order of Marcus Aurelius (Richard Harris). He seeks to leave the empire to a decent farmer turned ruthless general, Maximus (Russell Crowe). Marcus' son, Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix), is worthless, preening, rather foppish. He suffocates dad, weeping with both love and hate. By then, Maximus has escaped murder in Germania and, though badly wounded, rides on one horse all the way to Spain to find that his son has been trampled by imperial cavalry, then crucified (so has the boy's mother). Next, his wound still festering, he is in what looks like North Africa, as an enslaved gladiator. "Gladiator" is a cheeseball colossus. Rome had to fall, of course, but this far? Cast: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Oliver Reed, Derek Jacobi, Richard Harris, Djimon Hounsou. Running time: 2 hours, 12 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R.

"High Fidelity" — In the face of rather nasty odds, the people behind "High Fidelity" have managed to turn Nick Hornby's witty cult novel into a witty mainstream film. John Cusack

stars as the thiryish owner of both a failing record store and a recently broken heart, and his every-guy decency and scruffy movie-star charisma help turn this vinyl-loving commitment phobe into a charming, sympa; thetic hero. Thanks to invaluable support from Jack Black and Todd Louiso (as Cusack's fellow record-store geeks) and Iben' Hjejle and Catherine Zeta-Jones (as the charismatic women in Cusack's life), and a near-fanatical loyalty to Hornby's hilarious prose, "High Fidelity" examines relationships with wiseacre delicacy. And of course, the soundtrack rocks. 120 minutes. Rated R. 3 1/2 stars.

"Love and Basketball" -Part sports drama, part romance, "Love & Basketball" does remarkable justice to both. First; time director Gina Prince-Blythewood, who also wrote the script, is a former college track star with a fine eye for filming muscles in motion. But she also weaves in a funny, tender tale of a boy and girl who start out as rivals in neighborhood pick-up games and grow up to be lovers, friends and feuding hoops stars; Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan the two leads, inhabit the roles with seeming ease, both on the court and in the courting. Once in a while, the movie stoops to Cinderella-story cliche (and it manages to place the NBA's Clippers in L.A. in 1981; the hapless team actually stayed in San Diego until 1984). But "Love & Basketball" radiates such intelligence and authenticity - and Lathan such star presence - that its fouls are easily forgiven. 118 minutes, Rated PG-13, 3 1/2

"Mission Impossible 2" — For his new mission, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) comes down from a mountain, where he has been relaxing on holiday by climbing sheer rock faces. Sean is stealing a new, plaguelike virus and its anti-virus. This first involves blowing up a planeload of people. And then luring Hunt to Australia, where the danger kitty Nyah (Thandie Newton) is used as bait for the chase. The incredibly "authentic" but unreal stunts, the bone-bashing thrills, the suspense trigger points hyped on computer screens, the big machines that seem built only to magnify death, the star moments that require no acting -- is this the entertainment we now massively crave, like stoned dolts in a multiplexed cave? Cast: Tom Cruise, Thandie Newtoh, Anthony Hopkins, Ving Rhames, Brenda Gleeson, Dougray Scott; Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes. Rated PG-13 2 stars.

Passion, maybe, but little mind? Basically this contraption about a woman living a mentally split life — one "real," one "dream," both fishy — is Demi Moore's "The Sixth Sense." Lovely settings, and so is she, but the men (Stellan Skarsgard, William Fichtner, Joss Ackland, Peter, Riegert) are like fantasy toys, and not comfy about that (Fichtner, usually a cold item, proves the most human). Alain, Berliner directed as if he thinks something profound is going on. It isn't. 1 hour, 45 minutes. Ratedi PG-13. 2 stars.

"Passion of Mind"

"Road Trip" - The low-key; Breckin Meyer stars as Josh, your basic decent guy chafing at the demands of a long-distance romance. In a moment of weakness, he succumbs to the potent! charms of Beth (Amy Smart). In a moment of stupidity, they videotape their tryst, which - in a moment of plot convenience -Josh's roommate accidentally mails to Josh's beloved Tiffany (Rachel Blanchard). A panicked Josh decides he must drive to Tiffany's college in Austin, where he will intercept the package before she returns from her grandfather's funeral. In addi-; tion to our hero, there is E.L., the Cute Slick Guy (Seann William) Scott); Rubin, the Ethnic Smart Guy (Paulo Costanzo); and Kyle; (DJ Qualls), the Pathetic Loser With the Car. "Road Trip" will be a big hit with juvenile guys and the girls who put up with them! Cast: Tom Green, Breckin Meyer, Seann William Scott, Paulo Costanzo, DJ Qualls, Amy Smart, Rachel Blanchard. Running time: I hour and 31 minutes. Rated R.

"Shanghai Noon" — A jolly good show. Jackie Chan, whose amiability is aging into some actual expressiveness, loosens up brightly in this comic western. Big thanks to co-star Owen! Wilson, as a smart-aleck robber! dude who partners Chan in the rescue of an abducted Chinese princess. Tom Dey directed with: witty snap, the lines are often funny, some corny moments shuck well, and there are even evil desperados who laugh as their own men catch fire. 2 hours. Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

"Small Time Crooks" 🕳 "The Honeymooners" minus. (Continued on page B-7)



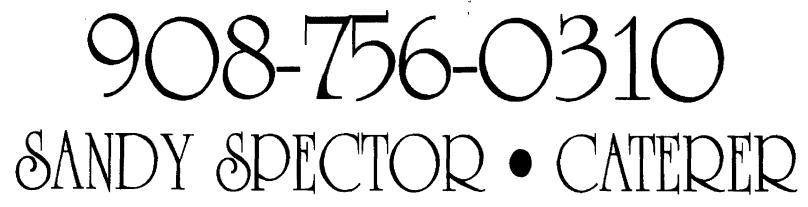
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## **Films in Focus**

(Continued from page B-6)

Norton and the fat jokes. Woody Allen is Ray, a failed thief; Tracey Ullman is Frenchy, his ever-lovin wife. They squabble about his failed heists until her cookie business takes off, and the movie becomes another tired exercise in highbrow envy: She wants to become sophisticated, he just wants to move to Florida and go to the dog track. Allen arms Ullman with limp malaprops, Elaine May with witless naivete and himself with zingless zingers. In this era of gross-out summer comedies, it's a mildly amusing refuge — but Allen fans could find it depressing, like watching an over-the-hill legend trying to play center field for the Mets. "That's Willie Mays," parents told their kids. "You should have seen him when." 95 minutes.

"The Virgin Suicides" — It's about the five Lisbon sisters, in a leafy suburb of Detroit in the '70s, who become teen suicides. Each is blonde and lovely. When the moodiest girl, Cecilia (Hanna Hall), is the first to go, director/writer Sofia Coppola builds to her exit quietly and then shows a tremendous churning of alarmed figures, spilling through the house and outside to see the girl's dead body. The film virtually names a villain: dull, middle-class suburban upbringing. Plus repressive parenting that fusses with anxiety, but is clueless. "The Virgin Suicides" has some heat of incidental style, but falls beneath its theme. It can handle its content except for the really important thing, the tragic deaths of five downy darlings. Cast: James Woods, Kirsten Dunst, Kathleen Turner, Josh Hartnett, Hanna Hall, Michael Pare. Running time: 97 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2

"Where the Money Is" — Paul Newman who, at 75, plays Henry, a bank robber faking a stroke so he can scam out of prison into a convalescent home. Linda Fiorentino plays Carol the nurse. She detects tiny clues that Henry may be faking and then "outs" him mischievously as the spry, brainy codger he is. Dermot Mulroney hunks around in his buff body as Fiorentino's husband Wayne. He is road kill once Henry takes Carol onto a dance floor. Comfy with small-town loserhood, Wayne becomes more surly and marginal, even after joining the heist scheme that Henry cooks up as an exit ticket for himself and Carol. Newman proves he can still drive a star vehicle. Still, you might wish that Martin Scorsese had taken this one over - "Where the Color of Money Is" could have been a lot better. Cast: Paul Newman, Linda Fiorentino, Dermot Mulroney, Anne Pitoniak. Running time: 1 hour, 29 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 1/2

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

Capsules compiled from movie reviews written by David Elliott, film critic for The San Diego Union-Tribune, and other staff writers. — Copley News Service

## Your horoscope guide, July 3 - July 9

Take a deep breath and remember, everything is a matter of perspec-Sometimes, everything depends on your outlook, so try to remain positive. In the end, all will work out — but you may need to help things along.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20); Your luck runneth over. You're on a hot streak now, but remember - all good things come to an end. Pick and choose your spots, and avoid overconfidence and unnecessary

confrontations.
GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): A family member may offer a shocking revelation, so be prepared. It's not necessarily bad news, but it may catch you off guard. At the same time, expect good news from an almost forgotten source.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22); A talk with an older family member confirms a longtime suspicion, but maybe not exactly the way you thought it would. Remember, circumstances often dictate behavior and time tends to rewrite fact. Keep a level head and take into account everyone's feelings, and you may understand things better than you'd expected.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Professional opportunities abound and the ladder of success beckons —

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23); As one close, personal relationship ends, the possibility for another presents itself. Don't jump into anything, but keep an open mind -happiness awaits, if you take things slowly and give them some thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): The people around you are trying to tell you something - are you listening? Maybe you should, because they have your best interests at heart. It's hard to admit mistakes, but sometimes, it's the only way to start down the road to recovery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec 21): Be wary of too-good-to-be-true opportunities — they just may be. However, that doesn't mean you should timidly avoid all risk; with enough perspective and concentration, perilous endeavors --- especially in matters of finance - may prove lucrative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): It's too late for spring fever, so that swoon in your chest must mean true romance! The stars are in your favor in matters of amore, especially with Libras and Leos. Shoot for the moon and expect the best; right now, affection abounds in you and the people around you. Enjoy!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

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HAMPTON - Plans are currently underway for the second-annual Musconetcong River Blues Festival.

The festival is scheduled to be held in Hampton Borough Park Aug. 20, and will attract blues and folk bands from across the coun-

Last year's festival was attended by over 2,500 peo-

The venue offers a large pavilion, Blues Stage, craft vendors, children's tent. youth stage, food, beverages and a river-front setting.

Ample parking and a children's playground are also available.

Scheduled to play the festival as of this week are Barbecue Bob & The Spare 'Ribs, from New Jersey; BC & The Blues Crew, from Pennsylvania; Razorbacks,

rockabilly/blues band; Iko Iko, from Florida; Sam Cockrell & The Groove, from Chicago; and headliners Greg Piccolo and Heavy Juice, once with Roomful of

The schedules master of ceremonies Wahlberg from Fort Myers,

The Youth Stage is designed to attract high school and middle school bands. Youth Stage manager Casey O'Conner schedules the bands and is the drummer for many of the young performers.

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## Tracing the history of Redwork quilts

The simpler the better when it comes to classic 'Turkey Red'

By LINDA ROSENKRANTZ

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Some textile collectors favor brightly colored patchwork quilts in dazzling patterns such as Sunburst or Star of Bethlehem, others the dramatic Sawtooth or Tree of Life designs, the illusionistic Stair Step, the illustrative album quilts, or the wildly anarchistic crazy quilts. But increasing numbers also appreciate the simpler, more nostalgic charms of American outline-embroidered Redwork quilts, also known as Turkey Red, which feature, for the most part, the familiar motifs of childhood.

Made primarily between 1885 and 1925 by women and sometimes by children what they all have in common is the fact that they were stitched on a white ground with color-fast Turkey red-cotton floss, a very resilient thread, produced by a multistage dying process, that would stand up under repeated washings.

Although this is the thread that binds them together as a group, there is a wide variety of subject matter depicted on these quilts, as is illustrated in a charming yet comprehensive slip-cased, two-volume set of books on the subject by Redwork expert Deborah Harding: "Red & White, American Quilts and Patterns" (Rizzoli International Publications)

history of pattern sources and transfer methods in great these stitched subjects. detail, and it includes an analy

sis of 20 antique specimens, while Volume Two is a practical pattern book, offering approximately 100 actual-size patterns, complete with how-toinstructions and information on various embroidery stitches, quilting, finishing and joining blocks together.

Home stitchers (and most women of this period did needlework of some kind) could obtain their patterns from a variety of sources. Magazines such as Harper's Bazar, The Ladies' Home Journal and Practical Housekeeper, The Modern Priscilla, Peterson's, and Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine offered designs on both their editorial pages and in their ads - a number of which are reproduced in the first volume of the Harding

In fact, many magazines offered patterns and stamping outfits as premiums to attract new aubscribers.

Pattern companies, thread manufacturers and other suppliers of needlework products also advertised a variety of stamping designs for embroi-

Also offered were perforated patterns printed on thick, stiff, parchmentlike paper, which could be used over and over again. Yet another method of applying designs to fabric was via the use of hot-iron transfer. patterns.

Once the design was set, the quilts were stitched, for the most part, in basic outline or backstitches, with the occasional feather stitch, but they were by no means exercises in fancy needlework.

Beloved characters from the The first volume covers the literature of childhood were among the most popular of

Greenaway-style girls and boys were particular favorites, seen performing a number of activities, such as interacting with hoops, balloons and pets or sitting on fences and trees. Similar in feel were the Sunbonnet Babies, whose large hats obscured their faces and who were often presented in such series as "Days of the Week," "Sunbonnets at Work" and "Sunbonnets at Play," also performing various activities.

Beatrix Potter was another popular illustrator whose characters, especially those from the Peter Rabbit books, were applied to cloth, despite the fact that her drawings were better protected by copyright law than those of Kate Greenaway and others. Also found were the more generic nursery-rhyme and Mother Goose characters, such as Mary and her little lamb, nimble Jack, Old King Cole, Old Mother Hubbard, Little Red Riding Hood, Puss in Boots, the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Little Miss Muffet, Jack and Jill, contrary Mary and Mother Goose herself.

But despite the subtitle of Deborah Harding's book, American Redwork was not confined to quilts. These cheerful, linear designs also could be found on such items as aprons, tea towels, doilies, tray cloths, splashers, bed covers, pillow shams, tablecloths and napkins, and antimacassars.

Landa Rosenkrantz edited Auction magazine authored nine books, including The quaintly dressed Kate "My Life as a List.



Return of the king

The Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee has announced that its Village Green Summer Series will begin Juy 6 with Jim barone's "Tribute to Elvis." The performance is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. and run for 90 minutes. It features Barone, who has performed across the United States and "captures the essence of Elvis Presley," according to an Arts Committee press release. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Scotch Plains Recreation Office at (908) 322-6700.



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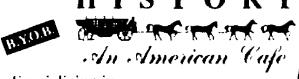
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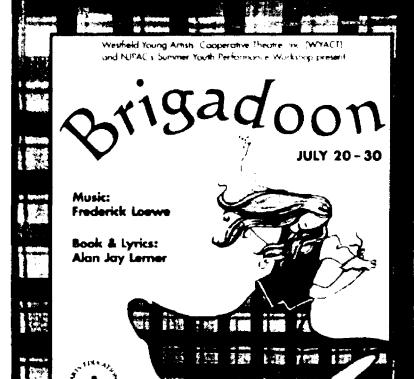
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## **Sports**

## Summer season heating up for Blue Devils

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

School may be out, but there will be little time for vacation for the Westfield High boys basketball team as the Blue Devils continue their summer season this week in the Cranford Summer League.

Westfield defeated Governor Livingston Monday, and faced Johnson Wednesday in the 12team league. The summer league comes on the heels of a successful showing at the Kean University team camp, where the Blue Devils went 5-5 against the likes

of Cranford, Linden, Plainfield, Scotch Plains, J.P. Stevens, Bound Brook and Hillside.

"We did all right," said Head Coach Kevin Everly. "We played pretty good. We beat everybody we should have beaten. I'm happy with the way we played."

The Cranford Summer League extends into early August and the Blue Devils are expecting to do well. The top teams in the league should be Cranford, Hillside, and Union.

Against Governor Livingston, Westfield got off to a slow start, but used a spurt in the third and fourth quarters to win by 15

"We played fairly well," said junior-to-be Dan DeSerio. "We started off slow but we put it together in the third and fourth and put them away.

"We're starting to come together," he added. "We've beaten the teams we're supposed to beat, but haven't beaten anybody above us. We're starting to play better we should be able to do all right.'

The rest of the league features mostly smaller schools and Westfield should be able to compete with all those teams and notch quite a few victories against the likes of Johnson,

Brearley, Ridge, Carteret and things going on in the summer Chatham assuming Everly has his full complement of players. American Legion baseball could deprive the Blue Devils of the services of starters Jay Cook and Jim McKeon.

"Looking at the other teams I think we have a chance to go deep into the playoffs, if not the championship game," said DeSerio. "If we show up and play well we should be able to beat anybody in the league."

\*For the most part everybody has been there," said Everly. "These kids like to play which is a real positive. There are a lot of and people are going to miss

"What I'm looking to do is develop some confidence in the summer and hopefully it can carry over into the season," said Everly, "I want to be above .500. We just need to know we can win. Deep down they know they can beat these teams.

"It's a good enough team that they should do pretty well," continued Everly. "We're gonna try to win some games and gain some confidence.

The summer schedule has evolved into a vital time for development of teams for the winter season. Many schools and coaches institute intensive workout programs and practice schedules. Everly will have the gym open for an hour a day through July for the team to come in and work on individual skills as well as hit the weight room to better prepare for the physical play in the Watchung Conference.

"Personally, I take it as a time to work on specific things the coach and I think I need to work on," said DeSerio. "As a team we try to work on specific things to become better in the offense for the regular season.

## Westfield swipes two from Roselle

American Legion baseball team upped its record to 9-2 by winning three of four games last week while continuing to pound the ball and receive clutch hitting and pitching.

After losing to Clark June 20, Westfield won three straight including sweeping a doubleheader from Roselle Sunday before being rained out Monday.

Westfield 10, Roselle 7-In the first game of Sunday's doubleheader Westfield trailed 6-5 in the bottom of the sixth inning but consecutive doubles from Ben Koket, Brett Picaro and Mike Duelks to lead off the inning sparked a comeback. Jay Cook and Jim McKeon each had runscoring fielder's choice grounders and Josh Ludmer had an RBI single to put Westfield ahead for

Brian Flynn and Blair Richardson each had three hits and an RBI for Westfield and Mark Kolvites picked up the win in relief of Nick Geisler.

Westfield 19, Roselle 9-In the nightcap of the twinbill a three-run 400-foot home run by

The Westfield Post 3 Senior Flynn sparked a 17-hit barrage by the Post 3 team.

Flynn finished the day with five RBI, Jay Cook had four RBI on two doubles and a single, and Duelks had two RBI and four runs scored. Jim McKeon had two RBI and Mike Sofka had three hits and three runs scored. Cook got the win for Westfield.

Westfield pounded out 30 hits in the doubleheader while outscoring Roselle, which had lost only once and featured several local high school graduates, by a 29-16 margin.

Westfield 10, Springfield 7-Jim McKeon pitched five and two-thirds innings for the win while Brett Picaro earned a save for his 1 1/3 inning on the hill in relief. Ben Koket and Picaro each had two hits good for two RBI each, while Jay Cook and Brian Flynn each had three hits, good for an RBI each.

Westfield lost to Clark 10-7 on June 20 and hosted Kenilworth Wednesday. Westfield traveled to Rahway yesterday and will meet arch-rival Scotch Plains 5:45 p.m. today at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD PRESS

Westfield's Biair Richardson stides safety into home in the Senior American Legion teams victory over Springfield Saturday. Westfield visits

## Devils, Raiders provided some memorable moments

From the first snap of the ball in the fall to the last ping of the bat in the spring the sports seasons at Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High were filled with excitement, drama and record-setting performances. Day in and day out the athletes gave everything they had, exhausting both their body and their minds to create some very memorable moments. Here is a list of the top 10 moments and accomplishments from the 1999-2000 seasons, but keep in mind like all lists - and most varsity teams

- cuts had to be made. 10. Jackson's three beats

Cranford—After being blown out by Cranford a week earlier, the Raiders responded on their home floor and won the most exciting game of the year when Mike Jackson drained a threepointer with three seconds left on the clock to give Scotch Plains a 61-58 victory.

9. Scotch Plains wrestling wins conference—The Raiders used a perfect conference dual meet record to win their first Watchung Conference title since the 1983-'84 season. Scotch Plains also finished fourth in the county and second in the District 12 championships.

8. Scotch Plains baseball win streak-After a 2-2 start the Raiders reeled off 11 straight

Rahway Sunday and improve to 2-0 on the season.

victories which included wins over Elizabeth, county champ Cranford, Union and Westfield in the first round of the Union ounty Tournament.

7. Scotch Plains football beats Union-After losing to Rahway in the state semifinals, Scotch Plains bounced back to defeat Union for the first time in Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli's coaching career on Thanksgiving Day 27-13.

6. Three Raiders to Rutgers-Scotch Plains will be well represented on the Rutgers University football team this fall when Nathan Jones, Ron Jenerette and Robert Dinsmore all suit up for the Scarlet Knights.

5. Westfield girls track-The Blue Devils distance runners were dominate the entire season. They captured the county cross country championship in the fall and used its depth in the distance events to win the county indoor championship. Maura McMahon and Alexis Anzelone led the team, followed by Rachel Ackerman, Heather Dennis. Jackie Cusimano, Adrianne

Blauvelt and Kyle Legonis. 4. Westfield gymnastics-ln Head Coach Ellen Kovac's final season the Blue Devils finished second in the state championship, after going undefeated in the regular season, capturing their second consecutive North Jersey Section 2 crown and sixth Caravello won the uneven bars for the second straight year and finished second in the overall competition.

3. Nathan Jones runs into record books—The Scotch Plains senior set all kinds of rushing records this season running for 2,424 yards and scoring 36 touchdowns as the Raiders went 9-2 and reached the state semifinals.

2. Scotch Plains track-The Raiders dominated the spring track season in Union County again. The boys team won the conference, county relays and tied for first place in the Union County Championships to go along with another North Jersey

The girls team rode the shoulders of its two seniors, Kate Feighner and Christina Hillman to win the conference championship, the county relay championship and finish third in the county individual championship. The Raider captured first place in the sectional championship.

1. Westfield boys swimming-After seeing there dominance over Union County snapped for the first time in 42 years last winter, the Blue Devils responded by dominating the entire state this year, capturing the county crown and the Public A state champion of p behind a mix of senior veterans and young

## Raiders name hoops coach

By DANIEL MURPHY RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS-Dan Dougherty was named as the new head coach of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball team at the Board of Education meeting June 20.

Dougherty coached the Union Catholic varsity basketball team this past season and takes over for the departed Willie Leonardi, who stepped down after 17 years at the

helm. Dougherty is currently interviewing for teaching positions within the school system, but does not have a position as of yet, according to Athletic

Director Erik Rosenmeir. Rosenmeir said he chose Dougherty because of not only what he will bring to the basketball program, but to the athletic department as a

whole. "I liked him because he had coaching experience, but I was also looking for somebody who would be loyal to the athletic department, promote three sport athletes and do all those things." said Rosenmeir.

Dougherty could not be reached for comment.



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS

Lucas Francavilla struck out six over six innings to lead the Scotch Plains Senior American Legion team past

## Francavilla pitches SP-F past Rahway

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Senior American Legion basehall team continued to roll along last week, notching another two victories and a tie to improve to 8-3-1 on the sea-

Scotch Plains tied Roselle Monday when the game was halted because of darkness after seven innings with the score knotted at 1-1.

The game had been delayed 20 minutes because of rain.

Brian Maroney pitched all seven innings for Scotch Plains, allowing just one hit to improve his record to 2-1-1.

Steve Williams singled in the first inning and scored on a hit by Andrew Pavoni to give Scotch Plains an early 1-0

Brian Raszka had two hits

for the Post 209 team. Scotch Plains got its easiest victory of the season Tuesday when Clark forfeited because

They took on Springfield Wednesday, will host Rahway 10:30 a.m. tomorrow and will travel to Berkeley Heights Sunday morning.

Scotch Plains defeated Rahway 8-1 Sunday behind the pitching of Lucas Francavilla, who improved to 2-0 on the season while striking out six and walking two in six innings of work. Raszka pitched the seventh inning in relief

Robbie Mattar led the Scotch Plains hitting barrage with a home run and four runs batted in, Brad Belford added three hits and scored three runs and Pavoni had three hits, including a triple, and three runs scored.

Head Coach Ed Belford said he's extremely pleased with how his team has played as it approaches the all-star break next Saturday.

"Absolutely," he said. "We already have more wins than we had all of last season. This is truly a good group of baseit was unable to field a full ball players. They play very well together."

## St. Louis slides into first place

St. Louis 10, St. James 3-St. Louis ambushed the James gang and scored seven runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to complete the heist. John Reynolds, Mike Camfield, Norm Hansen and Steve Magnotta each had two hits for St. Louis.

For St. James, Frank Pepe had three hits and Bob Lobrace and Wayne Morse each had two

St. Blaise 6, St. Joseph 5-St. Blaise scored five runs in the fourth inning to claim the victory. Glen Walz had two hits and two runs batted in, and Joe Cocuzza, Tom Kucin, Joe Murano and bob Stratton all had two hits.

For St. Joseph, Mary Scherb, Gordon, John Vanderheyden, Lesniewski, Bill Hicks, Brian Chency and Kevin Woodring had two hits apiece for St. Joseph.

St. Patrick 12, St. Thomas 8—For St. Patrick Dave Hagen had three hits including a home run and two RBL Dave Hawke, Pat Lucungo and Tony Baratucci all had three hits.

For St. Thomas, Tom McGall and Joe Matuska each had three hits while Art Hobbi and Mike Rivera had two hits each.

St. Anne 12, St. Blaise 11-Marc Reisberg, Tony Williams, Keith Gibbons (4 RBD, Jim Scca and Joe McEvoy all had two hits each for St. Anne.

The St. Blaise attack was led by Glen Walz with four hits, Tom Kucin and Joe Cocuzza with three hits each, and Bob Stratton, Karl Grossman, Steve Pietrucha (one home run), Charlie Laskowski and Lou-DiCristofaro with two hits

St. Michael 12, St. Joseph 11-In this bumbling, stumbling affair St. Joseph was just one run worse than St. Michael. Pete DiCristofaro, Steve Rerro, Tom Straniero, Kelly Larson and Jim Cassidy led St. Michael with two hits each.

St. Joseph was sparked by Kevin Woodring and Marv Scherb with three hits each, and Lou Balestriere and John Gordon both had two hits.

St. Jude 14, St. Thomas 5-Hitters for St. Jude were Bob Elmi (four hits), Tom-Swales with three hits, and with two hits apiece were Dave Rothenberg, Malcom Boone, Tony Perfilio and Matt Fugett.

Gerry Riepe, Mark DiFrancesco, Mike Rivera and Derrek Von Langen had two hits for St. Thomas.

St. Patrick 20, St. Paul 11-For St. Patrick, Dave Hagen had four hits, including a home run and eight RBI, Mike Samulian, Lee DiDonato and Ron DelPrete each had three hits. Ed Belford ripped a home run over the fence and for one of his two hits.

For St. Paul, Paul Raphael had two home runs and six RBI and Bob Veeck and had two hits. Paul Nadolny had a sole home run.

Standings through June 23

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St. Louis	- 5	1
St James	4	3
St Michael	4	3
St Blaise	2	4
St Joseph	2	6
Saints Division		
St. Anne	5	1
St. Patrick	6	2
St Thomas	4	4
St. Jude	2	5
St. Paul	1	6

June 23rd results

Nilsen Detective Agency 18, Bottoms Up 10-Nilsen was led by Ron Ivory, Lenny Yenish, Al Theresa, Lou Kruk and Phil Spinelli with three hits each.

Comcast Cablevision 19, Rehabco 3—Comcast streaked to their 12th straight victory as it banged out 24 hits. Ron Virgilio was 4-for-4, frank D'Amato had three hits and four runs batted in, Art Kpacz had three hits and two RBI, and Bill Reichle had three Lits and two RBI for Comcast.

Antones Pub and Grill, 3, Crest Refrigeration 15— Antones wins their 10th straight behind Gary Weise's 4-for4 perfromance and Joe Tarulli's two triples. Bob Matten had two home runs, John Lyp had a home run and **Ri**ch Hver had three hits including a home run of his own.

Union Center National Bank 18, Marion Jacobson Roofing UCNB belted out 28 hits, led by Lat Catino's 4-for-5 day, David Lecter

### UNION COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL

was 4-for-4, Jim D'Arcy, Rich Fromkin, Bob Renaud, Alan Schachman, and Dennis Baker all had three hits. Joe Mitarotonda and Jim Trembulak had two hits

L.A. Law 6, Mangels Realtors 4—The Law handed Mangel's its first loss of the season on the hitting of Jerry Massone, Bob Grant and Ron Cerina who all had multi-

For Mangels, Dave Dempsey and Tony Yarussi had two hits each and Mick McNicholas belted a

Antones Pub and Grill 8. Comcast Cablevision 5-In the completion of a game postponed after 8 innings, Antones handed Comeast their first loss of the season, scoring three runs in the top of the ninth with Jerry Faruolo delivering a clutch single to drive in two.

For Comcast Ron Virgilio had three hits, Frank D'Amato, Frd DiMartino and Dom Deo had two

Antones Pub and Grill 6, Comcast Cablevision 5-In the regualry scheduled game, Antones took possession of first place for the first time this summer, extending their unbeaten record to 12-0 with three runs in the bottom of the last

For Comcast, Frank D'Amato had three hits, and Charles Lehman, Tom Lombardi, Pat Serullo and Brian Williams had two hits each.

Nilsen Detective Agency 19, The Office 7—Nilsen was led by Bob DeBellis' four hits Lenny Yenish, Bruce Bilotti, Phil Spinelli and Butch Ernst with three hits each, an dRon Ivory with three hits and a home run.

For the Office, Tom McNulty and Art Wesley went 3-for-3 and Chip Weiss had two hits and a two run home run while John Weiss added

Il Giardino 17, Haven Savings Bank 15-Fred Zitomer, Ralph Eisenberger, Carlo Melia

and John Anderson led Giardino's

with three hits apiece. Mangel's Realtors Pioneer Transport 9-Jerry Halfpenny, Mick McNicholas, Henry Barnes and John Wheatley led Mangel's with two hits each. Mangel's scored five times in the last inning with a key hit from

Russ Loveland for the win. Crest Bottoms Up 23, Refrigeration 3 Pioneer Transport 15, Il Giardino Restaurant 0

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## Speedy leads Pilots to .500 mark

**Pilots** 

Baseball

By ALLAN CONOVER

RECORD PRESS

NORTH PLAINFIELD ---With a little sharper starting pitching, the Jersey Pilots probably wouldn't be quite so satisfied with a .500 record at this point in the Atlantic Collegiate Basebill League season.

'We're a little disappointed with the front-line pitching," said Pilots General Manager Bon Smookler, whose squad entered the week with a 6-6 record. "I just expected us to be stronger in that area but we've struggled."

But the Pilots got enough especially from Todd offense while taking three of four weekend games at Krausche Field and also benefited from the strong relief pitching of Justin Kiser, who earned saves in all the victories and probably should'vehad another in the team's lone

who plays at Rutgers, went 8 for 14 and drove in six runs.

The Pilots swept a Sunday doubleheader

Delaware Valley Gulls 9-8 and 6-5 and split a twinbill with the Nassau Collegians the previous day, taking the opener 7-4 before falling in the nightcap 6-5.

Jersey, which was scheduled to face Delaware Valley Tuesday and Metro New York last night, began this week tied with the Gulls for second place in the Wolff Division, not far behind the Scranton Red Soxx (10-7).

I wanted to take three of four over the weekend to get to .500," said Smookler, "but I thought we'd do it by winning the Saturday doubleheader and

maybe splitting Sunday, But we Pilots came out and beat the Gulls twice and that's big they're in our division.

because

"Our hitting has surprised the coaches and myself a bit," he added. "That's kept us in the game and we've been tough when we get the lead and can bring in Kiser to close it out. He's been outstanding."

Jack Tracy drove in three runs with a pair of singles in Sunday's first game and Tim Lemke had two hits for two RBL

The Pilots, aided by two basesfilled walks and RBI hits by Tracy and Lemke, scored four times in the sixth inning to take a 9-7 lead.

Kiser relieved starter Ryan Molchan in the seventh (final

inning) and allowed a run but. with men at first and second, got the last out on a fly ball to leftfielder Tracy.

The second contest was tied 2all until the Pilots took the lead for good in the second as Brian Ellerson (3 for 4) drilled a tworun double to center with the bases filled and Alberto Vasquez added an RBI single.

Vasquez's RBI infield grounder gave Jersey a 6-2 lead in the fourth but the Gulls crept to within one and had runners at first and second in the final inning when Kiser relieved Todd Simo and got a strikeout and groundout to end the game as he posted his fourth save of the season.

Brad Gilliatt pitched the first five innings, allowing three runs, and earned the victory before Arnaldo Mateo relieved him and Simo came in for the seventh

#### SPORTS CAMPS

Westfield Recreation Commission has established its 2000 Sports Camp schedule of activities, Basketball camps will run the weeks of July 10 and 17th under the direction of Kevin Everly. Soccer will be the weeks of July 10th and 17th under Chuck Ropars; baseball, under David Duelks, will be the weeks of July 17th and July 24th, wrestling will be the weeks of July 24th and 31st under Glen Kurz. Matt Elmuccio will hold a running camp the week of July

hold tennis camps the weeks of July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

Sports Camps are open to Westfield residents between the ages of eight and seventeen. Registration is underway either in person at the Municipal Building or via the mail. For further information please contact the Recreation Commission at (908) 789-4080.

RAIDER SOCCER CAMP The annual Raider Soccer

Camp is open to boys and girls in grades K-11. Two sessions will be held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood 24th, and Lance Wildstein will. High the weeks of July 10-14 and

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The camp will feature ability grouping, team training, a separate Lady Raiders program, along with goalkeeper training for the beginner to the advanced. player. Both half day and full-day sessions are available.

For more information call Tom Breznitsky at (908) 322-6102. BASEBALL CAMP

varsity coach Bob Brewster as director, is accepting applications for the last of two weekly sessions July 10-14.

For the first time this summer there will be a special session for boys and girls entering 1st-3rd grades, July 5-7. The camp is one of the few in

the area to feature a batting cage, allowing hitting instruction and practice to go on throughout the day.

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The expected guest list for this summer includes John Calipari. head coach of the University of Memphis, Jim Boheim from Syracuse, Tommy Amaker and Freddie Hill from Seton Hall, Kevin Bannon and Danny Hurley from Rutgers, Steve Lappas and Joe Jones from Villanova, and Tim O'Toole and Jerry Hobbie from Fairfield.

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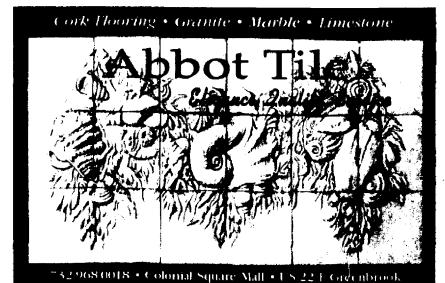
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Various tests are available to investigate why a couple is have difficulty conceiving. A semen analysis is usually ordered first. Alone, it rules out 40 percent of causes of infertility. A slight rise in temperature occurs after ovulation. So by taking her temperature orally each morning, a woman can detect abnormal or lack of ovulation. This is usually associated with irregular periods. Ovulation detection kits and hormone testing will then confirm the problem. Cervical mucus testing, particularly around ovulation, can evaluate the sperm-mucus interaction. Sperm antibody testing will detect the presence of antibodies in sperm and serum. A dye test called a hysterosalpingogram (HSG) will show whether the uterine cavity and tubes are adequate.

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small telescope and helps determine the presence of small tumors (fibroids), scars or any abnormality of the uterus. This can be done in the office and does not require anesthesia.

performed Laparoscopy, under general anesthesia, allows the physician to visualize directly the internal anatomy with the use of a small telescope.

Sometimes the problem lies with implantation of the embryo. A biopsy of the uterine lining can evaluate whether the lining is developing properly ("in-phase"). An ultrasound can determine how thick the lining of the uterus is, how well the uterus is responding to hormone production and the size of the follicles (pocket where the eggs reside).

Some clinical tests may be used to assess the fertility potential after a certain age. An elevated FSH and estrogen level on day three of the menstrual cycle could indicate a poor fertility potential. The ovaries release estrogen into the circulation. When eggs are

egg may have a problem (could of the uterine cavity with a scarce, as in the case of menopause, the estrogen level is low and the brain (pituitary gland) will release FSH in an attempt to stimulate the ovaries to work harder. FSH stands for follicular stimulating hormone. A challenge test with the drug clompiphene will evaluate this situation in more detail.

> Many infertility treatments are available. An insemination will bypass the cervix and help in cases of abnormal mucus or decreased sperm Ovulation induction with "fertility drugs" will help in cases of ovulatory problems. In cases when the tubes have minimal scarred tissue, surgical reconstruction through the laparoscope can be attempted.

In severe cases, however, in vitro fertilization (IVF) becomes the only option. IVF provides hope for those who do not usually respond to other therapies like those with severe male factor, blocked tubes, advanced maternal age, or "unexplained" infertility. A new revolutionary technique called ICSI involves the injection a single sperm into a single egg. It has allowed couples with very low sperm count to conceive successfully.

Many things should be attempted first prior to consulting a physician. A healthy lifestyle is important for ideal reproductive potential. One should avoid the use of lubriduring intercourse, saunas, hot tubs and steam rooms as they could have a toxic effect on the sperm.

A number of medications can also affect sperm counts and ovulation. Intercourse should be timed around ovulation with the use of temperature charts or ovulation detection kits, but there is generally no need to adhere to a strict schedule.

A thorough understanding of infertility is needed to successfully treat and diagnose this condition. Infertility therapy is not inexpensive. Excessive and redundant testing and surgeries will rapidly skyrocket the cost of treatment.

By the time a couple presents for the right treatment option, they may not be able to afford it anymore. Over the last 20 years, Dr. Alexander Dlugi has developed a practice pattern that provides cost-effective treatment of infertility without compromising quality of care. It relies on a high sense of ethics, sensitivity towards a patient's emotional and financial situation and state-of-the-art technology. Unnecessary testing should therefore be avoided when the information obtained from these tests does not effect the bottom line- getting pregnant.

Dr. Dlugi, who was previously director of the infertility program at Morristown Memorial Hospital for four years, has achieved truly outstanding pregnancy rates. He recently relocated his office to the Bedminster Medical Plaza at The Hills. He is joined by Dr. Walid A. Saleh who shares a similar approach and expertise.

The Center for Reproductive Endocrinology (CRE) is a full service IVF center that takes this philosophy to the next level. Besides providing the latest reproductive technology under the supervision of an onsite Ph.D., DRE also offers inhouse financial counseling.

If you have any questions regarding infertility, you can reach CRE at (908) 781-0666 or on the web at www.ivfcent-

The practice is located in Bedminster Medical Plaza in the Hills development.

## Former reserve sergeant eyes 'urban ministry' for county

CRANFORD - A former U.S. Army Reserve sergeant is attending a "boot camp" to set up an "urban ministry" in Union County.

Andrea Conrad is spending a week of her vacation at the Brooklyn Urban Ministries Boot Camp in New York City. The seven-day regimen provides those who "report for duty" with the workings in forming a city ministry that is streetwise and street-tough.

Practical experience is provided via a street ministry, "Sidewalk Sunday School" and weekly visitation.

The Boot Camp is sponsored by Brooklyn-based Metro Ministries International and was founded by Bill Wilson, whose "Saturday Sunday School" in Brooklyn reaches more than 6,000 kids.

Conrad is attending the Brooklyn program through her work with the Grace and Peace Fellowship Church, of which she is a youth leader.

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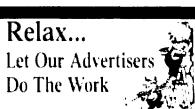
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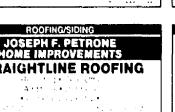
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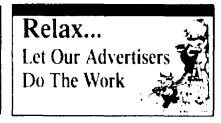
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## Park Middle School hosts annual awards assembly | Briefs

SCOTCH PLAINS - Park Middle School honored its leading students June 19 during its annual awards assembly. Awards were presented to grade 8 students except where indicated:

All A's, All Subjects — Jessica Cavanagh and Nancy Twu.

All A's, Final Grade — Robert Fusco, Lauren Haertlein, Andre Melendez, Ted Sensor and Camille Vecchione.

All A's in Core Subjects -Andre Baruch, Timothy Karis, Jenna Marionni, Victoria Shelus, Caitlin Shevlin and Richard Zebleckas.

Mingle Award — Jonathan Wong.

Ginny Mennuti Award — Andrea Meyer. Dan O'Hara Award — Zachary

McGuire. VFW Writing Contest - Nicole

D'Auria and Dan Sandiford. George Jackson Award -

Andre Baruch, Robert Kuchinski, Jenna Marionni and Nancy Twu. Continental Math League -Andre Baruch, Jessica Cavanagh, Joseph Matrale, Zachary McGuire, Chris Russo, Ted Sensor, Nancy Twu and Kathryn Zinman. PTA Handbook - Elizabeth Katz (grade 6).

President's Award Academic Excellence — Meral Akyuz, Nick Appezzato, Kyle Baker, Nina Baker, Kathryn Bantz, Andre Baruch, Kerolos Bernaba, Devon Bonstein, Ryan Breznitsky, Judy Brown, Jessica Cavanagh, David Clark, Lauren Conway, Nicole D'Auria, Stephanie Faber, Kathleen Feeley, Derek Francavilla, Brittany Hessemer, Timothy Karis, Jamie Kave, Jessica Kim, Robert Kuchinski, Illya Laksin, Celine Lavigne, Mariela Lemus, Eric Long, Christa Marvelli, Joseph Matrale, Zachary McGuire, Lauren McVey, Andre Melendez. Daniel Metzger, Chelsea Mintz, Scott Pober, Matt Powers, Christina Rosa, Ted Sensor, Victoria Shelus, Caitlin Shevlin, Patrice Taylor, Nancy Twu, Camille Vecchione, Courtney Veeck and Eric Wildstein.

Perfect Attendance - Judy Cavanagh, Jessica Nicholas Ellis, Roseann Ghabour, Aavon Maitra, Zakia Marshall, Christa Marvelli, Abraham Nam, Hyojin Park, Chris Russo, Brittany Thompson, Camille Vecchione, Courtney Veeck, Eric Wildstein and Jonathan Wong.

American Math Composition Devon Bonstein, Jessica DiFiore, Cavanagh, Alyson Anthony Dziedzic, Robert Fusco, Brittany Hessemer, Karen Lucey, Pete Maricic, Zachary McGuire, Jack Meade, Andre Melendez, Daniel Metzger, Ted Sensor, Victoria Shelus, Michael Sodomora, Nancy Twu and Michael Richard Zebleckas.

Applied Academics ---Marina Chaves, Tracy Doyle and Erika Viglianti.

English - Meral Akvuz, Kyle Baker, Nin Baker, Kathryn Bantz, Andre Baruch, Judy Brown, Jessica Cavanagh (all A's), Nicole D'Auria, Alyson DiFiore, Kathleen **Fe**eley, Lauren Fox, Robert Fusco, Lauren Haertlein (all A's), David Harris, Brittany Hessemer, Timothy Karis, Jessica Kim, Robert Kuchinski, Illya Laksin, Celine Lavigne, Mariela Lemus, Aavon Maitra, Laura Manziano (all A's), Jenna Marionni, Zachary McGuire (all A's), Andre Metzger, Melendez. Daniel Andrea Meyer, Jessie Montllor (all A's), Hyojin Park, Sheila Passarelli, Scott Pober (all A's), Jackie Protopapas, Courtney Reddington, Ted Sensor (all A's), Victoria Shelus, Caitlin Shevlin, Courtney Stewart, Nancy Twu, Camille Vecchione (all A's), Willis, Richard Shanayia

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Newspaper Lauren Haertlein, Neil Hingorani, Andrea Meyer, Chris Russo and Nancy Twu.

Multicultural Charmaine Hamilton, Calvarina Okarter and Brittany Thompson.

Union Y hosts summer swimming classes

UNION - The YM-YWHA of Union will offer special summer classes beginning the week of July 9.

This six-week session at the YM-YWHA on Green Lane is open to members and non-members.

Sunday swimming classes begin at 9 a.m. In addition, the Sharks swimming team will begin some "get in shape" clinics under the direction of Gene Tavera.

Adult classes include yoga, Monday night; Tae-Bo, Tuesday and Thursday night; karate, Sunday morning and Wednesday night; and swimming, Tuesday night.

Youth classes include girls ballet, Wednesday evening; a sports clinic for boys and girls 6-10, Sunday morning; "Tadpoles and Frogs" (swimming, Monday afternoon); "Dolphins and Sharks" (swimming, Wednesday night) and "I'm Not Afraid of the Water" (swimming, Thursday night).

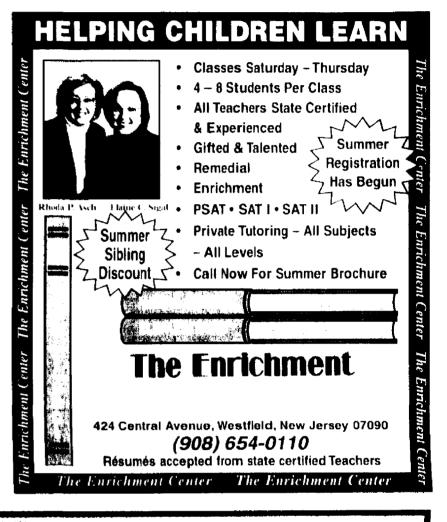
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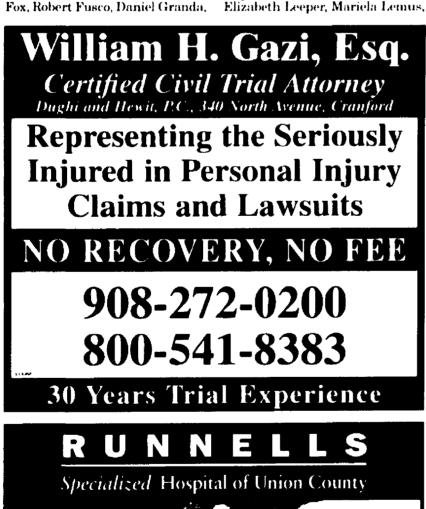
La Leche League offers toddler tips

WESTFIELD - Parents are welcome to two programs on "Parenting Your Toddler" sponsored by the La Leche League of Westfield.

Programs will begin 10:15 a.m. Thursday and Aug. 3 at the Cranford United Methodist Church, located at 201 Lincoln Ave.

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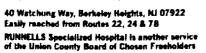
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## Automotive/Classified

## How to buy a good used car for the June graduate

By MARK MAYNARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Each spring, I get to chat with some anxious parents the ones who have been shopping for cars with their soonto-be high school graduates.

Often, it's the same story. Mom and Dad are thinking Volvo sedan. Son wants a Grand Cherokee with 36-inchtall tires. Daughter wants a Mercedes.

In some cases, however uncommon, shopping for a used car can be a rite of passage: A parent sits down with the offspring to discuss the possibilities and begins highlighting contenders in the classified

That works best, though, if the parents have been talking to each other to ensure an appropriate choice - and to prevent Dad-the-enthusiast from coming home with something he's always wanted.

There is an abundance of reliable late-model used cars on the market, thanks to newcar sales of 16.6 million units

New-car dealers sold 19.3 million used cars last year, and the average retail selling price of a used vehicle rose slightly to \$12,500, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Because most new cars have a four-year lifecycle for body styles - 10 years for trucks shoppers can pick up a 3-yearold car that still looks like the current model.

However, there are greater bargains to be had when the all-new redesigned model debuts and leaves the "old" body style - with its older technology and safety features behind, along with diminished resale value.



Shopping for a new graduate's car can be an adventure.

110,000 miles, so even the newer used cars benefit from current technology.

When closing in on a used vehicle, shoppers should have someone inspect the intended purchase - a trusted mechanic friend or a mobile mechanic, which usually costs about

It might be a good idea to take the vehicle to a mechanic for a thorough review.

Information about used cars Cars today are built to be can be gleaned from the classirelatively service-free for fied ads in newspapers, ad

shoppers and Web sites. Buying a used car also requires some homework - sorry about that, grads - on finance and insurance.

And, remember, just getting there can be half the fun.

Don't let emotion get in the way of test driving a used vehi-

Use the test drive as an objective evaluation.

A 5-minute drive isn't long enough when you are considering a purchase of \$12,500 or

Take notes, ask questions of the sales rep or owner and follow up with a VIN check from www.Carfax.com and some online research through such sites as www.intellichoice.com Kelley Blue Book, www.kbb.com.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid an accident and buyer's remorse: - View the vehicle in the

· Be sure that there is a gas cap, owner's manual, service records and clear title to the,

- Before you begin the test drive, buckle your seat belt and adjust rear- and side-view mir-

rors. Make sure you are familiar with the basic vehicle controls such as turn signals, wipers and headlights.

- Your behind-the-wheel perceptions should be one of the key components in your final purchase decision.

- Drive the vehicles on different types of roads because different vehicle attributes come to light in highway, rural and urban driving conditions.

- The test drive should last long enough for you to get an accurate feel for acceleration, braking, steering and overall stability.

- Listen to the radio for sound quality, but turn it off during the test drive so you can listen to engine, brake, suspension, wind and road

- Check wipers, headlights, horn and power features such as windows, mirrors, seat adjusters or locks.

Buying a certified used car that is "near-new" can be your

If you've purchased one with the certification and warranty and you buy from a dealer that sells that brand, you'll have a good place to go back to if something goes wrong.

In addition, you frequently will have access to the manufacturer if you have a dispute.

Many dealers promote their own certified used-car program that is similar to the manufacturer's.

These megastores have partnerships with the outlets for rental fleets and vehicles that are being returned at the end of a lease.

A buyer will benefit from an established purchasing format, good inspection and certifica-

tion, a solid warranty, financing help and a pleasant facility.

Most of the time, there is no negotiation, but the prices usually drop if a car doesn't sell promptly.

They pattern their process after lessons learned from Saturn.

Used-car dealers are one of the most abused groups in society, and unfortunately some owners and salespeople have earned their reputations.

In most states, used-car dealers must clearly state whether a vehicle is as-is or has some form of warranty.

These dealers also must ethically advertise and comply to truth-in-lending laws.

And the dealers must be bonded before a license to sell can be granted.

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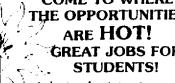
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## **Gertrud Schundler** Mayor's mother

Droop Schundler, 77, a churchwoman and the mother of Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, died June 20 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She had been a member of the Fifth Wheel and the Sewing Circle at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue. Mrs. Schundler also was a member of the Deutscher Club in Clark.

A native of Lingen, Germany, Mrs. Schundler settled in Madison when she came to the United States at 17. She lived in Chatham, Colonia, Westfield and Bedminster before moving to Basking Ridge.

Her husband of 54 years, Hans Otto Schundler, died in 1996. Another son, Mark E., and an adopted daughter, Johanna, also are deceased.

In addition to Mayor Schundler, surviving are six other sons, Russell D. and

WESTFIELD - Gertrud Robert Jeffrey, both of Westfield, Peter O. of Basking Ridge, Bruce E. and R. Kim, both of Califon, and Michael F. of Weston, Fla.; a daughter, Kristin A. of Bedminster; a brother, Dr. Friedel Droop of Lingen; four sisters-in-law, Elsa Edwards Patton of Palo Alto, Calif., Princeton, Clendinning of New Castle, Pa., Ortrun Normann of Lipstadt, Germany, and Franzis Droop; two brothersin-law, Dr. Hans Normann and Henry Patton; and 22 grandchildren.

Services were Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, Burial was in the Revolutionary Cemetery with arrangements by the Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Box E, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021, or Chop Point School, 420 Chop Point Road, Woolwich, ME 04579.

## Michael Barattucci Sr.

A. Barattucci Sr., 65, died June 22 at ManorCare Health **Servic**es in Mountainside.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Scotch Plains all his life. owned Barattucci

Plumbing in Scotch Plains prior to his 1998 retirement.

He worked for Diffrancesco **Plumbing** in Scotch Plains **before** opening his own plumb-**Ing** firm.

Surviving are his wife, **Shirley M**illwater Barattucci; son Michael A. Jr. of Piscataway; daughter Sherry Tomasso of Parsippany; brother Anthony; sisters Antoinette Reisinger and Rosemarie Hoyt; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge.

Memorial donations may be sent to American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-4301.

## **Beverly Paulson Reid**

SCOTCH PLAINS Beverly Paulson Reid, 75, died June 19 at her home.

A native of Los Angeles, Dalif., she lived in Plainfield and Summit before moving to Scotch Plains in 1953.

She graduated from the for mer Hartridge School in Plainfield and Ogontz Junior **Do**llege in Rydell, Pa.

She was a past president of he Plainfield Garden Club and former trustee of the

Plainfield Historical Society. Surviving are her husband, Presbyterian Church.

Bruce A.; daughters Wendy Andrews and Helen Reid Kelly; and son Bruce A. Jr.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. today at the Crescent. Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 716 Watching Ave., Plainfield.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Stonework Fund of the Crescent Avenue

## Andrew Gruninger Jr.

service will be held for Andrew Gruninger Jr., 74, who died June 22 at Bey Lea Village in Toms River.

He was born in Orange and lived in Fanwood and Florham Park before moving to Bayville. in 1993. He served in the U.S. Navy

during World War II. He was a 1946 graduate of

Dartmouth College.

He retired in 1991 after 10 years as chief financial officer for the Academy of Educational Development in New York City. He also served as treasurer of 🗱e Sonata Bay Club in Bayville.

He was a member of the New

Caregivers of Toms River and the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

He also was a former elder of Calvary Presbyterian Church in Florham Park.

Surviving are his wife, Winifred Campbell Gruninger; son Andrew C.; daughters Pamela Perkins and Sandra G. Sussman; brothers Dr. Robert P. and Frederick E.; and two grandchildren.

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## **Obituaries**

## **Thomas Denny Sr.** Commissioner's father

CRANFORD — Thomas N. Denny Sr., 81, the father of former mayor and current Commissioner Thomas N. Denny, died June 19 at Union Hospital.

He was born in Philadelphia and lived in that city before moving to Cranford in 1995.

He served in the U.S. Army at Pearl Harbor, Guam and Saipan during World War II. He was once a supervisor at

the Rittenhouse Plaza and Wellington apartments in Philadelphia, Pa.

He retired in 1993 after 20 years with the two apartment complexes.

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was a member of Pvt. Raymond T. Osmond Post 1692, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Philadelphia.

More recently ,he was a member of Capt. Newell Rodney Fiske Post 335 of the VFW in Cranford.

Besides Commissioner Denny, he is survived by his wife of 53 years, Alberta P. Kern Denny; daughter-in-law Maggie; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday at the Dooley Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn, Pa.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Diabetes

## Norman R. Day

FANWOOD — Norman R. Day, 84, died June 23 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport,

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Fanwood and Brick before moving in 1990 to Coram, N.Y.

He held the rank of chief warrant officer during a decorated 20-year career in the U.S. Army.

He served in Asia and the Pacific during World War II; he saw duty with occupation forces in Japan and Berlin, Germany, after the war. In addition, he was assigned to duty in the Korean War and Vietnam War. He was awarded a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, the Carbine Sharpshooter Medal and other decorations.

In civilian life, he was a bookkeeper with Patriarch & Bell in 11768.

Newark from 1985 until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of the Westfield Community Players and for two years a warehouse manager with Imparts East in South Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Joan T.; sons Bruce of Mount Sinai, N.Y., and Brian of Fanwood; daughters Susan Hollows of Acworth, Ga., and Jacqueline of North Plainfield; 10 grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the O.B. Davis Funeral Home in Port Jefferson Station, N.Y. **Burial was in Calverton National** Cemetery, Calverton, N.Y.

Memorial donations may be sent to VAMC Hospice Unit, 79 Middleville Road, Northport, NY

## Anna C. Potente

KENILWORTH Anna C. Potente, 73, died June 22 at Union Hospital.

A native of New York City, she lived in West New York and Spotswood before moving to Kenilworth eight months ago.

She is survived by her husband, Pasquale "Patsy"; daughters Annamarie Duda and Rosemarie Jeffery, both of Kenilworth; brother John Connolly of West Virginia; sisters choice.

Elizabeth McCarthy Spotswood and Judy Policastro of West Virginia; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park.

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## Walter Pucik

KENILWORTH Pucik, 74, died June 26 at his

He was born in Newark and lived in Kenilworth since 1954. He had been a Linotype operaor for 35 years with the Trade -

Typesetting Co. in Newark. More recently, he was a toll collector on the Garden State Parkway at the Union toll plaza

from, 1985-91.

Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club and B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1583 in

Trembley Pucik; daughters Sheryl Corso and Leslie Land; sister Julia Zeis; and six grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. today at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, 400 Fuitoute Ave., Roselle Park, Burial will be in Fairview He was a member of the Cemetery, Westfield.

## Alexander Pazdro

KENILWORTH Alexander Pazdro, 70, died June 24 at Union Hospital. He was born in Poland and

Arrangements are by the settled in Newark when he came to the United States in He lived in Irvington before

moving to Kenilworth in 1990. He had been with Cycle Transformer Corp. of West Orange for 35 years and retired in 1995 as a supervisor.

Surviving are his wife, Sophie; son Roman; a brother and two sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, Irvington, following services at the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn. Burial was in Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery, Doylestown, Pa.

## Jerome Kugel

CRANFORD - Jerome Kugel, 81, died June 21 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth. He was born in Newark and lived in Cranford since 1968.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. A former motion picture operator, he owned the Crystal

Wiper Supply Co. of Cranford prior to his retirement. He was a founding member of the Dirty Dozen Club of the

Union Area. He also was a member of Elin-Unger Post 273, Jewish War Veterans; Triuminar Lodge

Knights of Pythias Lodge 175, in Cranford; and the YM-YWHA in Union.

Predeceased by his sister, Eleanor, and two brothers, Nathan and Phillip, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann Palazzolo Kugel; son Mark; daughter Rahni Weed; and a grandchild.

Graveside services were held Friday at Beth Israel Memorial in Woodbridge. Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn 112. Free & Accepted Masons: in Union.

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## Jadwiga Bruks **Decorated WWII soldier**

WESTFIELD — Jadwiga Redo Bruks, 82, a decorated soldier in the Polish army during World War II, died Sunday at her home.

She served with the Second Corps of the Polish army in Italy from 1942-47. Mrs. Bruks received a number of decorations and commendations from the army and the Allied forces for her service. Early in the war she spent two years in Siberia after being displaced from her Polish home by the Russian army.

She was a member of Polish Veterans of World War II Post 40 and the United Poles in America, both in Perth Amboy; Polish Army Veterans Post 208, in South

River; and the American Congress.

Mrs. Bruks was born in Poland and lived in Perth Amboy before moving to Westfield in 1975. She was a parishioner of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Feliks; two sons, Andrej of San Francisco, Calif., and Zbigniew of Westfield; and four grandchildren.

Services were held vesterday at the Skrocki Memorial Home, Perth Amboy, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Stephen's Church. Burial was in Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery, Doylestown, Pa.

## **Delores Fela Toresco**

SCOTCH PLAINS — Delores P. Fela Toresco died June 21 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

She was born in Newark and lived in Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Warren

in 1976. She retired in 1983 after 20 years as a bookkeeper with Dom's Toyota in North Plainfield.

Predeceased in 1982 by her husband, Dominick V., she is survived by daughter Sandra A. Waldron of Warren; stepson Donald M. of New York City; stepdaughters Jennifer Amorosa of Short Hills, Tracy Ginsburg of Bedminster and

Patricia Galasso of Milford, Pa.; sisters Eleanor Haddon of Kenilworth and Helen Etling of Scotch Plains; three grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Mary's Church-Stony Hill, Watchung, following services at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Barnabas Development Foundation, Burn Unit, 95 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange, NJ 07052.

## Tanya V. Ferreira

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tanya V. Ferreira, 72, died June 17 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

She was born in Newark and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Toms River in 1982.

She had been a medical sec-

retary to two Livingston physi-

cians prior to her 1980 retire-

Predeceased in 1991 by her

son, John, she is survived by her daughter Lisa (and husband Gregory) Scheppers of Toms River, and two grandchil-

Private arrangements were by the DeGraff Lakehurst Funeral Home.

## Josephine Mellor

CRANFORD - Josephine G. and Christine Zawislak of Conte Mellor, 72, died June 24 at her home.

Surviving are his wife, Lenore and lived for many years in Cranford.

A homemaker, she was predeceased in 1974 by her hus-

band, Robert E.

She was born in Bayonne

Aberdeen, a niece and four nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Kenilworth, with She is survived by sisters arrangements by the Dooley Rosalie Mahoney of Cranford Funeral Home.

## Marie Margaritondo

KENILWORTH Marie Margaritondo died June 22 at the Westfield home of her son. She was born in Union City

and lived in Kenilworth since She is survived by her son, Peter of Westfield; daughter

Linda Mizerak of Edison; five

grandchildren and a great-

grandchild. Services were held Saturday at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in the Grove Reformed Church ceme-

## Andrew Holoman Jr.

BRIDGEWATER Andrew J. Holoman Jr., 76, died June 18 at Raritan

Amboy Division. He was born in Askam, Pa., and lived Bridgewater since 1954.

Bay Medical Center, Perth-

He had been a decorated World War II soldier. He was a private first class in the U.S. Army dur-

ing the war. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one bronze arrowhead and the World War II Victory

Medal. In civilian life, he was with Union Carbide for 33 years, retiring in 1984 as a chief operator at its Piscataway plant.

He was a member of the Cemetery, Arnytown.

Military Order of the Purple Heart and Sante Moretti Post 1748, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Raritan.

tery, North Bergen.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Nellie Sidonis Holoman; son Joseph Andrew of Allentown, Pa.; daughters Patty Yawger of Hampton and Dolores DeLorenzo of Bridgewater; brothers Thomas Nanticoke, Pa., and George of Huntington Mills, Pa.; sister Rachael Cragle of Muncy, Pa.; and seven

grandchildren Services were held at the Bridgewater Funeral Home and a funeral Mass was held at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church Brindgewater.

Burial was at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial

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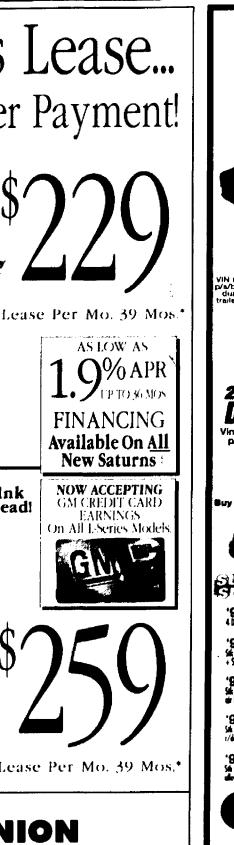
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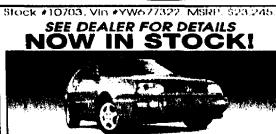
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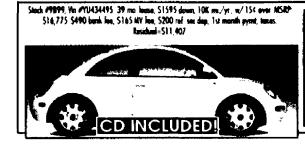
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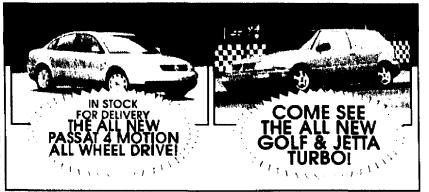
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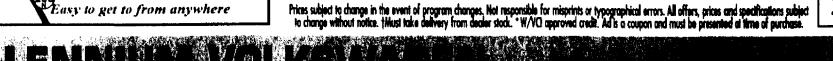
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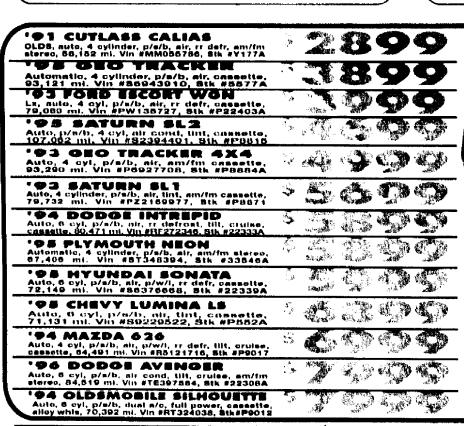
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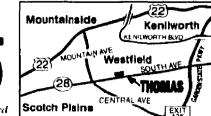
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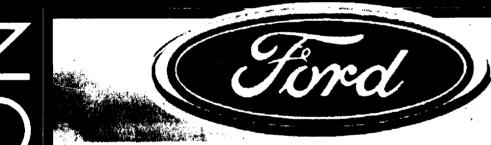
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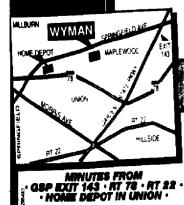
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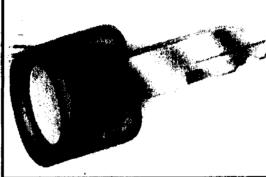
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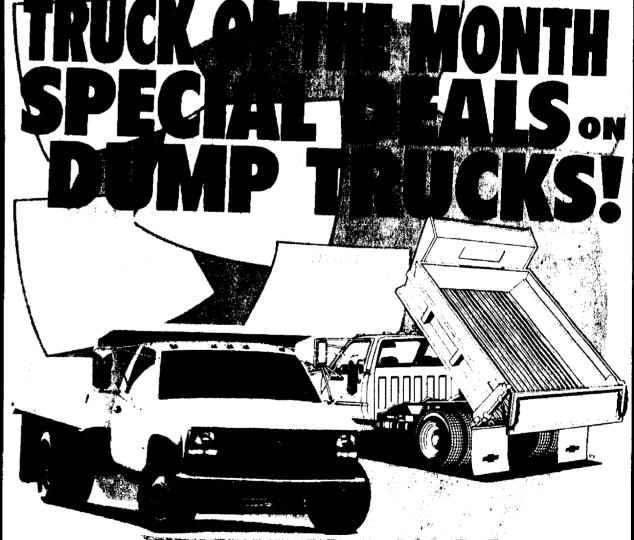
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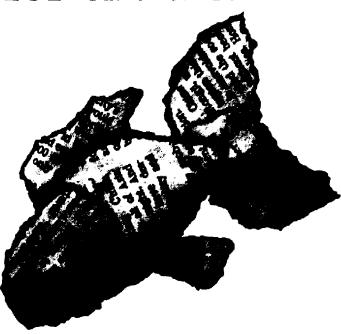
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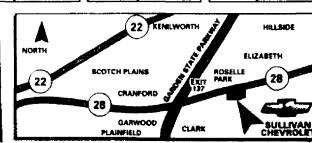
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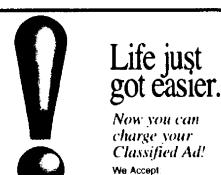
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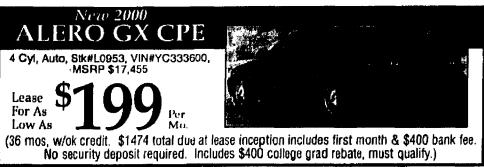
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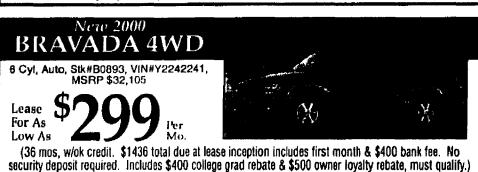
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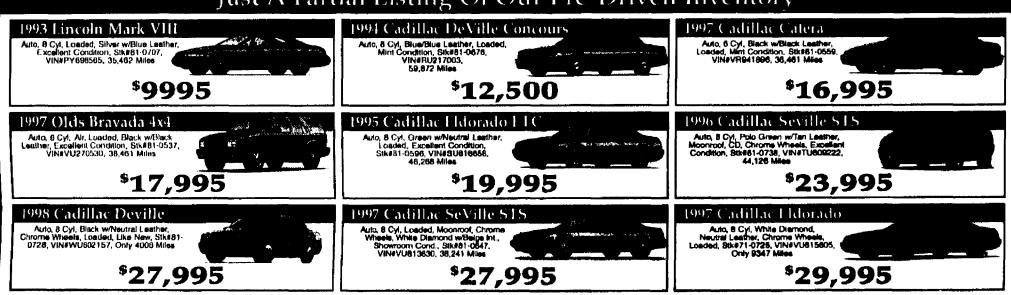
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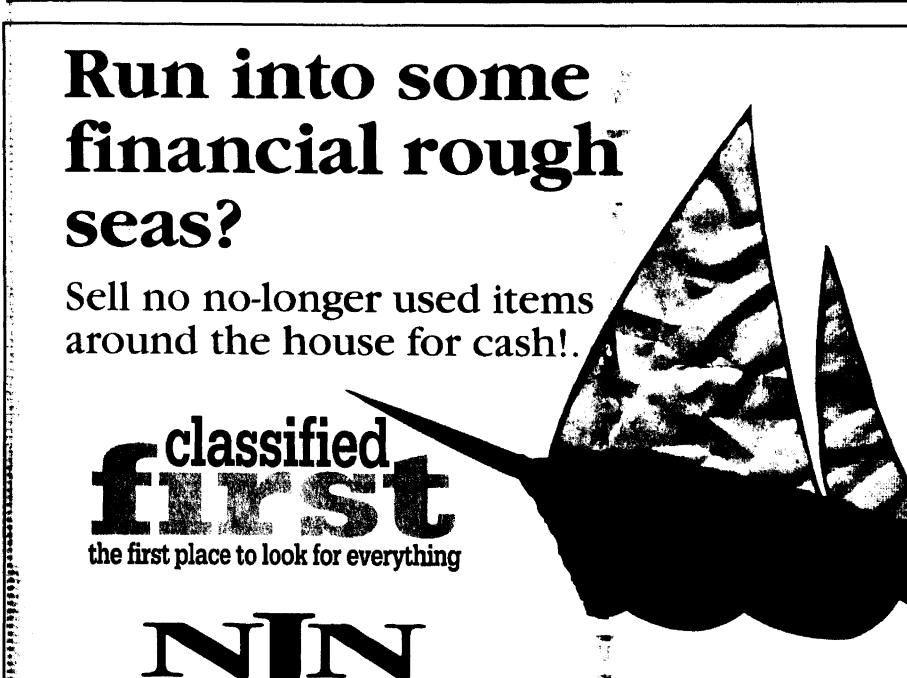


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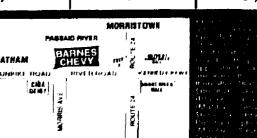
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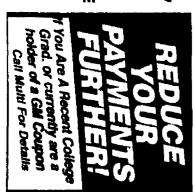
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