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School board seeks sharp tax hike

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rising costs and flat revenues spell property tax hikes for residents in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. The Board of Education last week presented and approved the tentative budget, which calls for an 8.7 percent tax increase in Scotch Plains and an 11.2 percent increase in Fanwood.

In Scotch Plains, the increase amounts to a \$430 increase for a home assessed at the township average of \$118,000; in

Fanwood, it means a \$448 average increase for a home assessed at the borough average of \$83,000.

some items that had been cut. The main revision was restoring middle school and ninth-grade sports, which were eliminated

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— "Joe Taxpayer"

The budget was adopted after the initial draft budget was revised to bring it under the spending cap while reinstating

in an earlier draft. Board members received several emails complaining about the cuts.

Two middle school students spoke at the Feb. 27 budget meeting and thanked the board for not cutting the sports program. They had a petition to present had the board decided to cut the programs.

But to compensate, other areas suffered cuts to slash the budget by \$2 million.

"What you hear tonight is the best recommendation we can make as far as the classroom is concerned," Superintendent Carol Choye told the audience. "If this budget goes down in April, all bets are off. You can't vote on the county budget, which (Continued on page A-2)



Champs, again

The Westfield High School swim team dominated Cherry Hill East Saturday to win its 19th state title. See story on Page C-1.



Playing the market

Thomas Beattie of Smith Barney came to Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains to speak to students about a contest that allows them to pick stocks. See story on Page B-1.



Big Apple Circus

The Big Apple Circus offers a tribute to New York with "Dreams of a City," its production now touring through the area. For more news about arts and entertainment events, see Prime Time on Page B-3.

REMINDER

Hypertension screening

Scotch Plains will hold the monthly hypertension screening 10 a.m.-noon Monday. The free clinic will be held in the community room of the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue. Residents who are over age 30 and smoke or are overweight, have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

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PHOTOS BY NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Civil rights spirit alive in Westfield

Westfield Public Schools continued their celebration of Black History Month Feb. 28 with "And Still I Rise," a celebration at Edison Intermediate School. Rev. Ronald Allen was master of ceremonies for the program, which featured music and dance performances. Right, members of the Edison student choir perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing." For a story about two Westfield residents who lived through the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama, see Page A-3. The district's programs continue with the 13th Annual Black History Celebration at Westfield High School 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 15. That event will feature student, graduate and guest performers.



Student finds serious purpose for Greek comedy

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A small audience of students gathered in the multi-purpose room at the high school as The Beatles' "Give Peace a Chance" played in the background. The atmosphere was set for the school's participation in the Lysistrata Project, a global anti-war event Monday featuring readings of the ancient Greek play "Lysistrata."

Though the school's rendition was just put together in the last week and only a few groups of students saw the reading, it was worth the effort for Jenise Morgan, a high school senior who organized the reading.

"I emailed (English teacher Peter Horn) and said that I was nervous because I didn't feel the school was doing anything about (the potential war with Iraq),"

Jenise said. "I knew I wanted an outlet to express our feelings."

Horn's suggestion about participating in the Lysistrata Project was perfect for Jenise, who plans to major in theater when she goes to college. The two recruited

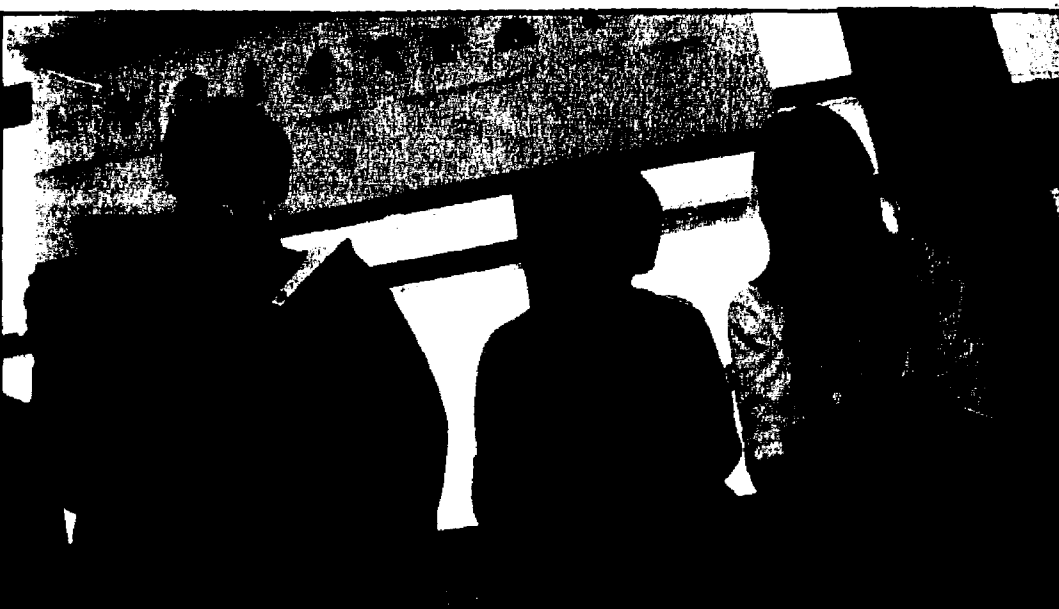
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—Robert Petix
Westfield High School principal

students who were interested in the anti-war cause and had a last-minute rehearsal for Monday's readings at Jenise's home Saturday.

The global project was conceived about six weeks ago by New York actresses Kathryn Blume and Sharon Bower, who were concerned about the looming war with Iraq. The two spread the word about using "Lysistrata" as protest play worldwide. According to the project's website, there were more than 1,000 readings in 59 countries and in every state in the U.S.

"Lysistrata" is a comedy by the Greek (Continued on page A-2)



All Jacob, senior, reads the part of the title role during a student reading of the anti-war Greek play "Lysistrata" at Westfield High School. NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rooftop blaze closes library indefinitely

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Library workers are hoping winter will soon come to an end, as they work in an unheated building after the library's heating unit was destroyed in a fire Feb. 26.

While the employees were at the building this week, the library has been closed since the roof blaze and officials are unsure when it will reopen. In the meantime, Scotch Plains Library cards will be honored by all local libraries, said Township Administrator Thomas E. Atkins.

The library will install a temporary heating unit inside the building, but is waiting to talk with its insurance company before the purchase is made, library officials said Monday. Even when the temporary heating unit is installed, it will still be chilly in the building, according to Bob Salmon, head of the

reference department.

The fire began in one of the building's two heating units in the roof late on the night of Feb. 26, according to Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis. A resident called to report the fire at about 11 p.m., and 24 firefighters responded within minutes. Fire departments from Fanwood, Garwood and Clark covered Scotch Plains during the blaze.

Ellis said the fire was under control in 30 minutes. The fire blazed between the building's current roof and original roof below it, and firefighters cut a 10 x 10-foot hole to get to the unit. They also covered desks and computers inside the building with tarps, though there was minimal water damage, Ellis said.

Salmon said the interior of the library suffered little damage, with the main problem being soot and ash that was carried in from

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Scotch Plains, insurance settle embezzlement

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township can finally close the door on the embezzlement case of its former treasurer, William Palidore, as it has reached a settlement with the insurance companies involved in the recovery of stolen funds.

The Township Council passed a resolution Tuesday to enter a settlement agreement in which it will be paid the remaining \$239,005 of funds not recovered from its gross claim of \$412,113 after substantial negotiations with insurance providers, according to Township Attorney Douglas Hansen.

The township entered the settlement with Selective Insurance Co. of America and Service Insurance Co., who covered Palidore with public official surety bonds during his employment, and Commerce National Insurance, the township's insurance provider.

The \$412,113 represents the \$332,000 Palidore embezzled, plus attorney fees and audit fees, the township claimed. The township has already recovered approximately \$173,108 from the sale of Palidore's assets.

As part of the settlement, Selective Insurance and Service Insurance will each pay the township \$90,752.33, and (Continued on page A-2)

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is going up. You can't vote on the municipal budget; that's going up. You can vote on the school budget."

Some of the most notable cuts include the elimination of an assistant principal position at the middle school level, which will save \$90,000. Choye said if the budget is rejected by voters, both middle school assistant principals may be cut. The current assistant principals are David Tubbs at Terrill and Joseph Moran at Park.

"The impact will be felt more now than ever before because we're looking at 800 students in our middle schools," Choye said. "One option is sharing the remaining assistant principal between the two schools. Another option is to have a teacher with some experience who is interested in being an administrator to assist."

Another cut was the budget for Resolve Counselors, which was cut in half to \$70,000. The counselors usually provide services at all school levels, but will now just help in the elementary

schools. The board noted this was a particularly difficult budget year, with state aid remaining flat at \$3.9 million. Several residents thanked the board for keeping middle school sports, while others argued for their particular areas of interest. One of the more memorable comments came from a Scotch Plains resident, who became commonly known as "Joe Taxpayer."

"What we're told in corporate America during these times is do more with less," said Joe, who refused to give his full name. "I think you can streamline your administrative costs. Taxpayers are up to their necks in taxes and can't take it anymore. What's going to happen is like in other towns, taxpayer alliances are going to form and they're going to shoot the budget down each year and it will hurt the education system."

Board members were also concerned with the heavy tax burden, as taxpayers shoulder approximately 87 percent of the budget. Fanwood board mem-

bers Pat Hoynes-O'Conner and Susan Dyckman suggested the board may need to look at increasing class size. However, board member Trip Whitehouse was adamant about maintaining current class sizes.

Board member Edward Saridaki, who has been on the board seven years, said the budget process can be improved if the administration modifies its initial requests.

"I want an honest appraisal of what the district needs to spend without having to consider cutting essential programs and getting the public worked up," said Saridaki, adding the administration comes with requests above the cap, making it difficult to make revisions.

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Student finds serious purpose for comedy

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playwright Aristophanes in which the title character convinces women of warring Athens and Sparta to withhold sex from their husbands until they agree to end the war. Desperate for intimacy, the men agree to pursue peace. The project was a follow-up to the Feb. 15 war protests, in which about 10 million people participated worldwide.

Though the play's content was filled with sexual innuendos which sparked giggles from the audience, Jenise felt the anti-war message got out.

"I am so excited that we got to do it," she said. "I'm grateful to that the principal allowed us to do it. This school allows us to do things that other schools may consider controversial. It is a controversial play."

Not only did Principal Robert Petix allow the reading, he participated in it for the faculty's rendition later that day.

"It was interesting for the kids," Petix said. "It approaches issues of current concern in an academic way. It allows kids to examine issues they should examine regardless of their position on the war. School should be a place where ideas flourish and opposing ideas should be debated."

Horn saw the play as an opportunity to respond to the concerns and anxieties that students and faculty have about a potential war. He has been instrumental in creating forums in the school to discuss the issues.

"I feel like finally we're one step in the direction we need to be going," Jenise said. "This will affect our generation so much."

Scotch Plains, insurance settle embezzlement

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Commerce will pay \$32,500. The township will reduce its claim against the insurance companies by \$25,000, which it will recover directly from Palidore.

Palidore must also repay the insurance companies for the amounts they are now paying the township.

Palidore was charged with

embezzlement April 25, 2001 after an audit discovered \$332,000 of township funds missing. Palidore pleaded guilty to theft by deception and was sentenced Jan. 11, 2002 in Union County Superior Court. He served 13 months in prison and was released last month.

As a condition of his parole, Palidore must repay the remaining

\$239,005 in unrecovered funds. Hansen said he has suggested the money be repaid in \$400 monthly increments, though Palidore wanted to pay only \$100 a month.

Of the restitution payments, Service Insurance and Selective Insurance will each receive 38 percent; Commerce will receive 14 percent and the township 10 percent.

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air ducts. Salmon said a crew began cleaning last Friday and should be done by the end of the week. About three books were destroyed from the damage. The

roof heating units will not be replaced until the weather gets warmer and could take months to construct, Salmon.

Until the library reopens, residents should keep the books they

have checked out. Residents who plan to have their taxes prepared at the library should still call the library for an appointment. If they have already set an appointment, they will be contacted by a representative to either reschedule their appointment or meet at a different location.

Briefs

Scotch Plains cited for value

SCOTCH PLAINS — In a recent analysis by Location Inc. featured on CBSMarketWatch.com, Scotch Plains was ranked the top undervalued town in the nation.

"Undervalued towns are towns with many premium qualities... but where median home prices are surprisingly low compared to other area towns," said Andrew Schiller, president of Location Inc.

The ranking was based on factors such as quality public schools, low crime rate, educated neighbors, and low median home prices, as compared to other area communities. Andrew Schiller, president of Location, Inc., told CBS the rankings include undervalued towns with premium qualities.

"Scotch Plains is a gem of a town," said Councilwoman Paulette Coronato. "A lot of people tell me that they never knew it was such a nice place to live."

The analysis included communities in the country's 10 largest metropolitan areas. The rest of the top 10 consisted of Simi Valley, Calif.; Mundelein, Ill.; Silver Spring, Md.; Dublin, Calif.; Havertown, Penn.; Sharon, Mass.; Lathrup Village, Mich.; Colleyville, Texas and Sugar Land, Texas.

Pre-Purim story, crafts at county Torah Center

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center will be presenting a pre-Purim Jewish Story and Crafts Hour for children ages 3-5. The program will be 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday at the center, located at 418 Central Ave.

Children will listen to a story, learn about the holiday and do a related arts and crafts project. Popular holiday songs will also be taught. The fee is \$5 per child.

Rabbi Levi Block of the center said, "This will give a chance for children who are not yet in Hebrew schools to learn about the Purim holiday in a fun and entertaining way."

For more information and to reserve space, please call (908) 789-5252.

Tri-County Red Cross hosts open house

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting an open house 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday at 302 West Jersey Street in Elizabeth.

The event will have events for adults and children including a fire safety smoke house (mock fire situations), fire truck displays, a blood drive, health and safety demonstrations, disaster preparedness, clowns and treats for everyone.

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Two perspectives, one purpose: Memories of the Movement

Residents share tales of 1960s Birmingham

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Helen Beglin and Noel Brown grew up in the same city, yet their experiences were quite different living in Birmingham, Ala. during 1960s.

Both Beglin, who is white, and Brown, who is black, now live in Westfield, and they shared their experiences growing up in the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement with Roosevelt Intermediate School students at a Black History Month assembly last week. The event was organized by language arts teachers Karen Doherty and Samantha Rozycki.

Beglin and Brown were both active in the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, but they never met until years later, in Westfield. They have since become friends, and share stories of the hostile times from their very different perspectives.

"(Segregation) was the way of life. I really didn't know any better," said Brown of his childhood.



KEVIN B. HOWELL/THE RECORD PRESS
Westfield residents Helen Beglin and Noel Brown share their memories of growing up in 1960s Birmingham with students at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

hood. "As I traveled to see relatives in Chicago and Detroit, I saw that there was another way to live."

"Whites thought that we knew black people because we saw them every day," said Beglin, who is a Presbyterian minister. "We saw each other every day, basically, because

blacks worked for whites. I was told everyone wanted it this way."

However, at the age of six, Beglin realized that blacks were not content with discrimination. She recalled riding on a city bus with signs that read "Colored behind," directing black riders to sit in the back.

When a black World War II veteran boarded the bus and refused to go to the back, the other riders fell dead silent for the rest of the ride.

Brown became active in the Civil Rights Movement as a teen following one of the most dramatic events of the era. He went to school with two of the four girls killed in the infamous church bombing in 1963.

Brown was attending a near-by church when he heard the explosion and ran to the scene with his friend.

"That was a big part of my life," Brown said. "As a result, I started demonstrating. I went to jail a couple times. I was proud to go to jail. I got denied jobs because of my jail record, but eventually those cases were thrown out."

Brown described himself as brash and militant during those days; he served separate stints of seven days and three days in jail without his parents knowing where he was. He planned to go to the March on Washington, but his mother pulled him off the bus.

While he missed that historic occasion, Brown did have a connection with the leading spokesman of the movement. Martin Luther King Jr. held weekly meetings at Brown's church in 1963, meetings where Brown learned much about politics, laws and government.

Beglin was a student at Princeton University when the events in Birmingham became national news. She returned to her hometown and became involved with demonstrations through her church.

She told students about training for demonstrations and how she and her colleagues would role-play facing hostile crowds and police.

"As a result (of the 1963 church bombing), I started demonstrating. I went to jail a couple times. I was proud to go to jail."

— Noel Brown

"We were trained to curl up and cover our heads to protect ourselves from being beaten. We were trained to go limp when being taken away by police so it was harder to drag you away, and it slowed down the arrests," Beglin said.

Brown said violence was so constant in his hometown the city was nicknamed "Bombingham." He noted there were assassination attempts on both sides, pointing out then-Alabama Gov. George Wallace, a

segregationist, was shot.

Though Brown and Beglin never met during their activist years, they attended the same events, including a rally at Miles College. Beglin remembers there was a loud boom, and the lights and speakers went out at the rally.

"People were scared and didn't know what to do," she said. Then we heard a voice on the microphone saying, "This is Martin Luther King. Sit down, everything is okay."

When the crowd heard King's powerful and trusting voice, Beglin said, each person sat down and was as quiet as if he or she had heard a father's command.

After their speeches, Beglin and Brown entertained questions from students curious about their experiences. And teachers stayed after the assembly to get a better understanding of Beglin and Brown's experiences and tips on how to teach Civil Rights lessons.

"It was cool to hear about (the Civil Rights Movement) from people who actually experienced it," said seventh-grader Brian Maher.

"I know there were problems back then, but I didn't know they were that bad," agreed his classmate, Pratik Mehta.

Appraiser says antennas won't hurt values

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD PRESS

FANWOOD — The hearing for Verizon Wireless' application to erect cellular phone antennas on a PSE&G tower in a residential area of the borough continued Feb. 26 at a Planning Board meeting, the fourth in an application that has been continued since July.

The applicant has presented all of its witnesses, and the hearing is expected to conclude at the board's April 23 meeting.

Verizon is seeking to place 12 antennas on the 115-foot tower at North and Elm avenues. The company says it has a gap in coverage in Fanwood and the location is the only existing site that will solve the problem.

However, borough-owned sites have been identified as sufficient to cover the gap should a structure or tower be erected. According to Mayor Lou Jung, the borough is sending bids out to wireless companies for construction of antennas and expects responses by the end of March.

Residents in the area have consistently attended the meetings in opposition to antennas, arguing the antennas will have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

At the most recent meeting, Robert Vance, appraiser and real

estate specialist for Verizon, said the proposed antennas will not have a negative impact on property values.

"Fanwood is a desirable location," Vance said. "The question is if a buyer is looking for a home, would antennas on a tower cause the buyer to want to pay less or look elsewhere. My opinion is this potential implementation will not have a negative impact on the resale of homes. Will they notice it? Yes. Any change will be noticed, but whether it shows up on values and tax-assessed values is another story."

Vance said he has examined cases in which antennas have been erected over the past 10 years and has found very little impact on real estate values. He said it is a passive site that will generate no noise or traffic.

The noticeable addition, Vance said, are the seven battery storage cabinets that will be enclosed in a 7-foot wooden fence. He said the cabinets may not be aesthetically appealing, but may be buffered if PSE&G gives permission.

Vance said any detriment to home values in the area would come from the existing high power lines, which in the opinions of some appraisers would lower the value of homes on Oak Court by up to 5 percent.

Residents were unreceptive to Vance's testimony and questioned his familiarity with the area. Vance said he examined sales in the area since 1999, though he admitted some appraisers have differing opinions about the impact of antennas on home values.

Also at the Feb. 26 meeting, Verizon site engineer Anthony Suppa returned to finish testimony from the previous hearing. He corrected his testimony from

January, saying the batteries used as a back-up power source at the site will be lead acid batteries, like car batteries, rather than gel batteries.

Suppa's statement drew further concerns from residents about the potential for leaks, explosions and overhead wires falling and hitting the batteries, but the engineer insisted the site will be safe. The board decided to have the fire department look into the matter.

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Legislators host forum on cuts to arts spending

WESTFIELD — Legislators for the 21st District are sponsoring an open forum on restoring state government funding for arts.

The forum is 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Community Room of the Municipal Building at 425 E. Broad St. This event was called in reaction to an announcement that three state arts agencies are being de-funded in the state budget for fiscal year 2004.

Agencies affected are the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Cultural Trust and the New Jersey Historic Commission.

"These critical programs represent less than 1 percent of the entire state budget," state Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. said in a press release announcing the event.

He claimed that the arts generate over \$1 billion in revenue in New Jersey every year.

"Over 800,000 students have participated in arts education programs provided by New Jersey's nonprofit arts organizations," Assemblyman Jon Bramnick said. "We cannot let these organizations die."

"Over 200 organizations rely on state funding. This funding cannot be replaced," Bramnick said. "If we do not act now, major theaters will have to significantly cut the number of shows they produce while smaller-sized organizations will likely fold altogether. Our children will be deprived of the arts programs that expand their horizons."

"From the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn to the Westfield Symphony Orchestra

to (the) New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Madison, local restaurants and coffeehouses will be among the many business entities that will be negatively impacted by the governor's proposed budget," Assemblyman Eric Munoz said.

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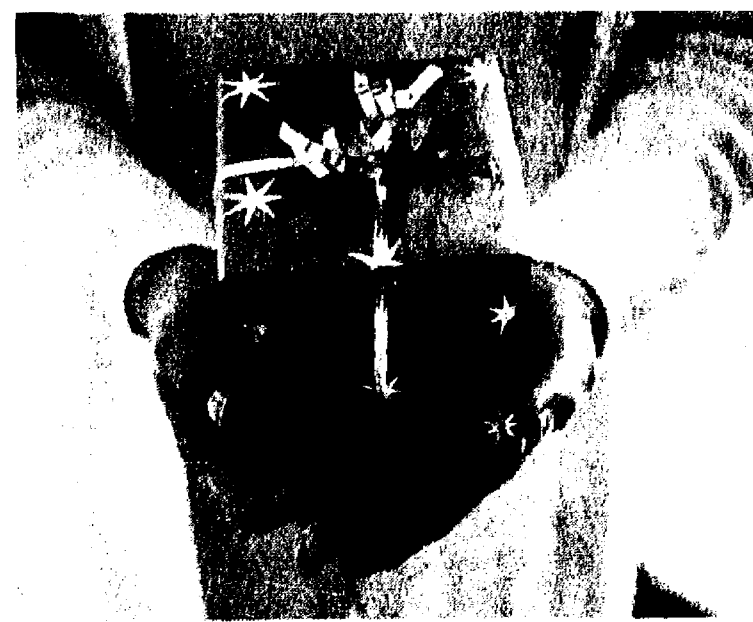
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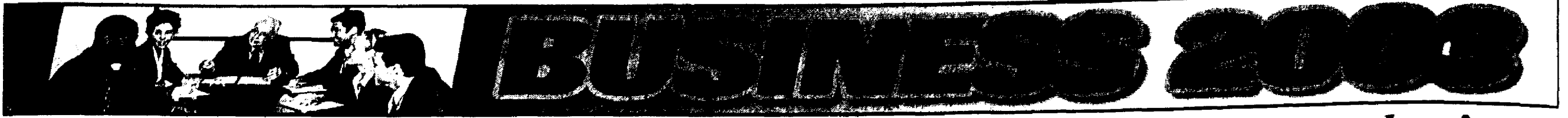
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It's important to keep abreast of the revolution in marketing

BY SUE FIRSICHBAUM

There is a revolution going on in the marketing and advertising industry today. It's changing how we reach the customer and it's changing it forever. Advertising does not work the way it used to!

Today there are more than 500 network and cable TV channels, more than 50 million web sites, hundreds of radio stations, hun-

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There are more than 3,000 marketing messages being delivered everyday to every consumer, even you. These messages are usually mass marketed and directed with little attention to real customer need or relationship and we, as consumers, are starting to ignore them. It's just too much clutter, too

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so? You can now take that material and put it into your web site or that new electronic newsletter for use by your customers.

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Editor's Note: Sue Firsichbaum has directed departments in marketing, advertising, public relations and media buying for the banking, retail, industrial and automotive industries. She is currently president of JS Blade Advertising, Inc. in Union. Phone: (908) 686-0022.

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Family businesses drive growth

(NAPSI) — Growing the economy may soon become a family affair.

A new nationwide study of more than 1,000 family-owned businesses shows that this critical segment of the American economy is experiencing robust growth — even in the face of a stumbling market environment.

Results show that mean revenues from family-owned firms surveyed have grown to \$36.5 million, up more than 50 percent since 1997.

The "MassMutual Financial Institute American Family Business Survey" study also revealed that more than 50 percent of respondents report they plan to increase staff by up to five percent over the next year. Additional results from the study

include:

A positive outlook: More than 60 percent of respondents say they are "very" optimistic about their company's prospects. In the next year, 48 percent expect sales-revenue growth of at least six percent.

Low debt: More than 25 percent of survey respondents report no debt other than trade payables, and another 30 percent have moderate debt levels, in the range of one percent to 25 percent of equity.

Keep it in the family: Nearly 90 percent of participants report that the family will continue to control the firm in five years.

Women gain ground: Thirty-four percent of respondents suggest their next CEO may be a woman, and 52 percent of respondents employ at least one female family

member full-time.

Planning's important: Sixty-two percent of significant shareholders report knowing of the senior generation's share-transfer intentions.

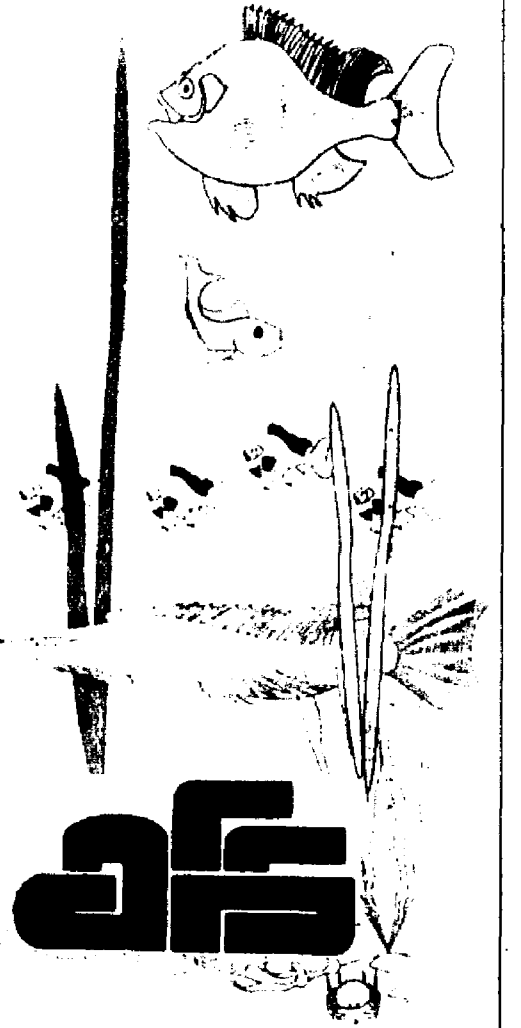
Lack of written strategic plans: Only 37 percent of respondents report having a written strategic plan.

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) sponsors about 60 Family Business Centers throughout the country to provide a source of education and networking for family business members. For more information about the survey, or for financial planning advice for small businesses, people can contact a company representative at (800) 234-1007 or familybusiness@massmutual.com.

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Other Bonds	96,908,976.99
Stock	42,010,414.22
Real Estate Mortgage Loans, Net	144,792,485.39
Collateral Loans	1,916,923.34
Other Loans	61,100,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	715,919.34
Banking Premises	1,522,360.76
Interest Accrued on Investments	8,143,547.39
Other Assets	2,029,363.88
	\$ 872,969,328.40

LIABILITIES	
Due Depositors	\$ 714,092,068.57
Official Checks Outstanding	228,837.17
Mortgages Escrow Account	293,030.87
Other Liabilities	5,243,978.73
Surplus and Reserves	153,111,413.06
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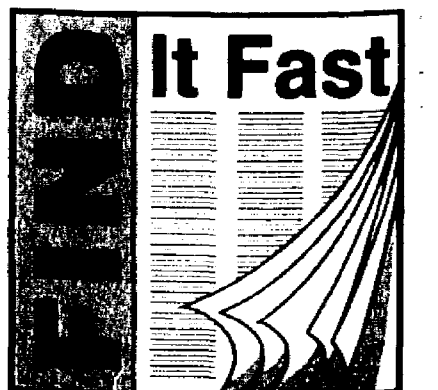
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Finding their voices

Students Kate Barker and Mary Kate O'Connell sing "Shine on Me" during a "coffeehouse" event at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains Friday night. The event was hosted by the music department.

Board grants subdivision on Pearl Street

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A minor subdivision application to divide a lot now containing one single-family house into two lots passed the Planning Board's "shoe-horning" test, but not without more talk about the oft-discussed ordinance.

The "shoe-horning" ordinance is an amendment to the town's Land Use Ordinance that stipulates additional criteria that an applicant must meet in order to minimize impact on the neighborhood. The ordinance was adopted in 2001 by the Town Council in order to slow overdevelopment.

At Monday's meeting MM Real Estate Developers, which had an application rejected in December in part due to the shoe-horning ordinance, proposed to demolish a single-family home at 103 Pearl St., subdivide the lot and build two homes. Though the subdivision would create two conforming lots without variances, board members questioned its impact on the area.

"It doesn't seem to me that the new homes will be compatible with the neighborhood," said Robert Newell, Planning Board member.

However, the applicant questioned the uniformity of the board's application of the shoe-horning ordinance, pointing out it was not mentioned in the approval of a subdivision on

Hillcrest Avenue months ago. Kenneth Marsh, board member and town engineer, said the Hillcrest Avenue application was different because that lot was much larger. In that case, he said, the applicant originally came for a three-lot subdivision but then reduced it to two.

"The reason we ask these questions and examine this ordinance is for the applicant and residents living in the neighborhood," Newell said. "We don't target one particular applicant. We want something the neighborhood and the applicant won't

regret down the line."

Board Chairman Jay Boyle added: "The ordinance is designed to preserve the character of this town. This board, which is a very good board, tries to appropriate the purpose of that ordinance into all its statements and questions."

The board's main concern with the present application was a small building envelope, 20 ft. wide, on one of the lots.

"Twenty feet doesn't give you a whole lot of room to move," said Michael Mahoney of MM Real Estate. "There were specific

advantages to building on this lot and one of them is the six-foot rise from the street, which is perfect to build a garage under the house on that size envelope."

According to plans Mahoney displayed, both homes are expected to be 2,500 sq. ft. and about two stories. After looking at the plans, the board was satisfied with Mahoney's creative use of the undersized envelope.

Mahoney agreed to a board recommendation to redesign the roofs of the house so they will be less high and appear less imposing from Central Avenue.

Police Log

WESTFIELD

A South Avenue business reported Feb. 26 that someone misused a company credit card, making \$10,000 in unauthorized charges.

A Highland Park resident reported someone entered his unlocked vehicle on Central Avenue Feb. 24 and removed checks totaling \$4,629.

Stephen Balla of Cranford and Andrew Heom of Warren were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, intent to distribute and several other drug charges Feb. 23.

A business on South Avenue reported an employee left a 1994 Honda running Feb. 24 and the vehicle was stolen when the employee returned.

German Diaz Cardona, 43, of Plainfield was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Feb. 24 after being stopped on South and Westfield avenues.

Jaclyn Mamoni, 21, of Mountainside was charged with driving while intoxicated Feb. 25 after being stopped at Boulevard and Ross Place.

A burglary and theft from a motor vehicle in the driveway of a residence in the 100 block of Myrtle Avenue was reported Feb. 25. Missing at press time is jewelry valued at \$795.

Kimberly Basile of Rahway was charged with possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia Feb. 26. She was also charged on warrants out of Westfield and Woodbridge.

Brian McGonigle of Lawrence Harbor was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams after a motor vehicle stop Feb. 27.

Meghan Melick, 20, of Garwood was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and underage possession of alcohol after a motor vehicle stop Feb. 27.

A Prospect Street resident reported fraud of her Fleet Bank card March 1. She reported \$913.88 in transactions were made at several locations.

Gabriel Folgar, 21, of Linden was charged with driving while intoxicated on Central Avenue and Vernon Place.

Bruce Thiel, 49, of Mountainside charged with driving while intoxicated on East Broad Street and Woodland Avenue March 1.

Police responded to an alarm at the train station March 2 and found a partially burned newspaper rolled up and stuffed in a plastic bottle set afire in the elevator. There was no damage to the elevator, and NJ Transit Police were notified.

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Commentary

Why turnout is low for school elections

Next month New Jersey voters will have the opportunity to have their voices heard about the future of their public school districts. Unfortunately, their voices will be just a whisper.

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, less than 20 percent of the eligible voters participated in last year's school election. That, believe it or not, is relatively normal. In the last 10 years, turnout has averaged about 15 percent.

That means a little more than 8 out of 10 voters choose to stay at home.

Why the apathy is so rampant remains a mystery. The largest chunk of the homeowners' property tax bill goes to the public school system. If New Jersey residents are so upset about high property taxes, then they should be turning out in droves to vote on their school budgets.

But they're not.

There are two possible reasons why turnout is so low. One explanation, favored by those with a stake in the status quo, says the participation is so low because the overwhelming majority of residents are satisfied with the cost and quality of public education in their hometowns. After all, the majority of all school budgets in the state were approved by voters.

The second explanation, favored by those with a cynical slant, says the turnout is so low because the overwhelming majority of residents believe their votes are meaningless. They believe the jungle of state regulations minimizes the options available to local school boards. Some are perhaps fed up with the reliance on property taxes to fund the operation of schools.

Both arguments contain some kernels of truth. The majority of residents are pleased with the quality of education in their school districts. And though property taxes are high, residents believe they're getting their money's worth and want to pay a premium to retain local control of education.

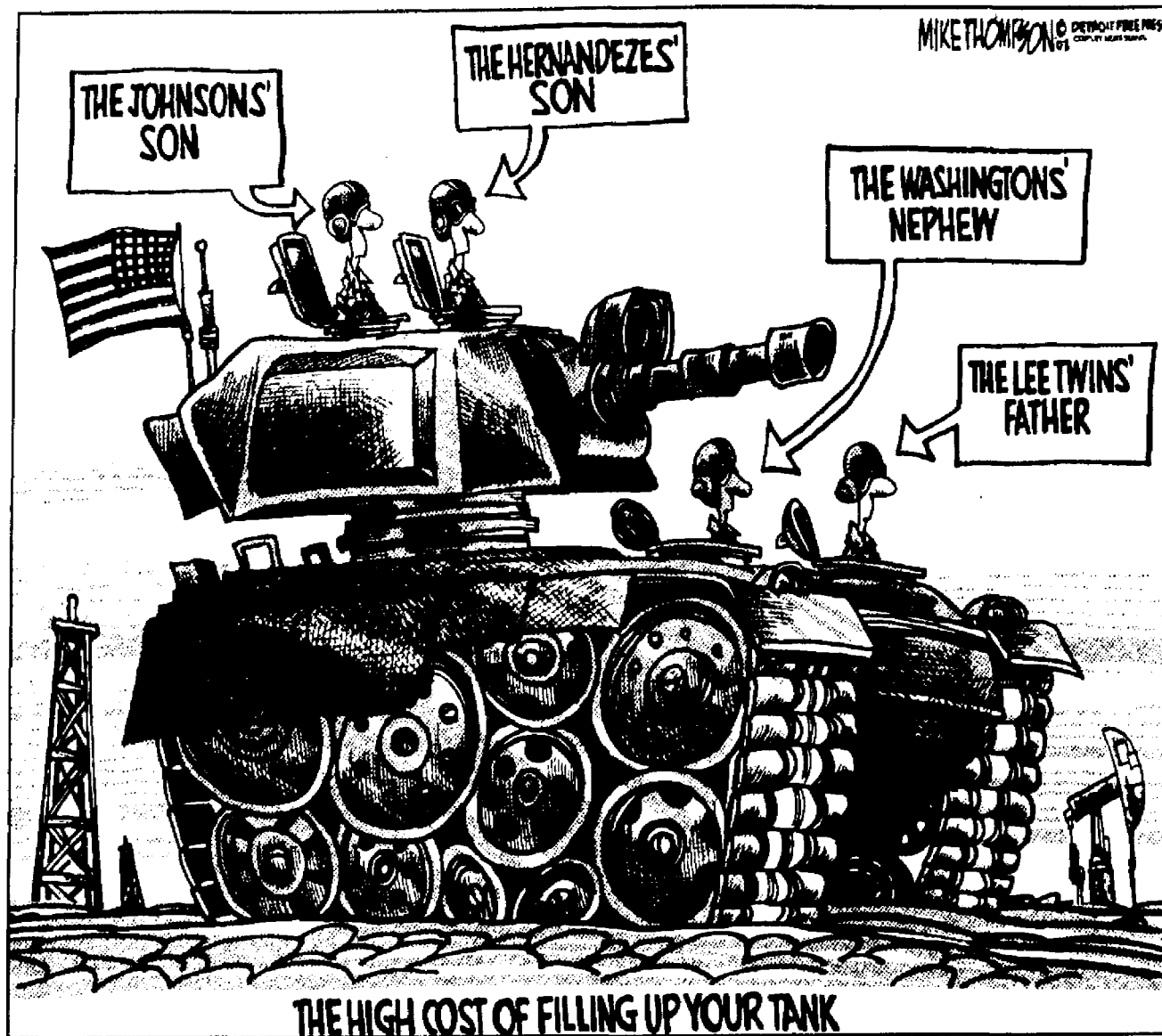
Yet there is a growing contingent of residents who are frustrated by an ever-changing set of state regulations and mandates. The state's constantly changing formula for aid is confusing and cannot be relied upon for consistent long-range planning. The state's implementation of detailed and strict curriculum standards have also tied the hands of local school boards and have limited academic discretion. There are also an increasing number of residents who believe the state's insistence on testing in the 4th, 8th and 12th grades have led to school districts teaching students what they need to pass the tests, not what they need to know.

There are a few cosmetic changes that could improve turnout. A recommendation a few years ago that school board elections be moved to November was ignored by the Legislature; however, moving the elections to a Saturday in April may have some positive effect on turnout. And it makes sense that if a school budget falls under the state's budget cap, then it shouldn't have to go before the voters at all.

But the main obstacle to overcome is the perception that votes do not make a difference in a public school system increasingly dominated by the state. That's fine, as long as the state fulfills its original promise from the late 1970s to be the primary funder of public education in all school districts in New Jersey, not just the special needs districts.

Turnout will probably be higher this year. Frozen state aid means skyrocketing property tax increases at a time when the economy is still recovering. Unfortunately, that probably means more budgets will be rejected this year, placing the funds at the mercy of local politicians eager to carve a portrait of themselves as tax cutters by taking an ax to the budget.

Is this any way to run a public school system?



Letters to the editor

Tracy: Benefit game a huge success

To The Record-Press:

It was titled "A Game to Remember." It truly became a night to remember. The evening began with the eloquent and profound words of Mayor Gregory McDermott, the spiritually-assuring prayers of Rev. Tina McCormick and the heart-touching remembrance delivered by Mrs. Wendy Schoenemann.

The game, as expected, was a competitive, hard-fought rivalry between Westfield's Finest and Bravest. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50s, halftime games, DJ music and a witty emcee kept the evening entertaining. By all accounts the event was a huge success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all

who contributed in the successful effort. The Westfield Booster Club, the Westfield Police, Fire and Rescue Squad, students, parents and faculty at Westfield High School, the TV crew, DJ, emcee and all the others who volunteered their time and talents. Thank you to the Westfield merchants who seem never to say no in supporting community efforts. All of you make Westfield the special community that sets us apart.

Most important, thank you to the Schoenemann family for sharing the night and Greta's beautiful spirit with us. May God bless you.

BERNARD TRACY
Chief, Westfield Police Department

Anti-war protesters face harassment

To The Record-Press:

Every Saturday at 6 p.m., a group of us attend a vigil in downtown Cranford to register our opposition to the war on Iraq proposed by our government. On Thursdays at 7 p.m., I attend another vigil in downtown Westfield. Between 6 and 18 people have attended these vigils from week to week, and we always try to be friendly and respectful and to not block pedestrian or car traffic. Occasionally, we offer leaflets to passersby chat with people who approach us. Most often we stand holding signs for about 45 minutes. We have chosen not to chant or shout, preferring to simply stand and bear witness.

However, as the global peace movement has grown in its voice and the war rhetoric out of Washington, D.C. has become more shrill, I've also noticed something else — mixed with the mostly popular support we've received from passersby on foot and in their vehicles has been an increase in harassment by people who purport to support war on Iraq.

Last anyone conclude that I'm just a complainer about people who choose to disagree with me, I'll describe the behaviors we've encountered.

Several weeks ago, as our group stood in the Peace Site park in downtown Cranford, two young men approached us, commenting loudly, "Just what the (expletive) do you think you're doing?" Several vigilers attempted to respond, but they were met with a barrage of similar expletive-riddled questions and comments from the pair.

Then we were told, "What you're doing is unconstitutional!" To think, we are exercising our constitutionally-guaranteed right to express our disagreement with our government's policy. Little did I know that it had somehow become unconstitutional, but given the changes brought about by the Patriot Act, perhaps I'd missed something along the way! I began to reply that I felt that what our president was proposing to do is unconstitutional and violates international law to boot, but was interrupted by the statement that I should be "shot and hung up in the center of town and stoned to death!" Their confrontational behavior drew a crowd and blocked foot traffic, something we'd studiously avoided up until that point.

In the face of an assault of words that cannot be printed in the newspaper, we asserted that since no one was going to convince anyone to change his or her position, it would be best if they left. After insulting and harassing us some more, they did finally leave, but not before leaving several of the women there (not to mention the small child brought by one of us) concerned for our safety.

Last Saturday, a young man began photographing us from across Eastman Street. When we asked why he was taking pictures, he told us he was in the Army. Then he approached us and began to harangue us in much the same way the two others had a few weeks previously.

I went up to him and asked him again why he was taking photos and he stated, "So I can show my friends at work what a bunch of (expletive) retards are doing."

If this young man is indeed in the Army, he does a disservice to what I have always understood to be a code of honor and dignity in the military. If he represents those who have joined up, it also suggests that perhaps these are not people to whom we want to give guns.

Others have driven by and shouted, "An eye for an eye! Kill all the Arabs!" or "Bomb Iraq!" On one occa-

sion, an SUV full of young men and women drove around and around the block in Westfield, each time driving more erratically and shouting at us.

To those who feel the need to show their support for the killing in Iraq (and anywhere else our government decides to send troops in its ostensible "war on terror") with this sort of behavior: You do not represent your cause well. You come across as unthinking and full of bloodlust.

When you shout, "Kill all the Arabs," you personify just the sort of thinking that you say you despise in others. There is a suggestion, which I've heard expressed by a number of people, that Iraq was responsible for what happened on Sept. 11, 2001. Sometimes I'm asked, "Did you lose any family on Sept. 11?" Well, yes, members of our human family were lost. Although I did not lose a close relative, I have friends who did, and even if that were not the case, I felt the same pain as most Americans about what happened.

However, I also felt attacking Afghanistan made no sense and certainly didn't solve the problem of terrorism. I am not alone in that sentiment, as a significant number of families of 9-11 victims came together afterward to form Peaceful Tomorrows, whose mission is to seek alternatives to war and stop the cycle of violence engendered by war.

Neither do I feel that attacking Iraq in retaliation for Sept. 11 makes sense. No one has been able to draw a direct connection between Saddam Hussein and 9-11, but even if that could be done, it would not justify killing Iraqi civilians, a significant percentage of whom are children. As Gandhi said, an eye for an eye just leaves the whole world blind.

I am sure that in your own mind, you feel you are responding to terrorism, but let me remind you — the official U.S. definition of terrorism is using force, threats of force and fear to instill terror in the minds and hearts of a group of people in order to accomplish political, social or religious ends. That is exactly what our government is now proposing to do in Iraq (in fact, has been doing by way of sanctions and bombing in the no-fly zones); what they have done in Afghanistan, much to the devastation of the Afghan people; and in a way, what you are attempting to do to the people who demonstrate on behalf of peace and justice.

You have every right to your opinion. You have the right to protest in all of the same ways that the demonstrators do. You do not have the right to harass us, though, and frankly, it doesn't serve your ends. We will not be moved, but will continue to bear witness to the humanity in everyone and to treat even you in a way that respects your basic human dignity.

In closing, I ask you to consider the following quote by Herman Goering (one of the highest-ranking Nazis) at the Nuremberg trials.

"Of course the people don't want war. But after all, it's the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to greater danger."

LEIGH A. DAVIS
Cranford

Member, New Jersey Coalition Against War on Iraq

Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

The debt owed to the hippies

In recent weeks it was pleasantly nostalgic to see news reports of anti-war demonstrations in New York, London and other cities throughout the United States and Europe.

The images of people marching in the streets, chanting clever slogans and carrying provocative signs reminded me, a precocious pre-pubescent in the late 1960s and an overly serious teenager in the early 1970s, of the time when America was finally growing up.

The country may have lost its innocence in World War I and World II, but in the late 1960s the United States was coming to grips with what it means to be an adult. When a country, like any person, reaches maturity, life is not simple or black-and-white anymore; the ambiguity and doubts smudge the ideal portrait of reality. Either your values change to reflect the growing awareness of the world's unavoidable complications, or you revert to the manichean dichotomies that shaped childhood. The former are usually Democrats; the latter are Republicans.

I'm content to be a spectator in the debate over the potential war with Iraq. I no longer have the boiling passion to vehemently take a side; somewhat shamefully, I reserve my spurs of zeal for a well-struck golf shot, a tantalizing merlot and triple coupons at the grocery market. Yet somehow I can't help but feel empathy for those who have taken to the streets and the information superhighway to protest what may or may not be inevitable. They evoke a time when the Vietnam War tore apart this country and the length or your hair or the width of your bell bottoms was a political statement.

It is amusing, in the wizened way old fogies are delighted by irony, to see today's young people deride hippies. I cannot deny some hippies left themselves open for ridicule — dreamers of unattainable utopias usually end up humiliated or hypocritical caricatures. Yet the hippies achieved much that today's youth assume as a normal and accepted part of society. Sex, for example.

How can I explain to Generation Post-X that in the days before hippies sex before marriage — "going all the way" it was whispered in malt shop booths — was both naughty and dangerous. For a child even of adult age to actually live with a partner before marriage was so socially unacceptable then that mothers swooned with mortification and fathers retreated to their workshops to carve duck decoys. Homosexuality, if it was discussed at all, was considered a parental failure, a sickness only a Marine Corps drill sergeant could cure or an excuse to spend years in psychoanalysis. In their campaign to overthrow The Establishment, the hippies aimed for the point of least resistance — the (ahem) heart. "Make love, not war" was the cheerful doctrine that satiated the rage of protestors and hormones alike. Though the recent irritating rash of romance reality shows may prove me to be horribly optimistic, we now have a much more sophisticated and mature attitude towards sex — thanks to the courage of hippies.

Another debt Generation Post-X owes to hippies is the lack of a strict dress code. Take a look around most workplaces or classrooms and you'll see outfits that would have earned a stern lecture from the boss or a month's detention. Though hippies never did anything as discouraging as wear baseball hats inside a building, their uniform of t-shirts and blue jeans and rejection of uptight dress codes have afforded the following generations the luxury of being, well, sloppy. Would anyone believe that in the pre-hippie days, causal was synonymous with plaid?

I don't know how today's youth should repay their debt of gratitude to hippies. Perhaps they can adopt the best legacy of the hippies — to be tolerant of others and to accept and respect honest differences of opinion. Perhaps they can all chill to a state of coolness with whom they disagree.

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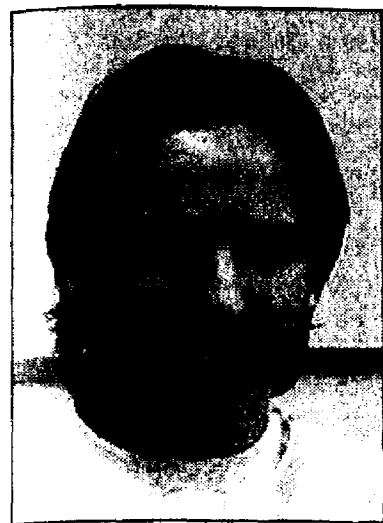
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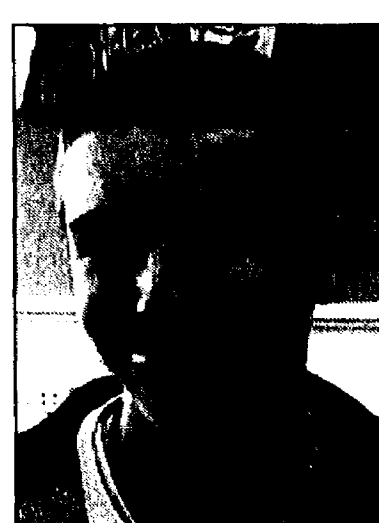
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Briefs

Musical Club offers an eclectic concert

WESTFIELD — The Musical Club of Westfield will present an eclectic assortment of music 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St.

Pianists and Westfield residents Marie-Danielle Mercier and Debbie Parente will perform Edvard Grieg's Holberg Suite, while organist and guest artist will perform a Bach transcription of Vivaldi's Concerto in A Minor.

Longtime Westfield residents Janet and Paul Somers will perform selections from Georg Philipp Telemann's Sonata in G Major on baroque and modern instruments. The performers will highlight the differences between the baroque and modern flute and between the harpsichord and piano, as well as unique elements of baroque performance practices.

Admission is free. For more information or to become a member, phone (908) 232-2173.

JCC plans activities for Purim

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central NJ at 1391 Martine Avenue will host an afternoon of games, activities and rides in celebration of Purim 12-4 p.m. March 16.

Admission is \$5 for the entire family, plus the price of tickets. The public is invited. Stop by the JCC by March 14 to register early and save on ticket prices. Call (908) 889-8800 ext. 218 or ext. 235 for additional information.

Presbyterian Church screens 'Joshua'

WESTFIELD — The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will be sponsoring a Family Movie Night to be held 7:30 p.m. tonight in the church sanctuary, 140 Mountain Avenue.

The film will be "Joshua," which is based on the best-selling novel of the same name. It stars Tony Goldwyn ("Ghost") and F. Murray Abraham ("Amadeus").

This G-rated film is a glimpse at what it might be like if Jesus returned to present-day Earth. Would the people in his small community recognize him, and what would they say to his statements on religion and faith?

All are welcome and there is no fee.

Center offers 'Jewish Story Hour'

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center is announcing the beginning of a new session of "Jewish Story Hour" starting March 13. The group will be for children ages 3-5 1:30-2:15 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$45 for 9 sessions.

The program will explore exciting Jewish themes through stories, arts and crafts and Jewish songs.

For more information please call the center at (908) 789-5252.

Movie night, book club at First Baptist Church

WESTFIELD — First Baptist Church will hold a movie night 6-9 p.m. tonight in the church lounge. A contemporary PG-13 film will be screened; families, singles and youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome to come munch on goodies and join the fellowship.

And Saturday, the Women's Book Club at the church will discuss "Cry, the Beloved Country" at 10 a.m. in the lounge. All women are invited to join the discussion and refreshments.

For more information about either event, call the church at (908) 233-22798 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Township may eliminate flag lots

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Planning Board has recommended the Township Council amend its development regulations to prohibit flag lots in all zones in the township.

The recommendation came as a result of the council's inquiry into ways it could stop overdevelopment, particularly in light of the state's most recent Smart Growth initiative. Earlier this year Gov. James E. McGreevey announced the state would encourage development in areas with existing infrastructure, such as Union County.

The council discussed the issue at several of its meetings last month and passed a resolution opposing McGreevey's growth map, which marks Scotch Plains as an area where development is encouraged. The council talked about adopting an ordinance similar to Westfield's "shoe-horning ordinance," which gives its planning and zoning boards extra criteria in judging subdivision applications.

The council referred the matter to the Planning Board for a recommendation, which in turn examined the issue in its zoning committee. The committee met Feb. 7

and 12 and presented its findings at a board meeting last week.

"The zoning committee decided to eliminate flag lots because it isn't an attractive way to develop our neighborhoods," said Councilwoman Paulette Coronato, who sits on the Planning Board and zoning committee. "We came to the conclusion that the negatives in eliminating flag lots were not as forthcoming as the positives."

A flag lot is a lot that sits behind another property with respect to the main street and is connected to the street by a long driveway, so that on a map it resembles a flag attached to a pole.

Coronato said the committee recommended prohibition in all zones to avoid spot zoning accusa-

tions from developers. The committee cited a 1997 report by the Board of Adjustment in which the board requested flag lots in all zones be prohibited because "they create an unnatural and usually unattractive environment detracting from the beauty and character of the neighborhood."

The Board of Adjustments report also stated there were concerns about the safety of firefighters and residents because it is difficult to move rescue equipment down the narrow, long driveways of flag lots.

"I think we need to stand up for the community and maintain the character of the community," Coronato said. "People don't want (the township) to be overdeveloped."

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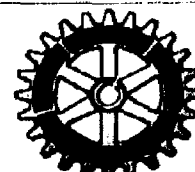
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FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Amelie." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

BACH FESTIVAL — "Zimmermann's Kaffeehaus." St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. \$25. (908) 222-1742.

FAMILY MOVIE — "Joshua." Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 233-0301.

SATURDAY
MARCH 8

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB — discussing "Cry the Beloved Country" by Alan Paton. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 10 a.m. (908) 233-2278.

BACH FESTIVAL — symposium "Unlocking Bach's Musical Language." First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, 11 a.m. \$15. (908) 222-1742.

BOOK SIGNING — "Flying High Pogo" by Constance Foland. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

BACH FESTIVAL — "Solo Sweets." First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, 2 p.m. \$20. (908) 222-1742.

CHARITY AUCTION — for AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6 p.m. \$100. Tickets: (908) 928-1600 or (908) 822-8553.

'DR. COOK'S GARDEN' — winter play of Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 8 p.m. March 8, 15, 21, 22. \$12. Tickets: (908) 232-1221.

SUNDAY
MARCH 9

SINGLES GROUP — for adults 45-over. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. March 9, 16, 23, 30. \$2. (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

PRE-PURIM — story and craft hour for ages 3-5. Union County Torah Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield, 1:30 p.m. \$5/child. Registration: (908) 789-5252.

DOLLS — of the 18th century,

made by Laurie, Amy and Chelsea Mills (Fanwood). Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

ROMANTIC — music of Brahms, Durufle, Mahler and Dupre. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 4 p.m. (related lecture 3:15 p.m.). Adults \$20; seniors \$15; 18-under free. (908) 232-1116.

BACH FESTIVAL — with chorus and Westfield Symphony Orchestra. First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (related lecture 6:30 p.m.) \$50, \$35. (908) 222-1742.

TUESDAY
MARCH 11

OPEN FORUM — on state government funding of the arts. Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8:30 a.m. Registration: (908) 232-3673.

LADIES ONLY — dinner with Newcomers' Club of Westfield. Fujiyama Mama, 341 South Ave. East, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12

KIDS PLAY GROUP — for

Newcomers' Club of Westfield. Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

DUET — Timothy Cobb, bass, and Rebecca Silver Weber, piano. Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon. Recital free; lunch \$5. (908) 233-2494.

THURSDAY
MARCH 13

ANNUAL EVENT — Union County Teen Arts Festival. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 13, 14. (908) 558-2550.

JEWISH STORY HOUR — first in 9-week series for ages 3-5. Union County Torah Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield, 1:30 p.m. \$45. Registration: (908) 789-5252.

LITERARY TALK — Ian Boyd on "G.K. Chesterton: The Joyful Prophet." Knights of Columbus hall, 2400 North Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 232-9767.

FRIDAY
MARCH 14

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Waking Ned Devine." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

SATURDAY
MARCH 15

BOOK SIGNING — "Dialogue 3" by Veronica Yankowski. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

BOOK SIGNING — "Ariel and Emily" by Adele Aron Greenspun and Joanie Schwarz. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

SUNDAY
MARCH 16

PURIM PARTY — at Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, noon-4 p.m. \$5/family; rides extra. (908) 889-8800, Ext. 218 or 235.

STENCILING — as done in early America. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

GREEN DANCE — for disabled people. Westfield, 3 p.m. \$7. Registration required: (908) 527-4096 by March 7.

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Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. March 21. Free. (908) 322-6400.

'FOOTLOOSE' — winter musical of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 667 Westfield Rd., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. March 21, 22, 28, 29. Adults \$10; students, seniors \$5. Tickets: (908) 233-8643.

PROGRESSIVE — dinner for Newcomers' Club of Westfield, 6:30 p.m. March 22. Registration: (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

DINNER MEETING — for Business and Professional Association of Fanwood. Il Sogno, 40 South Ave., Fanwood, 6 p.m. March 24. Registration: claypierce@aol.com or (908) 889-4300 by March 21.

PARISH MISSION — of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 1571 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. March 24-26. (908) 889-4375.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Gosford Park." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. March 28. Free. (908) 322-6400.

'SPRING CRAFT LADY' — instruction for all Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1610 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, 2:30 p.m. April 3. Free. Registration: (908) 889-5500.

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Colonial dollmaking at Miller-Cory House

WESTFIELD — Dolls existed in America more than 200 years before anyone heard of Barbie.

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Laurie, Amy and Chelsea Mills re-create this manner of early dollmaking 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 9 at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield. These women from Fanwood bring a display of colonial-era dolls for the presentation.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where Dorothy Weiss of Westfield presents "The Art of Early American Stenciling" on Sunday, March 16.

Teen Arts Festival at UCC next week

The annual Union County Teen Arts Festival takes place Thursday and Friday, March 13-14 on the main campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Hours each day are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

"The Teen Arts Festival showcases the artistic and creative abilities of Union County's youth," Freeholder Chester Holmes said. "Students from more than 50 public and private schools participate."

Performances, master classes, workshops and seminars cover most facets of high culture: visual arts, music, theater, dance, creative writing.

For more information, phone (908) 558-2550.

Clark Child Care hosts open houses

Clark Child Care, located at Union County Baptist Church on 4 Valley Rd. in Clark, will hold open houses 1-4 p.m. March 15-16.

The facility offers full-service programs for children ages 2-6. Founded in September 2002, the center is a state-licensed facility.

The supervisor of the center, Lisa Greshko has been the director of the church's nursery for seven years and has two children, ages 2 and 7. The executive director is Dr. Frank Papandrea, a licensed professional counselor and senior pastor of the church.

Phone Clark Child Care at (732) 574-8808 for more information.

Chesterton is subject of speech at Knights

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ian Boyd, C.S.B., editor of the literary journal "The Chesterton Review" since its inception in 1974, will speak 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 North Avenue.

His presentation is entitled, "G.K. Chesterton, The Joyful Prophet." Boyd will explore the prophetic nature of Chesterton's many novels, poems, essays and biographies. In particular, Boyd will discuss such developments as the assault on the dignity of the human person, the promotion of consumerist individualism and its threat to the family, and the loss of a sense of the sacred and the sacramental.

Through such classics as "Orthodoxy" and "The Everlasting Man," Chesterton built a timeless defense of his faith and virtue while earning the nickname "the apostle of common sense." Though prominently engaged in the many controversies of his day, Chesterton was maintained deep friendships with such adversaries as George Bernard Shaw, largely because of his remarkable humor and well-developed sense of personal charity.

In keeping with the spirit of G. K. Chesterton, guests are asked to make a Lenten offering of canned goods to benefit our area homeless shelters and local food bank. The evening is free of charge and open to the public.

Terrill students test their luck in the market

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
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SCOTCH PLAINS — While a few years of a down stock market and an unstable economy have many fleeing Wall Street, a group of middle school students here are jumping into the market via Smith Barney's Young Investors Network.

The program is in its fifth year and includes Take Your

Parents to School Day and the National Stock Portfolio Contest.

Students at Terrill Middle School are participating in the program for the second straight year and will test their market savvy against students from around the nation.

Though the shares they invest in aren't real, the students gain a financial education not taught in the school curriculum. And if they win, each student receives a share of Citigroup stock, the parent company of Smith Barney.

Fifty middle schools participate in the program, which includes a three-day curriculum and the three-month stock competition. Three algebra honors classes at Terrill are competing against each other and schools nationwide, including classes in

Berkley Heights, Somerset, Morris Plains and Holmdel.

Smith Barney representatives visited the school Feb. 27 to give the students and their parents an overview on the program and kick off the stock portfolio contest. Thomas Beattie, financial consultant for Smith Barney, led the presentation before an excited

group of students. Beattie is a former Scotch Plains resident and attended the school.

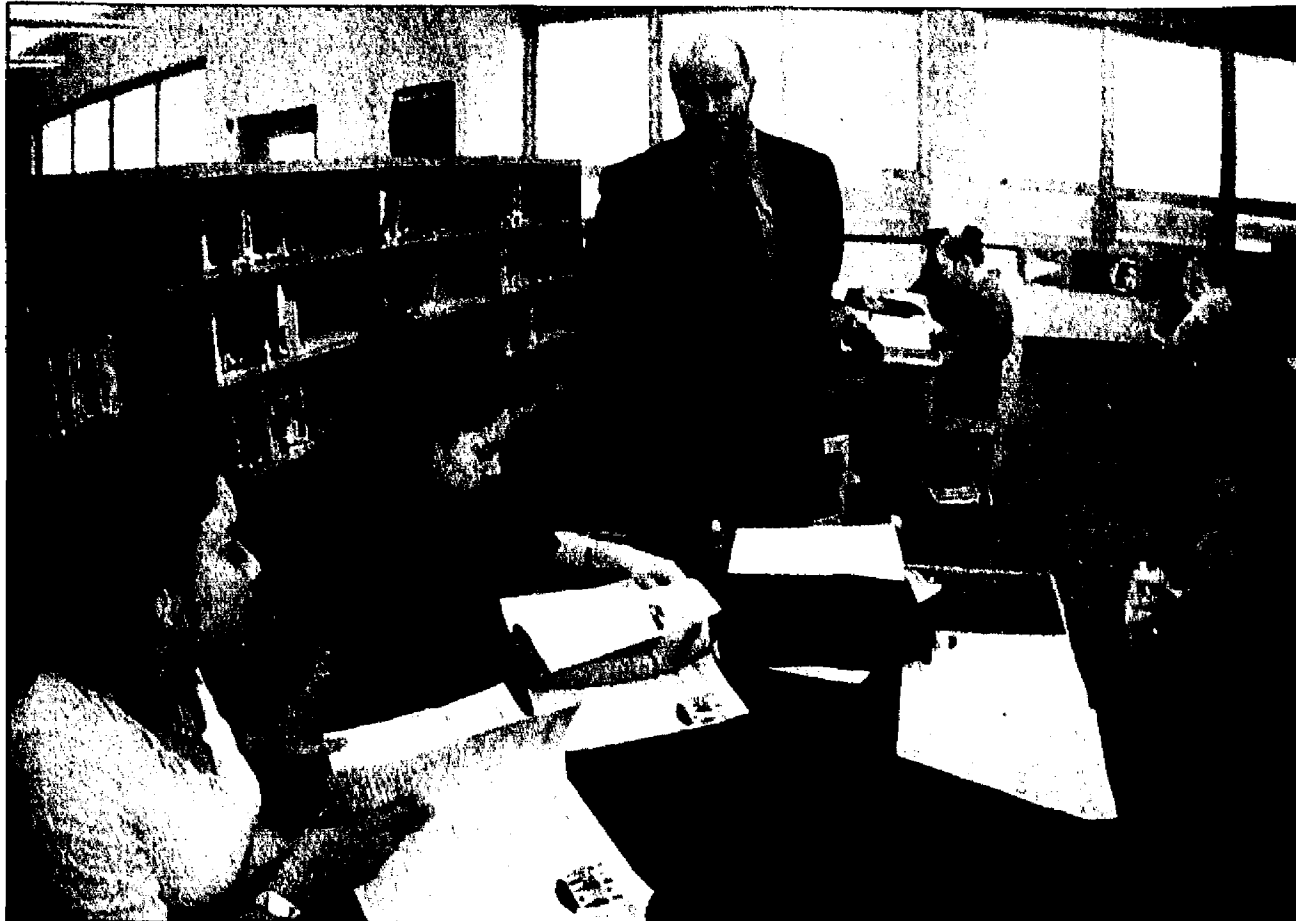
"The idea is to get them interested in investing before they get to high school, so hopefully they will continue with it through high school and college. It promotes goal-setting, teamwork and camaraderie."

— Thomas Beattie
Smith Barney financial consultant

camaraderie. It's fun; I love it." This is Beattie's second year working with eighth-grade algebra teacher Michelle Londino's classes, and he and his colleagues were impressed with the students' investment knowledge.

"I picked honors classes," Londino said. "This is a great group. It's not hard to get them excited. They all seem to be very investment-wise. They had a good handle on what to do."

In the two days prior to Smith Barney's visit, the students researched the stock market on the



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Thomas Beattie, financial consultant for Smith Barney, speaks with students at Terrill Middle School about investing in the stock market.

Internet, television, newspapers and the materials the company provided. They also discussed factors that affect the market.

Each class was divided into five groups, with each group deciding on a share of stock to buy from a

limited list and the combined shares making up the class's portfolio. One class, nicknamed "The Broker\$," selected two shares of Kimberly Clark and a share each of Wendy's and Exxon.

Londino said she will have the

Internet running in her classroom during the contest so students can track their portfolios daily. The contest ends May 22, with the prize going to the class whose portfolio shows the greatest percentage increase.

Ahoy, mateys! Pirates invade Westfield next week



Maj. Gen. Stanley, played by David Eisenberg, center, is surrounded by his daughters during a rehearsal of Westfield High School's spring musical "The Pirates of Penzance." The show is March 13-15 at the high school auditorium.

WESTFIELD — The ship has docked and the pirates have landed to perform the Westfield High School Drama and Music Department's spring musical, Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance."

The show debuts 7 p.m. Thursday at the high school, with performances also scheduled 8 p.m. March 14-15. The performance features 31 student actors and the familiar tunes "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General," "Climbing over Rocky Mountains," and "How Beautifully Blue the Sky," among others.

The fifth of Gilbert and Sullivan's 13 collaborations, "The Pirates of Penzance" is the story of two young lovers, Mabel (Martha Strickland) and Frederic (Ryan Leonard), who was accidentally indentured to a gang of pirates until his 21st birthday. J.D. Hyman plays the swashbuckling Pirate King, while Tyler Patla plays the Police Sergeant and Lindsay-Rose Sinclair is the Nanny Ruth.

General Stanley's many daughters are played by Christine Pirot, Betsy Paynter, Samantha Hooper-Hamersly, Vivian Futran, Rachel

Hawkins, Colleen Kirk, Kim Lam, Celine Mogielnicki, Katherine Nickol, Taylor Mulvey and Allison Siko. The rollicking, good-hearted buccaneers are Chris Lynn, Josh Lerner, Sean Devaney, Jeff Greenlaw, Jeff Hogan Elliot Johnson and Mike Sherry.

Playing pirates in Act I and police in Act II are Maurice Blackman, Jason Meches, Zal Spialter and Nick Williams. Other police rae played by Kristen Agilero, Emily Greenberg, Kim Lam and Christine McGrath.

The show is choreographed by Erica Cenci, a 2002 Westfield High graduate and now a first-year student at Muhlenberg College. Drama teacher Joe Nierle directs the show, while Bill Matthews handled the musical numbers. Roy Chambers designed the sets and Jazelle Giresi and Alexandra DeJohn are in charge of costumes.

Tickets are \$8 for the Thursday performance and \$10 for the weekend shows. All tickets are reserved seating and may be purchased from cast members or by calling (908) 789-4549, ext. 1 or emailing whsdrama@westfieldnj.com.

Union Catholic ready for 40th anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS — The upcoming 40th anniversary of Union Catholic has generated much enthusiasm and excitement at the school.

In October, more than 100 guests attended the formal dedication of Our Lady of Grace State and Memorial Walkway. In November, the "Hollywood Night Gala" provided guests with an elegant evening of entertainment, music, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a silent auction. And Sister Percylee Hart, RSM, Principal of Union Catholic, celebrated her Golden Jubilee in December.

As the year progresses, a variety of events and special activities are being planned. A special book by religion teacher Allan Wright, "Silent Witness to the Gospels," was recently published, and students and Union Catholic families had the opportunity to have their copies of the book personally signed by Mr. Wright.

For the past two years, a special committee of alumni has been hard at work planning a special 40th Anniversary Alumni

Weekend for May 2-4. This weekend of events will provide an opportunity for alumni to return to the school and renew old friendships, see former and current faculty and show their children and family their high school.

There will be an open house Friday evening with a special Archives Display, a Family Fun Day Saturday with games, food and activities for children, a Saturday Evening Gala at the Pines Manor in Edison and a Mass on Sunday concelebrated by Union Catholic alumni who are ordained priests.

The organizing committee is seeking alumni who would like to take part in key roles for the Mass. Needed are readers, Eucharistic ministers, singers, musicians, ushers, gift bearers, singers, musicians.

Alumni wishing additional information should check the school's website at www.union-catholic.org, email awichusen@unioncatholic.org, or call the school office at (908) 889-1600.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
I spy with my little eye...
Westfield resident Jack Petersen isn't checking for bugs. Instead, he's showing guests at the Miller-Cory House Museum a hollow stile, used to draw sap from maple trees. Petersen hosted a demonstration Sunday about the process of maple sugaring.

Samuel J. Kerr

WESTFIELD — Samuel J. Kerr, 79, died March 3, 2003 at the MediCenter in Neptune City. Mr. Kerr was born in Newark and formerly lived in Westfield. He had a summer home in Belmar for many years and his permanent home in that borough since 1975.

He once was the director of security for United Parcel Service in Secaucus and the co-owner of the Retail Delivery Service in Raritan. Mr. Kerr also was a paralegal and investigator with the Asbury Park law firm Kitzman & Gallagher. He was an officer with the Newark Police Department from 1950-68.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2620 and the

Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, both in Belmar. Mr. Kerr served in the Army during World War II.

Deceased are a son, Andy; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Betty Ward.

Surviving are his wife, Harriett Gross Kerr; two sons, John S. and Dennis P.; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. Rose Roman Catholic Church in Belmar. Burial was in St. Catharine's Cemetery, Wall.

Arrangements were by the Reilly Funeral Home in Belmar. Donations may be sent to Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Scholarship Fund, 16th Avenue, Belmar, NJ 07719.

Edna Brilinski

SCOTCH PLAINS — Edna M. Page Brilinski, 62, died Feb. 27, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Jersey City and had lived in Scotch Plains in 1977.

Mrs. Brilinski was a homemaker who made "memory albums" for wedding, baptisms, showers, anniversaries, and birthdays. She was the first woman of the Roosevelt Bowling League in Jersey City to bowl a perfect 300 game. She also bowled at Clark Lanes and the former Blue Star Lanes in Watchung.

Her husband, Stephen, is

deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, JoAnn Estrella of Middlesex, Linda E. Brilinski-Crossley of Chandler, Ariz., and Stefanie A. of Scotch Plains; a son-in-law, Nelson Estrella of Middlesex; a brother, David Page of Bayonne; a sister, Mary Lou Ragno; and a brother-in-law, John, both of Jersey City; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Evelyn Beryl Marsh

WESTFIELD — Evelyn Beryl Marsh, 91, died Feb. 27, 2003 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

A native of Anerley, England, she lived in Orange and Manhattan before moving to Westfield in 1940.

Mrs. Marsh was a volunteer with the Red Cross in Westfield, Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Veterans Affairs hospital in Lyons. She was a member of the 12 O'Clock Club at the Willow Grove Presbyterian

Church in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, Edward, died in 1972. A brother, Donald Blenheim, and a sister, Enid Richards, are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Geraldine Kondak; a son, Lawrence; two sisters, Irene Cater and Vera Brigham; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Barbara Dagnall

WESTFIELD — Barbara L. Murray Dagnall, 70, died Feb. 25, 2003 at her home.

Born Sept. 16, 1932 in Newark, she lived in Warren before moving to Piscataway in 1991.

Mrs. Dagnall was a former commissioner of the Warren Township Baseball Association and coached a team in that league. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Mount Bethel Volunteer Fire Company in Warren.

In addition, Mrs. Dagnall was a member of Trinity United Church in Warren.

Her husband, Robert J., died in 1984.

Surviving are seven sons, Steven R. of Piscataway, Scott G. of Bethlehem, Pa., Brett L. of Palmer, Pa., Shawn L. of Greenwich Township, Gordon D. of Westfield, Todd A. of Pittstown and Bruce M. of High Bridge; a daughter, Bonnie J. of Piscataway; three brothers, Kenneth Murray of Bloomfield, Stuart Murray of Mount Holly and Hap Murray of West Orange; and 17 grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen. Burial was in Round Brook Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Trinity United Church, 118 King George Road, Warren, NJ 07059.

Obituaries

Grace Briganti

WESTFIELD — Grace C. Buonanno Briganti, 77, died March 3, 2003 at Rahway Hospital.

A native of New York City, she lived in Westfield and Roselle before moving to Garwood in 1997.

Mrs. Briganti was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of

48 years, Rudolph; a son, Rudolph Jr.; a brother, Peter Briganti; and a sister, Margaret Lasotta.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 315 First St. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home.

Ruth King

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ruth King, 92, died Feb. 28, 2003 at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Baltimore, Md., she lived in Carteret before moving to Scotch Plains 1 1/2 years ago.

Mrs. King retired in 1973 after 13 years as a counter worker with a number of Carteret bakeries. She earlier was a waitress in Burns' Restaurant at the Foster & Wheeler Corp. in Carteret.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Carteret. Her husband, Jack, died in

1983. Also deceased are four brothers, Fred Reidel, William Reidel, Charles Reidel and Melvin Reidel; three sisters, Anna Moore, Marie Haury and Carrie Matus; and three nephews, Louis Moore, Charles Reidel and James Reidel.

Surviving are a son, Robert of Fayetteville, N.C.; a daughter, Carolyn King Mezey and husband Ralph of Edison; five grandchildren and a nephew.

Services were held Tuesday at the Gosselin Funeral Home in Edison. Burial was in Clover Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Elva Harris Blair

SCOTCH PLAINS — Elva Harris "Elvis" Blair died Feb. 25, 2003 at his home.

Mr. Blair was born in Manchester, Jamaica, and once lived in Birmingham, England. He came to the United States in 1975 and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1977.

He was a master plumber and craftsman. An astrologer and cartographer, Mr. Blair spent hours looking at the stars and often woke

up at dawn to watch birds with his binoculars.

Surviving are his wife, Brendalin; his mother, Miriam Spence; a daughter, Cynthia Blair-Khan; six brothers, Frank, Barrington, Brenton, Errol, Manny and Attal; two sisters, Elise and Reydell; and several grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Higgins Home for Funerals, 752 Mountain Blvd., Watchung.

Patrick Frain

WESTFIELD — Patrick J. Frain, 80, died March 1, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Newark, he lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1963.

Mr. Frain retired in 1983 after 15 years as the owner and president of Newark Industrial Spraying Inc. He received a degree in accounting from Seton Hall University in the late 1940s.

A daughter, Linda L., died in

1982.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Emanuelli Frain; three brothers, John of Clinton, Bernard of Springfield and Thomas of Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home.

Mario DiGirolamo Jr.

WESTFIELD — Mario E. DiGirolamo Jr., 75, died March 4, 2003 at Florida Hospital-Flagler in Palm Coast, Fla.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Westfield before moving to Palm Coast in 2000.

Mr. DiGirolamo graduated from Union County College and was a retired general contractor in New Jersey. He served with the 32nd Infantry Division of the Army in the Korean War.

He was a member of the

Knights of Columbus and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8696, both in Palm Coast.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Gloria; four sons, Mario III and Anthony, both of Palm Coast, Gregory of Piscataway and Robert of Keansburg; a daughter, Lisa of Waco, Texas; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today in Palm Coast. Arrangements are by the Palm Coast Funeral Home.

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St. Bartholomew's hosts parish mission

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Who Are We? Whose Are We?" is the theme of the upcoming parish mission at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Sister Frances Lauretti, director of the St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, and Rev. John Paladino, chaplain of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, present the parish mission in the church at 1571 Martine Ave. Their schedule:

Monday, March 24 — "Hey, Open Your Eyes! You're Missing a

Good Game!" 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25 — "Home is Where the Heart Is; Home is Where the Hurt Is," 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26 — "Leaving the Panic Room," 7:30 p.m.

In addition, Lauretti and Paladino will speak at the vigil Mass 5 p.m. March 22 plus Masses 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon March 23.

For more information, phone (908) 322-5192. The public is invited.

Roosevelt School names students to honor roll

WESTFIELD — Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Ken Shulack has announced the following 280 students, or 58 percent of the seventh- and eighth-grade student body, were named to the second marking period honor roll for the 2002-2003 school year.

Distinguished Honor Roll

Grade 8: Gregory H. Boyle, Jennifer Burns, Emily C. Cataldo, Julia P. Cederroth, Theodore Chou, Stephanie Christiano, Christine L. Cobazza, Catherine Cordeiro, Seth I. Davidson, Cecilia De Corral, Emily De Rosa, Ashley Dunnan, Aaron E. Eisenberg, Alena Fleming, Remi G. Fornal, Angelina I. Garneva, Emily Gee, Caroline Hansen, Kevin J. Hennessey, Leanne P. Hewitt, Christopher Kalis, Anya M. Kaplan, Anna E. Koehler, Kate Kovalenko, Sarah H. Lapidus, Thomas Malaspina, Michael Marks, Kevin Maus, Patrick F. McCabe, Rebecca McQuade, Julianne E. Niemiera, Courtney A. Phillips, Sarah E. Queller, Matthew T. Renart, Lindsey Ann Sauerwein, William Schwartz, Marlena Sheridan, Thomas J. Sheridan, Jacqueline D. Snyder, Jamie Steiner, Kelsey Sullivan, Katherine L. Taylor, Samantha Vitale, Francesca Welham, Heather Welham, Molly G. Williams.

Grade 7: Marlee Austin, Andrew M. Bakst, Erin M. Bange, Cameron M. Banta, Claire F. Bennett, Matthew S. Bluffield, Caitlin C. Burke, Stephen Chan, Alex Colucci, Jordana Confino, Kyle E. Cortley, Emily K. Cozzi, Benjamin J. Dornfeld, Jared M. Dornfeld, Emily Doskow, Maya Fine Pincus, Katherine M. Geline, Matthew Gralla, Britta L. Green, Peter Griesmer, Caitlin Hewett, Dean Kowalski, Benjamin E. Maimon, Harry Marino, Daniel E. Markowski, Danielle R. Masterton, Matthew S. McCurdy, Pratik M. Mehta, Robert M. Miller, Kimberly D. Morawski, Marissa H. Mumford, Kevin M. Neylan, Alexandra Pecora, Crista M. Ricci, Kirk K. Schwan, James L. Seip, Melissa Souto, Danielle E. Tepper, Elena Tinfow, Lindsay M. Tishberg, Ann-Marie Valentine, Emily Walus, Cindy Wang, Michael Weinberg, Daniela Weiner, Eric C. Zagorski.

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Grade 8: Justin A. Adams, Kimberly J. Angus, Sara Anthony, Peter L. Antonelli, Matthew L. Anzalone, Stephanie P. Baeder, Jeremy R. Barnes, Caitlin M. Bludgus, Eric J. Brandman, Lindsay Brown, Melanie Brown, Amanda Carolan, Patrina Caruana, Matthew S. Carville, Tiffany Cayado, Chloe E. Cherin, Christopher Chou, Vincent Clark, Anthony Cocuzza, Peter G. Cornell, Tara E. Daly, Jonathan D. Finkel, Nicole B. Finkel, Andrew K. Ford, Alexander S. Forstenhauser, Claire S. Fox, Sarah M. Garry, Melissa J. Gerckens, Patrick K. Gessner, Ilene R. Goodman, Anne G. Greenberg, Jiaming Guan, Tegeest Hailu, Emma Hand, William M. Harbaugh, Amanda C. Hayden, Stephen M. Heine, Phillip John, Samuel G. John, Daniel J. Johnson,

Troy Johnson, Daniel J. Kahaner, Edward L. Kane, Emily Kieczykowski, Ye Seul Kim, Elizabeth J. Kline, Bryan Knapp, Adam D. Koll, Bryan Krichilsky, Jennifer Laspatha, Brian Lee, Kimberly Legones, Mary Kate Luker, Claire MacDonald, Alexander S. Masel, Christopher Mattes, Natalia Mavrogianis, Melissa K. McDermott, Lauren E. McCurdy, Amanda McQuade, John T. Meagher, James Meylor, Philip J. Miele, Russell J. Miller, Nicholas Mironovich, Christine Mruz, Jaclyn Nicoll, Daniel J. Nuber, Caitlyn Oster, Colleen E. Psomas, Anna P. Pulicino, Ellen Ramage, Jonathan Ramalho, Nicole A. Reich, Lindsey Romano, Peter Rucinsky, Ryan Salmon, Elizabeth L. Scanlon, Ian Schwartz, Julie Anne Shelman, John-William Sidhom, Leanne Skorge, Bryan J. Smith, Darrell Ann Smith, Zachary Sproull, Thomas Stewart, Julia Tomaszewsky, James Tonges, John J. Trimble, Andrea S. Turitz, Alex Vanarelli, Nicole Vendetti, Michael T. Venezia, Michael P. Verrier, Scott B. Warner, Leigh E. Weissman, Gregory A. Whitman, Maxwell H. Wieder, Ryan Yarusi, Gabriel Yukon, Benjamin Zakarin, Aron L. Zavaro.

Grade 7: William J. Beshears, Adam D. Blitz, Laryssa M. Borkowsky, Franklin A. (Zan) Burkey, Jessica A. Campo, Robert J. Castelo, A.J. Cerami, Gil Scott Chapman, Christopher Chin, Tyler Clark, Alex Colucci, Caitlin M. Corkery, Lauren N. Couture, Andrew Cunningham, Barbara D'agosto, Joshua David, Ian Devaney, Rose M. Driscoll, William S. Eisenberg, Meghan Evans, Brian Fabiano, Matthew A. Fenger, David Finn, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Cornelius Fitzpatrick, Michael Fitzpatrick, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Christopher Franks, Alexander J. Fruchtman, Emily E. Fusco, Rachel E. Ganz, Aidan B. Granstrand, Alexander M. Greenspan, Brandon Heroux, Benjamin Hiller, James Hooper-Hamersley, Rachel Iannazzone, Melanie L. Jackson, Samuel A. Johnson, Christine J. Kandigian, Michael Kane, Lauren Krichilsky, Anusuya Krishnan, Tim Kuehn, Florian Leutwyler, John N. Levy, Nicholas Li Voller, Daniel A. Liebowitz, Samantha E. Luscombe, Allison F. MacDonald, Mary E. Mahoney, Joseph R. Maran, Daniel E. Markowski, Catherine Marvin, Benjamin J. Mason, Rebecca L. McNulty, Katherine B. Meylor, Zachary Minken, Haley A. Mustard, Michael P. Nika, Gregory O'Brien, Kate E. O'Connor, Corrine Parkinson, Melia E. Parsloe, Josephine B. Reinhardt, Jorie Richlin-Zack, Andrew M. Rosenberg, Stephanie A. Rowe, Tessa Schaaf, Sari Schwartz, Erin C. Scialabba, Kelly A. Seeger, Kevin Shallcross, Allison E. Sharkey, Megan R. Sherman, Deborah F. Siegel, Richard Venckus, Lindsay Walsh, Zacharie Weingarten, Hannah P. Weisman, Hannah Wharam, Domenick Wissel, Trevor B. Yee, Michelle Zaffuto, Lisa S. Zavetz, Xinyi Ed Zhang.

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Bach's music fills town throughout weekend

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Bach Festival is a weekend filled with the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

"Zimmermann's Kaffehaus" is 7:30 p.m. Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This first concert re-creates a Leipzig music hall from 1750, the year Bach died. The program opens with the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, featuring the festival's Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Edward Brewer. Following in English is the "Coffee Cantata" with Laura Heimes, soprano; Timothy Fallon, tenor; and David Arnold, baritone. A Concerto for Four Harpsichords ends the program with Brewer, Victoria Griswold, Trent Johnson and Barbara Thomson. Admission of \$25 includes coffee and pastries.

A symposium "Unlocking Bach's Musical Language" is 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Congregational Church. Paul Somers of the Classical New Jersey Society and Henry Wyatt are the presenters. Admission is \$15.

"Solo Sweets" follow 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the First Congregational Church. Performers are Johnson, organ; Eliot Bailen, cello; Susan Rotholz, flute; and Thomson, organ. Admission is \$20.

The "Gala Festival Concert" is 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. In the concluding program the festival's chorus provides accompaniment to the Westfield Symphony Orchestra under the direction of David Wroe. Selections are the Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 with Thomson, organ; the Concerto in C major with Peter Winograd, violin; and Richard Foley, oboe; and Orchestral Suite No. 4 in D major. Ending the festival is "Jauchzet, frohlocket!" Cantata No. 248 with Laura Schwab, soprano; Alexandra Montano, mezzo-soprano; Andrew McGill, tenor; and Arnold, baritone. Admission of \$50 prime seating and \$35 general admission includes a lecture by Somers 6:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are available at the Westfield Symphony Orchestra office, the Town Book Store and the Plainfield Music Store. For more information, phone (908) 222-1742.

'Dr. Cook's Garden' opens Saturday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Players' "Dr. Cook's Garden," the troupe's third show of the season, opens 8 p.m. Saturday and continues Friday and Saturday evenings through March 22 with general admission tickets at \$12. Call the box office at (908) 233-1221 for tickets and for information on the March 14 benefit performance.

This murder mystery, written by Ira Levin and directed by John Correll, is set in an idyllic New England town, where an old doctor makes house calls and coaxes people into this life, as well as out of it. But perhaps the good doctor goes too far, as his young protégé discovers.

The aging and world-weary Dr. Cook (Art Hickey of Murray Hill) is at the other end of the Hippocratic oath from the idealistic, young Dr. Jim Tennyson (Mark Szabo of Rahway). Nurse Schmidt (Pam Heller, Middlesex), the gardener Elias (Stow Lovejoy, Summit) and housekeeper Dora (Kathy Mattingly, Piscataway) provide more perspective on the burdens and joys of life in a small town.

WCP continues its opening night tradition of hosting patrons for coffee and light refreshments with the cast and crew after the show.

Romantic music at Westfield church

WESTFIELD — Arbor Chamber Music has what it calls "an unusual grouping" of music from the Romantic era.

The recital is 4 p.m. Sunday at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Featured are songs for mezzo-soprano and the Cello Sonata in E flat minor, both by Johannes Brahms; "Pie Jesu," from the "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé; "Songs of a Wayfarer," by Gustav Mahler; and the "Ballade" for piano and organ, by Marcel Dupré.

Performers are Marie-Danièle Mercier, organ; Michael Kannen, cello; Lenore Fishman Davis, piano; and Emily Golden, mezzo-soprano.

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, free for students 18 and under. A lecture by John Sichel 3:15 p.m. precedes the program. For more information, phone (908) 232-1115.

Big Apple Circus is coming to town!

BRIDGEWATER — Dreams of a City, the all-new 25th Anniversary production of the Big Apple Circus is set in New York City at the turn of the 20th Century — a period of great changes and massive immigration, influencing everything, including the Circus. Irish, Russians, Italians, Jews, Chinese and many others brought and still bring to the City their dreams, their energy, their unshakable spirit and their cultural diversity — all elements found in a good circus performance. So by joyfully celebrating New York's storied "melting pot," this season the Big Apple Circus also celebrates... the Circus!

The Commerce Bank Ballpark on East Main Street is the fourth stop on the 11 month, 10 city tour of Big Apple Circus' Dreams of a City, following its world premiere engagement in Washington, D.C., and annual seasons in New York City (at Lincoln Center) and Atlanta.

Tickets for Dreams of a City at Commerce Bank Ballpark, home of the Somerset Patriots (off Route 287), range in price from \$17 to \$44 for Saturday and Sunday shows; from \$15 to \$36 for weekday 7 p.m. shows; and from \$12 to \$30 for 11 a.m. weekday matinees.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (212) 307-4100, ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the community box office at Somerset Hills YMCA (140 Mt. Airy Road, Basking Ridge); hours are Monday through Friday 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; there is a \$1 per ticket service charge.

The Circus Box Office in front of the Big Top at Commerce Bank



This year's Big Apple Circus will feature talented acts from around the world.

Ballpark opens March 8; hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For groups of 15 people or more, for wheelchair accessible seating or for additional information please call (800) 922-3772.

Produced by Paul Binder and conceived by Michael Christensen and Canadian director Michel Barette — who returns to the Big Apple Circus to direct the show — Dreams of a City will be scored by the vibrant music of Michael Valenti and Scott Senna (performed by the Big Apple Circus All-Star Band under the musical direction of Rob Slowik), adorned by the colorful costumes of Rumanian-born designer Mirena

Rada, festooned by the superb scenery of Dan Kuchar, enlivened by the witty choreography of Lisa LeAnn Dalton, and polished off with spectacular lighting by Louis Morisset and sound by Darby Smotherman. Director of Clowning is Barry Lubin.

An exciting company of international circus stars journeys back to the golden days of the Victorian era to recreate in the sawdust ring the excitement, the unflappable optimism, and the wonderful energy of people from around the world, who bring to New York its unique spirit and vitality with their own Dreams of a City.

From the U.S., the Big Apple Circus' very own Grandma (Barry

Lubin), and emcee Denny McGuire.

From France, returning to the Big Apple Circus by popular demand, the charming musical clown Francesco.

From Switzerland, and for the first time in the U.S., the mesmerizing, high-speed juggling of Claudius Specht.

From Russia, and for the first time in the U.S., the amazing Anskin Troupe with two acts: an original, daring, and spectacular flying trapeze act; and extraordinary acrobatic feats on the trampoline.

From China, and for the first time in the U.S., the unbelievable slack wire balancer Cong Tim, winner of the coveted Silver

Clown Award at the International Circus Festival of Monte Carlo.

From Armenia, the inimitable bouncy balancer on free-ladder, Azerbaijani Uzeyir Novruzov — performing for the first time in the U.S.

From Russia, the rambunctious and talented dogs and house cats of Irma Markova.

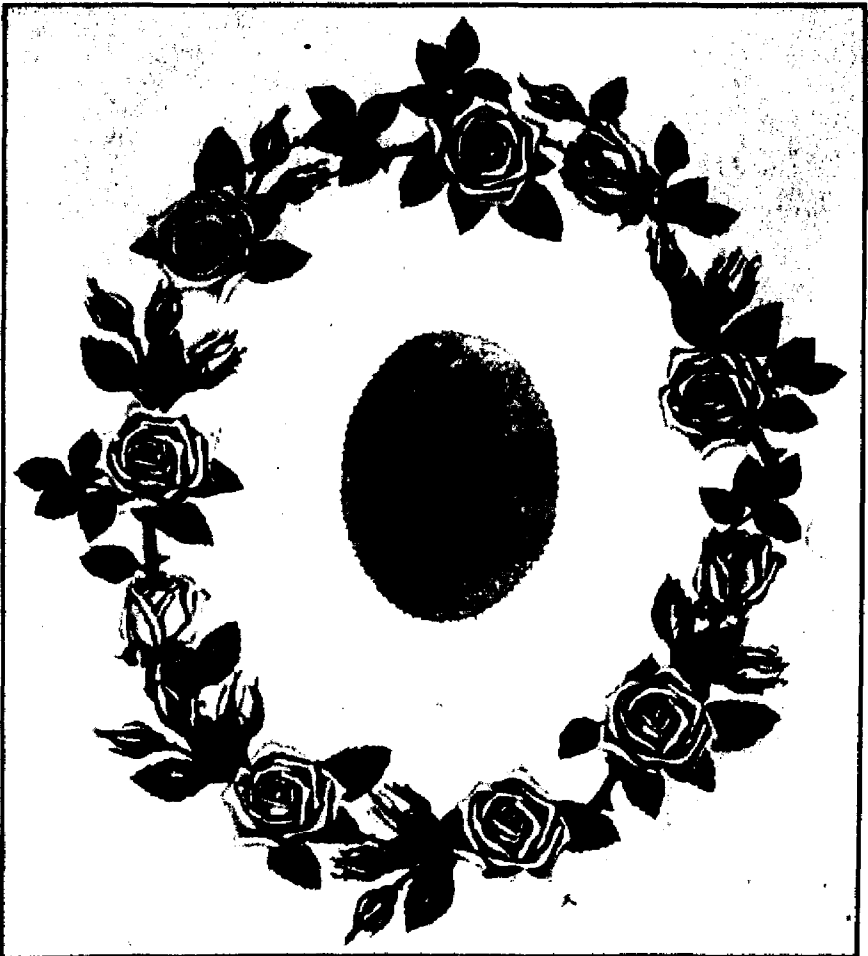
From Sweden, returning to the Big Apple Circus, the delightful ballerina on horseback Susanne Svenson and the equestrian antics of Carlos Svenson.

From Denmark, the elegance and excitement of Katja Schumann's magnificent Arabian horses.

And last but not least, the multi-talented Big Apple Circus Company, featuring Regina Dobrovitskaya (Russia), Valdia Yimovskis (Russia), Virgile Peyramoure (France), Andrey Mantchev (Bulgaria), Hans-Ludwig Suppmeyer (Germany), Katherine Schumann Binder (USA), Michelle Youens (USA) and Max Binder (USA) in astonishing displays of floor and equestrian acrobatics.

For 25 years the Big Apple Circus, New York's original one-ring circus, has been delighting audiences of all ages under its Big Top by presenting the finest in live family entertainment featuring world class circus artistry. Experience the instant connection between audience and artist as your family sits less than 50 feet from the rings. The Big Apple Circus is a not-for-profit performing arts and community outreach institution committed to children and their families.

Dreams of a City is presented in association with Somerset Hills YMCA, Somerset Patriots, and Somerset County Parks Commission.



"Wreath" by Eileen M. Foti is one of the pieces that will go on display at the Tomasulo Gallery March 14.

Prints from the Foti collection displayed at Tomasulo Gallery

CRANFORD — The exhibition "Prints from the Collection of Eileen M. Foti — Artist and Master Printer" will be on display March 14-April 17 in the Tomasulo Gallery located on the first floor of the Kenneth MacKay Library of Union County College's Cranford campus. The exhibit will feature Foti's own prints as well as those she helped other artists create.

Foti was certified as a master printer at the Tamarind Institute, the most prestigious training institute of professional lithographers in the United States. Her career spans more than 20 years, in which she has been the master printer and manager of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper in New Jersey since 1989. She is an assistant professor at Montclair State University, where she teaches papermaking.

In this exhibition, Foti's prints and paper pieces are of a small, intimate scale, reminiscent of pages from a journal. Her works are inspired, in part, by her

extensive travels; she feels she is privileged to have seen certain life forms that may be on the verge of extinction in the immediate future. In the past, Foti's work normally explored a different theme, that of the joining and separating of the body and soul, both physically and spiritually. The images she portrayed with this theme were produced as large, singular icons. Now, she is producing hand-held images that serve as visual records for, and relics of, entities never to be forgotten.

Foti's works tend to reflect multiple themes, most currently the pure observation of natural forms. Other themes include reflections on Catholic reliquaries that, with their elegant yet visceral contents, keep the memories of departed entities alive. Her work shares the intimacy of 18th-century linings, portrait miniatures created as extremely personal responses to birth, death, marriage, and other jointures and separations. She uses gold leaf to reinforce the preciousness of

these elegies, hair and bone to pay homage to these vestiges, and layers of translucent papers to illustrate the hazing of memory as time moves along.

In addition to working individually as a printmaker, Foti has been working as a master printer for the last 15 years. As a master printer, she collaborates with artists who work primarily in other disciplines to produce prints, paper pieces, and art books.

Other works in the exhibition include those by Joan Snyder, Willie Cole, Luis Cruz Azaceta and May Stevens, as well as artists from South Africa, Botswana, Japan, and the Philippines.

The Tomasulo Gallery exhibit will debut on March 14, with an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are from 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6-9 Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call the Tomasulo Gallery at (908) 709-7155.

Mid-Day Musicales continues with double bass and piano

Unique pairing will perform at noon Wednesday

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, announces the continuation of its acclaimed series of free, half-hour, noon-day concerts, the Mid-Day Musicales, on Wednesday, March 12, with a rarity — a program for double bass and piano. Bassist Timothy Cobb, associate principal of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, will perform with pianist Rebecca Silver Weber.

Cobb appears regularly at such venues as Bargemusic, Bridgehampton, Caramoor, Boston Chamber Music Society, Mostly Mozart, La Musica Festival, Sarasota Music Festival, the 92nd Street Y and Great Performers at Lincoln Center, as well as the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He has been solo bassist for the Marlboro Music Festival and has appeared on tour with Musicians from Marlboro. He has been a collaborator with Pinchas Zuckerman as well as

the Emerson String Quartet, Guarneri Quartet, Moscow Quartet, and Saint Lawrence Quartet, as well as the Eroica Trio.

A native of Albany, Cobb began playing bass at age 7 and was playing professionally by age 13. He attended the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he substituted regularly with the Philadelphia Orchestra. During his senior year at Curtis, he became a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Maestro Sir Georg Solti.

Cobb became associate principal bass of the Met Orchestra in 1986 and has toured with the company on many occasions. He is principal bassist with the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra and performs widely in New York and abroad. He has recorded for the Deutsche Grammophon, Decca, Sony, and Music 7 Arts Labels, and is active as a studio musician in New York, recording sound

tracks for movies and television.

Mr. Cobb holds faculty positions at the Manhattan School of Music and SUNY-Purchase and is a former member of the faculty at Peabody Conservatory.

Pianist Rebecca Silver Weber has performed across the United States, as well as the Aspen, New College, and Waterloo Music Festivals. She has appeared with members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the New York Philharmonic, and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestras. Her performances have included concerts at the Phillips Collection in Washington, Weill Recital Hall, Cami Hall, Steinway Hall and Symphony Space in New York, as well as on the QE II. Ms. Weber has been heard on "Keyboard Artists," "The Listening Room," WQXR, and WETA, Washington.

Following the concert, a soup and sandwich luncheon will be available in the church's social hall for \$5.



Living a healthy life

Jane Brody, nutrition book author and personal health columnist for *The New York Times*, will hold a March 19 lecture on learning the secrets of a healthy lifestyle. Brody is the author of nine books on personal health, including "You Can Fight Cancer and Win," "Secrets of Good Health," and "Jane Brody's Good Food Gourmet." The event is at Building K-1 of the Schering-Plough complex at 2000 Galloping Hill Rd. in Kenilworth. The lecture is 6 p.m. with a dessert reception at 7 p.m.

Theater

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"The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," 8 p.m. March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22; 3 p.m. March 9. Admission \$13 opening night, \$12 other nights, \$11 matinee. Discounts available.

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"Romeo and Bernadette," world premiere of comedy/satire by Mark Saltzman. To March 23. Admission \$63-\$31; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

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Rutgers University
George St., New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;
mgsa.rutgers.edu

"Betty's Summer Vacation," black comedy by Christopher Durang. 8 p.m. March 6-8. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni, faculty and staff \$17; students \$9.

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475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
(732) 873-2710;
www.villagerstheatre.com
"Collected Stories" in drama format. 8 p.m. March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22; 2 p.m. March 9, 16. Admission \$12.

COMING UP

STATE THEATRE

15 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org
"Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," touring production of Broadway revival. 7 p.m. March 12. Admission \$38-\$18.

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To March 8; Forum Theatre
314 Main St., Metuchen
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OVER HERE

MOLLY PITCHER

1 p.m. Sunday, March 9
Van Horne House
East Main St., Bridgewater
(732) 356-8856;
www.heritagetrail.org
Life story of the Revolutionary War woman. Free admission.

Events

BIG APPLE CIRCUS

Commerce Bank Ballpark
East Main St., Bridgewater
(800) 922-3772;
bigapplecircus.org
"Dreams of a City" in their new show. March 8-30. Admission \$44-\$12; discounts available. Call for show schedule.

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Raritan Center, Edison
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www.pcshow.com

Computer show on a slightly smaller scale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 15, 16. Adults \$7; ages 5-12 \$3.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS FESTIVAL

Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford
(908) 558-2550

Annual show of high culture from high school, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 13, 14. Free admission.

Concerts

MICHAEL AMANTE

8 p.m. Saturday, March 15
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

PBS-safe opera singer in a benefit for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County. Admission \$45-\$15.

MARY BLACK

8 p.m. Friday, March 14
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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Ireland's second-biggest selling musician after U2. Admission \$38-\$20.

THE CHIEFTAINS

8 p.m. Saturday, March 8
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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Irish band whose concert DVD is now in the stores. Admission \$55-\$25.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

3 p.m. Sunday, March 9
Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
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Kirkpatrick Choir (from Rutgers), Mansfield University Concert Choir and Mansfieldians. Free admission.

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8 p.m. Saturday, March 8; St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit
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8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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Performing works of Debussy, Liszt and Tchaikovsky. Admission \$50-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

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8 p.m. Saturday, March 15
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
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In America for the 35th anniversary of their WABC hit "The Unicorn." Admission \$30-\$22.

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MICHELE RAMO

8 p.m. Friday, March 7
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;
www.watchungarts.org

Jazz violinist from Italy. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, March 7
Nicholas Music Center
George St., New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;

mgsa.rutgers.edu

Three works of Hector Berlioz: the overture to "Benvenuto Cellini," "Les Nuits d'Ete" and the "Symphonie fantastique." Adults \$18; seniors, Rutgers alumni, faculty and staff \$16; students \$10. Related lecture 7 p.m.

THE SPENCERS

3 p.m. Saturday, March 8
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org

A "Theatre of Illusion" with (husband) Kevin and (wife) Cindy Spencer. Admission \$20-\$15.

WESTFIELD BACH FESTIVAL

(908) 222-1742
"Zimmermann's Kaffeehaus" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m. March 7. Admission \$25.
Symposium at First Congregational Church, 11 a.m. March 8. Admission \$15.
"Solo Sweets" at First Congregational Church, 2 p.m. March 8. Admission \$20.
Gala festival concert at First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. March 9. Admission \$50, \$35. Related lecture 6:30 p.m.

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Sculptors' Association of New Jersey exhibit, to March 18.

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Richard Tayson (poetry), 3 p.m. March 9.

"Sergei Parajanov Off Camera," to March 16.

"Oh! Those Mice!" in children's book illustrations, to April 20.

"The Graphic Face of the Post-Revolutionary and Stalinist Periods," to April 27.

Sculpture, paintings and drawings of George Segal, to May 25. Related lecture 7 p.m. March 12.

"June Wayne: Selected Graphics, 1950-2000," to June 29.

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Union County College
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Prints from the Eileen Foti collection, March 14-April 17. Reception 7-9 p.m. March 14.

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Watchung Circle, Watchung
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"The Thousand Lights of a Jewish Dream," to March 29. Reception 1-4 p.m. March 9.

"Alternate Light," to March 29. Reception 1-4 p.m. March 9.

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Sports

Devils win 19th title in impressive style

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

At the first practice of the season, Westfield High boys swim coach Bruce Johnson quoted the opening scene of the movie *Gladiator*, when Russell Crowe's character tells his troops to "unleash hell" on the opposing army — telling his squad they had the potential to do the same thing in the state final.

Saturday, the Blue Devils did exactly that, overpowering long-time rival Cherry Hill East from start to finish, capturing the school's 19th state title and third in the last four years, 109-61.

Westfield's plan every season is to peak at the state final, make significant drops in time and swim its best in the biggest meets of the year. That plan could not have come together any better than it did Saturday.

Before the meet Johnson had predicted a narrow six point Blue Devil victory. Cherry Hill's coach had predicted a two-point victory for his squad. Instead Westfield stormed out of the gate, behind a tremendous come-from-behind effort from Ryan Bartholomew in the opening relay, and had one of the greatest performances in school history, ranking just behind the 1992 team's state final victory over St. Joseph's of Metuchen.

"I don't think it could be bet-

ter," said Johnson. "There is no way anyone could have imagined that. It couldn't possibly ever get better than what happened. And to have it happen against Cherry Hill, who's been our public school rival since 1970, is incredible."

"We're a lot closer to that '92 team than people think. We had seven swims rank on our top-15 list. There's no way even the most ardent Westfield fan could have predicted this."

"All the hard work and dedication over the whole season came together," said senior John Chiesa. "It was a big goal to win states and everyone gelled as a team."

"We knew if we swam as fast as we could we'd win, but we didn't want to leave anything to chance. We swam every race like it was the last race possible."

In the opening 200 medley relay, Westfield fell behind after the first two legs by nearly three seconds. Jay Sobala had cut the deficit in half when Bartholomew dove in for the final freestyle leg and split a personal best 21.64 to bring the team across in the first place in 1:39.84, the sixth fastest time in school history.

The Blue Devils followed that up with a 1-3-4 finish in the 200 freestyle, led by Zack Coppa's victory which was the second fastest time in school history. Westfield then took a command-

ing lead, and Cherry Hill's hearts, with a sweep of the 200 individual medley. Freshman Pat Daurio beat his previous personal best by a remarkable seven seconds to edge John Chiesa 2:04.82-2:04.86 and Dan Chabanov was third in 2:06.12.

In the first four events every Westfield swimmer recorded either a lifetime or high school best. Johnson figured the meet would be tied 31-31 at the break, instead Westfield held a 45-17 lead.

Bartholomew swam a 22.10 to win the 50 free. Sam Gurdus and Jay Sobala went 2-3 in the 100 butterfly and Coppa and Bartholomew went 1-3 in the 100 free to put the meet way out of reach.

The victory ties Westfield with Trenton for the most state championships by a public school with 19. St. Joe's won its 20th state championship Sunday to maintain the overall record.

"By tying the record we take all of the past Westfield teams to that level," said Chiesa. "All the teams get to share in the record. Hopefully next year's class can go out and break the record."

The senior class of Zack Coppa, John Chiesa, Vin Shen, Sean Baran, Greg Matthews, Ryan Cahill, Rob Eckman, Demetrius Covall, Andrew Rutollo and Keith McCluskey became the first class since 1970



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD-PRESS
Led by its senior captains (from left) Vin Shen, Greg Matthews, Rob Eckman, Zack Coppa and John Chiesa, the Westfield High boys swim team turned in a dominating performance to win its 19th state title Saturday.

to win three state titles in its four years. In four years the class captured four county titles, four sectional titles and three state championships.

"Freshman year we knew we had a good class," said Chiesa.

"But we didn't know how good it could be until we came together and gelled. It's a big family. It feels good to win with them."

Westfield 109, Cherry Hill East 61
50 yard free: Bartholomew, W. 22.10
100 free: Coppa, W. 49.10
200 free: Coppa, W. 1:46.07
500 free: Parker, C. 4:57.19

100 breast: Gurdus, W. 1:03.05.
100 fly: Canfield, C. 53.88
100 back: Shoro, C. 55.16.
200 IM: Daurio, W. 2:04.82.
200 free relay: W (Baran, Schoenfeld, Coppa, Haimon), 1:32.76.
400 free relay: W (Shen, Gurdus, Sobala, Bartholomew), 1:39.82.
200 medley relay: W (Shen, Gurdus, Sobala, Bartholomew), 1:39.82.

Raiders, Devils haul home district hardware



NICOLE DIMELLA/THE RECORD-PRESS
Westfield's Ethan Powell defeated Mike Dillon of Cranford in the semifinals and Scotch Plains' Eric Connelly in the 135-pound final, becoming one of four Blue Devils to win a District 11 title. Scotch Plains also crowned four champs to win the team title.

Blue Devils crown four champs, advance seven

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — In the days leading up to the District 11 tournament, Westfield Head Coach Glen Kurz harkened back to the days when he was a two-time District 11 champion for the Blue Devils, and how those Westfield teams turned the final round of the district tournament into a dual meet, Westfield squaring off against eight other teams.

Kurz's goal since taking over as Westfield's coach in 1998 was to one day return the Blue Devils to the glory days of old, and rekindle a once proud tradition.

Scotch Plains may have secured its second straight district team title Saturday, but for a crowd pleasing half-hour, Westfield served notice its climbing its ways back towards the top.

Jake Kramer got the ball rolling with a victory in the 130 pound championship, becoming Westfield's first district title winner in three years. Ethan Powell (135), Tom Del Duca (140) and

Lee Tomasso (145) followed with victories of their own.

Rob Mench (103) and Sam Kramer (112) each took second and Joe DeCampo (125) added a third place finish as Westfield advanced seven wrestlers into the Region 3 tournament.

Kurz was named District 11 Coach of the Year as Westfield finished third with 170 points, its best finish in over seven years.

It was a stark contrast to last season when the Blue Devils advanced four into the final round, but left without a champion.

"It's amazing," said Powell, a senior co-captain. "I remember when I was a freshman I got a spot on varsity only because there weren't that many other kids on the team. We all stuck with it, which is what some of the guys before us didn't do. We really grew the program. Guys like Tommy had good guys to practice with, which is why we could win 130-145."

Kramer earned the second seed at 130, pinned Shabazz's Rich Smith in 1:56 and defeated

Chris Taglia of Cranford 10-6 to reach the final, where he met fourth seeded Terrence Parks of Linden. Kramer controlled Parks throughout, holding a 2-0 lead after the first period and opening up a 6-1 lead after two periods before winning 8-3.

Powell squared off with Scotch Plains' Eric Connelly, a state qualifier last season, in the 135-pound final after pinning Mike Dillon of Cranford in 1:30 in the semifinals. Powell and Connelly had split their first two meetings of the season, with Powell earning a victory in the Union County Tournament semifinals.

Powell scored a takedown and nearly pinned Connelly at the end of the first period, but time ran out leaving Powell with a 5-0 lead after one. He led 6-1 after two periods before finally registering the pin 33 seconds into the final period.

"In our other two matches I didn't get him to his back once," said Powell. "When I got him to his back a second time I knew I wasn't going to let him up."

"My confidence has gone up to a new level (since a 7-5 loss to Kyle Poulson of Piscataway). He was fourth in the state and I figured if I could roll with the best I could beat everybody else. I wanted to prove to myself I could beat anybody around here."

Del Duca had a heart stopping tournament, defeating Pat Hogan of Cranford 4-3 in double overtime to advance into the final, where he scored a 3-1 overtime decision over John Rapczak of Roselle Catholic. After a scoreless first period Del Duca scored an escape to take a 1-0 lead after two periods. Rapczak tied the score with 1:20 remaining. In the overtime session Del Duca started on bottom, and finally gained a reversal with 11 seconds remaining for his first district championship.

Tomasso, who was named Outstanding Wrestler at the Union County Tournament, capped the Devils' run with another overpowering performance, winning all three matches by fall and pinning Pedro Coyt of Scotch Plains in 1:58 in the final.

Raiders retain team title

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — By crowning four champions, advancing eight into the final and moving a total of 10 wrestlers onto this week's Region 3 tournament, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High wrestling team captured its second straight District 11 team championship Saturday.

Stephen Mineo led the Raiders' charge, capturing his second district title in as many years and being named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler. Charlie Bachi, Mark Fabiano and Matt Loomis also won titles as the Raiders totaled 201.5 team points. Rahway finished second with 186.5 and Westfield was third with 170.

Derek Francavilla (125), Eric Connelly (135), Pedro Coyt (145) and Andrew Silber (171) all finished second, while Ronnie Ferrera (112) and Eugene Klyushnichenko (215) advanced to the region tournament with third place finishes.

"I'm really proud of rest of team," said Mineo. "We worked really hard in the room. This was our goal all year. We got upset in the sectionals so this kind of redeems us a little bit."

"I think that Roselle Park pretty much outwrestled us in the counties. The district title is something we can keep with us, come out next year looking to win another. I think it's more gratifying to win this as a team."

For Mineo, who was the 112 pound champ last year, the district tournament was just another step towards his ultimate goal for this season and the future — placing at the state champi-

onships in Atlantic City. He pinned Ralph Celestin of Linden in 29 seconds in his first match, then won by injury default over Ryne Ludington of Rahway in the 119-pound final, after leading 10-0 and dominating the entire match.

"I was surprised (to win Outstanding Wrestler) because there were a lot good guys coming out here," said Mineo. "I think I shattered what my goals were for this season. I didn't expect to be undefeated at this point in the season. I just have to keep working hard. I'm looking forward to going down to Atlantic City and taking home some hardware."

"Hopefully by senior year I'll be four-time District 11 champ, a three-time Region 3 champ and by senior year I want to win states. But this year it's all just learning. I'm still a sophomore. I want to go take Region 3 and go down to Atlantic City and show everybody what it's all about. My coaches say I look better every time I step on the mat. Hopefully I'll peak in Atlantic City."

Bachi continued his breakout season, adding his first district title to his county championship.

Fabiano's meteoric rise to the top surprised himself as much as anyone else. After starting the season 0-3 the sophomore has taken his opponents by storm, finishing third in the county and adding his first district title with a tidy 9-3 victory over Nick Jahn of Johnson.

"I can't believe I did it," said Fabiano. "(At the beginning of the season) districts did not even come into my vocabulary. It's all about the extra work I put in."

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Four more advance to Region 3 quarters

Rob Mench and Sam Kramer from Westfield and Andrew Silber and Derek Francavilla of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School advanced to the tonight's Region 3 quarterfinals with victories Tuesday night.

The quarterfinals will begin 6 p.m. tonight on four mats, with the quarterfinal wrestlebacks slated for 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, followed by the semifinals at 9:30 a.m. and the finals at 2 p.m.

Westfield's Joe DeCampo (125) and Ronnie Ferrera (112), Eric Connelly (135), Pedro Coyt (145), Eugene Klyushnichenko (215) from Scotch Plains were all defeated Tuesday night, ending their season.

Mench (103) advanced by pin-

ning Bob Dahlinger of Watchung Hills in 1:32 and Kramer moved on with a pin of Chris Petonak of Boonton in 3:24. DeCampo dropped a 6-5 decision to John Gura of Roselle Park.

Francavilla began his charge at a second Region 3 title by pinning Nick Dowling of New Providence in 5:41. Silber shook off the disappointment of his loss in the district finals to score an 8-0 victory over Mike Mousa of Boonton. Ferrera was pinned in 2:53 by Rik Godhani of Parisippany Hills. Connelly dropped a 6-3 decision to Justin Knag of Pasippany Hills. Coyt fell to Matt Rahburn of Boonton in 1:56 and Klyushnichenko fell 6-4 to Andy Bowsher of Columbia.

Vineland tops Devils, SP-F falls to Princeton

Vineland defeated the Westfield High girls swim team for the third straight year in the state tournament Saturday at the College of New Jersey, topping the Blue Devils 106.5-63.5 for its third straight Public A state title.

The Scotch Plains boys swim team fell to Princeton 104-66 in the North Public B semifinals Feb. 27. Mainland went on to defeat Princeton 91-79 in the Public B final Saturday.

Westfield improved on last year's 120-50 loss to the powerful Vineland program in the state final, led by Suzanna Fowler's victory in the 100 yard butterfly (1:02.63).

Westfield, which finished the season 14-2, reached the state final by edging West Windsor-Plainsboro South 86-84.

Girls Public A Final
Vineland 106.5, Westfield 63.5
50-yard free: Warren, V. 25.02
100 free: Malatesta, V. 53.72
200 free: Catti, V. 1:59.53
500 free: Catti, V. 5:26.09
100 breast: Grandi, V. 1:10.85

100 fly: Fowler, W. 1:02.63
100 back: Malatesta, V. 1:00.40
200 IM: Grandi, V. 2:13.57
200 free relay: Vineland 3:44.0
400 free relay: Vineland 3:45.99
200 medley relay: Vineland 1:52.59
Girls Public A Semifinal
Westfield 86, West Windsor-Plainsboro South 84
50 free: Gurnee, WW. 25.63
100 free: Gurnee, WW. 1:02.96
200 free: Fowler, W. 2:01.14
500 free: West, WW. 5:30.54
100 breast: Yuen, WW. 1:08.09
100 fly: Yuen, WW. 1:06.96
100 back: Jozwiak, WW. 1:02.47
200 IM: Jozwiak, WW. 2:15.35
200 free relay: West Windsor, 1:56.43
400 free relay: W (Simaka, Heffeman, Trumble, Fowler), 3:55.41
200 medley relay: West Windsor, 1:56.43

Boys Public B semifinal
Princeton 104, Scotch Plains 66
50 free: Applegate, P. 21.63
100 free: Fisher, P. 51.88
200 free: Fisher, P. 1:52.21
500 free: Applegate, P. 5:03.66
100 breast: Hand, P. 1:05.60
100 fly: Deligne, P. 55.71
100 back: Ristuccia, P. 58.30
200 IM: Hand, P. 2:06.18
200 free relay: P (Hook, McKinley, Deligne, Applegate), 1:37.43
400 free relay: P (Fisher, Ristuccia, Hand, Applegate), 3:47.72
200 medley relay: P (Ristuccia, Hand, Deligne, McKinley), 1:45.19

YOUTH SPORTS

SKIING

Drew Bonner, a 14-year-old from Scotch Plains, has recently qualified for the Vermont State Junior Skiing Championships, where he will be skiing as a member of the Mid-Vermont Council Team.

Bonner has been racing for the Pro Ski Club Alpine Racing Team since he was five years old. Bonner narrowly missed qualifying for the championships in each of the last two seasons. He managed to qualify this year by placing third among 82 boys trying to fill the nine available spots when he raced at the inaugural Dual Slalom Open Shootout Sunday, Feb. 23.

GYMNASTICS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA gymnastics team hosted a combined B and C division meet Feb. 22. The final team scores saw the Fanwood-Scotch Plains C Division team winning their meet with a team score of 79.6 points over Montclair YMCA's 77.9 points. The B Division final team scores had Madison at 99.2, Montclair with 90 and Fanwood-Scotch Plains with 89.95.

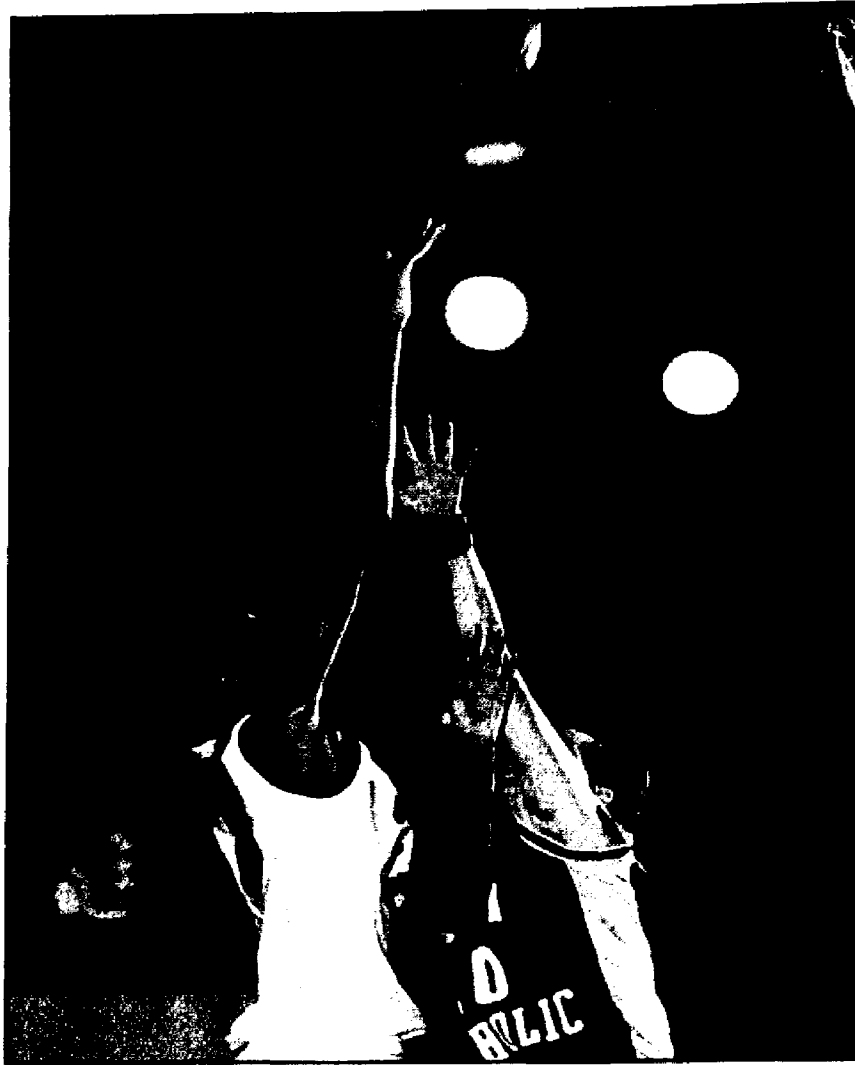
Six girls competed for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains B Division team in the meet. Even with stiff competition top honors were received by several of the gymnasts in the 13 and over age group. Francesca Lumetta was awarded first place all around, placing second on uneven bars and floor exercise. Rebecca Keiser was first on vault and uneven bars, and tied her teammate to receive second on floor. Samantha Scarnio earned second place on vault and Natalie Szaroleta received third place on uneven bars. Allison Zeller and Ali Lasher also competed for F-SP.

In the C Division competition many of the girls received top honors. Competing in the 9 and under age group Manssa Mastrocola won the All Around award, placing first on uneven bars and balance beam and third on vault. Melissa Frusco took home second on vault and floor exercise. Kelsey Herbig earned the second place ribbon on uneven bars and third place on vault. Olivia Dunham captured first on floor exercise.

Samantha Mazzucco took first place on All Around in the 10 and 11 year old age group, finishing first on vault and balance beam and second on uneven bars. Victoria Shack took first on floor and second on vault.

The 12 and over age group featured Julia Capodicasa's third place finish in the all around. Capodicasa also took home first place on uneven bars and third on balance beam. Patty Matejek placed second vault.

Alina DeMania, Alina Chabus and Elizabeth Kent also competed for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA C Team.



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Chanelle Freeman's depth off the bench will be crucial to the Raiders' state tournament aspirations.

SP-F begins state play

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team began state tournament play yesterday, hosting seventh-seeded Millburn in the quarterfinal round.

The winner will face the Jefferson-West Morris Mendham survivor 7 p.m. tomorrow at the site of the higher seed. The sectional final is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at East Orange Campus High School.

Parisspany Hills is the top seed in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament, with the Raiders second. Jefferson is third and Scotch Plains' longtime rival Shabazz is seeded fourth. Shabazz faced Orange in the quarterfinals yesterday.

Scotch Plains reached the sectional final last season, falling to Shabazz 55-46.

The Group 3 semifinals are slated for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Vernon High School and the Group 3 final is scheduled for March 16 at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth.

SPORTSCENE

ST. BART'S SOFTBALL

Applications are available for men, a minimum of 30 years old, who want to join the St. Bartholomew's Men's Softball League. They may be picked up in Scotch Plains at the St. Bartholomew Church vestibule, Sideline Sports or Standard Pest Control and in Fanwood at Family Investors.

League veterans should submit their 2003 applications by Feb. 10. Children, 12 or older, are needed as score keepers. The pay is \$8 per game and incentives will be given at the end of the season. If interested please call Nick Barratucci at (908) 322-8649.

Year 2003 will mark the league's 25th season. If you have any questions about the league call Commissioner Dom Lawrence at (908) 322-1697 or Dean Talcott at (908) 322-6577. All games are played on weekday

nights in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area.

UMPIRE TRAINING

The Greater Union County Softball Umpires Association, in conjunction with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will conduct its annual softball umpires training program, beginning Monday, Feb. 24.

The training classes will take place at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. The course is open to men and women, 18 years of age and older, who are interested in the game of softball.

To obtain further information and registration details, please call the Union County Amateur Softball Association office at (908) 232-7042 or Bill Smith at (908) 259-0154.

Raiders retain team title

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Loomis added the exclamation point to the weekend for the Raiders with a lightning quick pin of Ronnell Orr in the heavy-weight final, decking his opponent in just 21 seconds.

Francavilla reached the 125 pound final with a quick pin in the first round and a 6-2 decision

over Westfield's Joe DeCampo in the semifinals. In the final he met three-time district champ Amin Queen of Elizabeth, a rematch of the Union County Tournament final. After a scoreless first period Francavilla grabbed a 1-0 lead with 1:45 left in the second, but Queen came back to go up 2-1 35 seconds later. Francavilla nearly scored a takedown at the close of the period, but Queen managed to maintain control as time expired.

Francavilla started the third period on top, and allowed Queen to escape with a minute remaining, making the score 3-1 and was unable to score the tying takedown.

Perhaps the most exciting, and most disappointing match in the final round, belonged to Silber, who battled back from an 8-4 deficit after two periods to take an 11-10 lead with seven seconds left in the match. He was then called for his third caution, giving a point to Mike Rodriguez of Rahway to knot the score. Rodriguez escaped as the buzzer sounded, and after the referees checked with the scorer's table, was given the winning point.

DISTRICT RESULTS

TEAMS: 1-Scotch Plains 201 1/2, 2-Rahway 185 1/2, 3-Westfield 170, 4-Linden 82, 5-Elizabeth 80 1/2, 6-Johnson 79, 7-Cranford 72, 8-Shabazz 28, 9-Roselle Catholic 17 1/2.
103: Caldwell, Rahway, dec. Mench, Westfield, 13-7.
112: McCray, Rahway, dec. S. Kramer, Westfield, 10-3.
119: Mineo, Scotch Plains, won by inj. default over Ludington, Rahway.
125: Queen, Elizabeth, dec. Francavilla, Scotch Plains, 3-1.
130: J. Kramer, Westfield, dec. Parks, Linden, 8-3.
135: Powell, Westfield, pinned Connelly, Scotch Plains, 4:33.
140: Del Duca, Westfield, dec. Rapczak, Roselle Catholic, 3-1 OT.
145: Tomasso, Westfield, pinned Coyt, Scotch Plains, 1:58.
152: Jackson, Elizabeth, dec. Fernandez, Linden, 6-4.
160: Bachi, Scotch Plains, dec. Nowak, Johnson, 7-2.
171: Rodriguez, Rahway, dec. Silber, Scotch Plains, 12-11.
189: Fabiano, Scotch Plains, dec. John, Johnson, 9-3.
215: Carbone, Cranford, dec. Williams, Shabazz, 3-1.
HWT: Loomis, Scotch Plains, pinned Orr, Linden, 21.
Third-place qualifiers: 103-Ogoda, Elizabeth, 112-Ferrara, Scotch Plains, 119-Coleman, Linden, 125-DeCampo, Westfield, 130-Nicasio, Rahway, 145-Racelis, Rahway, 140-Zuniga, Rahway, 160-Halsey, Elizabeth, 152-Horton, Rahway, 160-Halsey, Elizabeth, 171-Winter, Johnson, 189-Donofrio, Cranford, 215-Klyushnichenko, Scotch Plains. HWT-Buller, Rahway.

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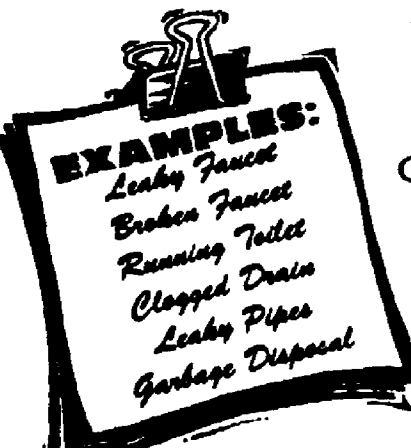
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Edison School names honor students for second marking period

WESTFIELD — Edison Intermediate School has announced the names of students who made honor roll during the second marking period of the 2002-2003 school year.

Distinguished Honor Roll

Grade 8: Claire Albanese, Erica Ammermuller, Matthew Bogen, Emily Bregman, Beth Budnick, Brian Checchio, Christina Chen, Kathryn Cronen, Jennifer Danielsson, Kristen Dilzell, Elizabeth Falzon, Lauren Finestein, Kelly Gelber, Lindsay Goldberg, Marissa Goldner, Sean Hager, Kelly Ann Hausseguy, Ilana Kaplan, Erika Kettleson, Julia Korn, Neha Limaye, Nathan Margolin, Pauline Martin, Mary Anna McCabe, Georgia Mierswa, Katherine Morgan, Carolyn Mulvey, Caitlin Murphy, Stephanie Musat, Rachel Newberg, Justin Pettillo, Tara Picaro, Daniella Regencia, Jessica Riegel, Melanie Schor, Arielle Smelkinson, Jack Sternal, Satya Tagat, Julie Tiedrich, William Uhr, Jason Waks, Josh Wasserman, Kathryn Werner, Ayn Wisler, Alexander Wronski, George Xing.

Grade 7: Jessica Anderson, Danielle Bercovitz, Kelsi Browning, Nina Brownstone, Emma Byer, Scott Camuto, Alex Chaves, Samantha Chu, Catherine Cognetti, Elise Colasanti, Julie Daurio, Alison Donohue, Kerriann Dooley, Evan Einstein, Renee Ferio, Evan Friedman, Kathryn Galasso, Matthew Gelmetti, William Goltzeiler, Katie Goellner, Elizabeth Harbaugh, Salonia Henry, Jonathan Holt, Alexandria Hurtt, Neil Huskey, Angela Kerins, Jaclyn Kirna, Alexander Kopp, Alison Lambert, Toni Ma, Jeffrey Manders, Michael Melillo, Holly Messina, So Miwa, Scott Newman, Anne O'Neill, Mia Pafumi, Aditi Parekh, Stephanie Pinheiro, Meredith Rivera, Danielle Sgalardi, Anna Smith, Patrick Stanley, Jacqueline Sull, Kelli Sullivan, Liane Sullivan, Christine Tolias, Charles Tripp, Arielle Wegbreit, Kristian Wendel, John Wilt, Cathryn Winchester, Stephanie Zolayvar.

Grade 6: Caroline Albanese, Stephanie Albright, John Barnes,

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Kean resolution asks feds to limit air noise

The New Jersey Senate approved legislation Feb. 27 that asks President George W. Bush and the Congress to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to include the reduction of aircraft noise as a major goal in the redesign of aircraft patterns over New Jersey that is currently taking place. The action was sponsored by Sen. Thomas H. Kean Jr. (R-Dist. 21), who said the resolution was necessary to protect and improve the quality of life of New Jersey residents.

"The FAA's current goal in the redesign of flight paths over New Jersey is to reduce delays in airline schedules and improve customer safety. I believe this should also be an opportunity to reduce noise pollution created by the many planes flying overhead," Kean said. "We can increase airline efficiency and safety without adversely impacting the lives of homeowners who live under potential flight paths. Area residents have long prodded the FAA to redirect some of the routes into and out of Newark Liberty International Airport, saying the noise produced by planes prevents them from enjoying their property."

"This is a great opportunity to restore peace to neighborhoods where none currently exists and to prevent this burden of deafening noise from being shifted from one neighborhood to another," Kean said. "The FAA should make a conscientious effort to meet the needs of homeowners and air travelers to ensure that both groups benefit."

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WESTFIELD — Today's growing senior population challenges the real estate industry to meet the specific needs and concerns of today's mature adults. As a sales associate in the Westfield Office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage for the last 16 years, Margaret Maguire has recently earned the professional designation of Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES), demonstrating that she has the requisite knowledge, experience and expertise to be a seniors real estate consultant. According to the Senior Advantage Real

Estate Council (SAREC), "less than one per cent of realtors nationally have qualified for this prestigious and internationally recognized designation."

A third-generation realtor, Maguire is an accomplished professional who was named Top Associate in the Westfield Office for Buyer Controlled Sales in 1996 and 1999. She has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club at varying levels since 1987 and achieved Gold Level Membership in 1998 and 2000.

Committed to providing outstanding service, Maguire earned her Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) and her Certified Residential Relocation Specialist (CRRS) designation to meet the varying needs of her clients. This year she added the Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation to her professional credentials.

"I have always enjoyed helping people," says Maguire. "Some homeowners are at a point in their lives when they don't need as much space and are looking for a smaller home. Yet, they

cherish these homes, and need help protecting their financial interests, and deciding where to go next. I wanted to learn as much as I could about assisting my customers in these situations, so that I could serve them better than I ever have."

SAREC — the organization through which Realtors earn their SRES designation — was created several years ago to assist sales associates who want to meet the special needs and concerns of mature Americans who buy or sell a home. Specific issues include capital gains

management, tax implications, protecting assets, sealing down or moving to assisted living facilities, financial management on limited incomes, and the like. Through the SAREC network, real estate agents can also access a variety of professional consultants who can help their clients make the transition through this next phase of their lives.

Maguire and her husband Jim have been Scotch Plains residents for nearly two decades. Having raised five children, the Maguire's are firmly rooted in

the Westfield area.

Maguire, CRRS, ABR, SRES serves the communities of Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fairwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Clark, Plainfield, Union, North Plainfield, Green Brook, Warren, Watchung, and Edison. She may be reached by contacting the Westfield Office of Coldwell Banker at (908) 233-5555. The office is located at 209 Central Avenue in Westfield. You can also view all Coldwell Banker listings on the Internet at www.ColdwellBankerMoves.com.

Fix your toilet without the plumber

By GENE GARY
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I am having a problem with water continuing to run in the toilet after its flushed and the tank has filled. I have checked the black cap at the bottom, which seems to fit properly. Do you have any suggestions on how I can troubleshoot this problem and fix it myself without calling in a plumber?

A: When the water continues to run in the tank after it has filled, you need to check for the following malfunctions.

First check the handle, trip lever, guide arm and flush ball to assure that the connections are all working. The handle may be too loose; the trip lever or guide arm, bent or broken; or the connection between the trip lever and guide arm, out of adjustment so it doesn't raise the flush ball high enough.

A flush ball (the suction cap at the bottom of the tank) may not be properly seated. Replace the flush ball if there are signs of wear. With the flush ball removed, clean the ball seat to remove any buildup of corrosion. Use fine steel wool to buff the metal seat until it's shiny.

Make sure the linkage rod is adjusted so that it allows the ball to seat. Adjustments can be made by loosening the screws that hold the guide arm and repositioning the guide so the linkage rod is lowered into its proper position.

If your toilet flush mechanism has a flapper-type ball, check to make sure that the flapper is properly seated on the overflow tube by twisting it into position. A worn flapper ball should be replaced. On this type of flush system, a chain serves as the linkage and can be adjusted in length

at its connection to the trip arm. If the lift chain is broken or badly corroded, replace it.

A faulty float ball could also cause the problem. Check to see that the float ball does not have water inside it. You will need to replace a faulty unit.

If checking and correcting all of these items fails to solve the problem, you may have a more serious plumbing malfunction. For instance, a worn Douglas valve under the flapper can cause this problem. Replacement of a corroded pipe, which is part of the valve unit, is expensive and should probably be left to a qualified plumber. If the running is only periodic, extremely low water pressure can also cause this problem.

Q: I noticed your article regarding putting new Formica on top of an existing Formica countertop. Rather than new Formica, I am considering putting tiles on an existing countertop. They say this is not recommended, but I am trying to avoid taking off the entire countertop and replacing it with plywood. Can you recommend how I can lay tiles on the existing countertop?

A: If the plastic laminate (Formica is one brand) is thoroughly bonded to the countertop, it does not have to be removed. Clean to remove soap residue, waxes or other contaminants. Be sure to remove the sink prior to tiling. Rough up the plastic laminate with coarse sandpaper. Use thin-set mortar to set tiles. However, if the plastic laminate countertop is loose, it needs to be removed. Replace with three-quarter-inch exterior grade plywood.

Mortar is then applied over the plywood as a leveling bed for cement backer board ... sold under such brand

names as Durlock or WonderBoard. The backer board should also be fastened to the plywood with corrosion-resistant backer board screws or galvanized drywall screws, leaving a one-eighth-inch gap between panels. When installing backer board, stagger panels if necessary to avoid positioning a seam directly over a corresponding seam in the plywood surface beneath. Place fasteners every 6 inches to 8 inches around the edges of the backer board, within one-half inch to two inches from panel edges and throughout panels. This will provide a solid base for setting your tiles.

Q: I am having a problem keeping my glass fireplace doors clean. Although they look clean from the outside, when a fire is going, the glass looks awful, streaked and discolored. I have tried cleaners formulated for fireplace glass doors, but it has not helped. Do you have any suggestions?

A: One of our readers has suggested using oven cleaner as an effective cleaner for fireplace glass doors. Simply spray it on the soot-coated surface and let set for approximately 20 minutes. Remove by wiping clean. Grime and soot should disappear, leaving a sparkling clean see-through glass surface. When using oven cleaner be sure and protect all surrounding areas. It is very strong and will damage some metal finishes as well as painted surfaces.

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Camie Delaney of ERA is Agent of the Month

WESTFIELD — Camie Delaney of Mountainside, a Broker Associate-Assistant Manager of the Burgdorff Realtors ERA Westfield Office, has been named the Listing Agent of the Month of January with a dollar volume amounting to more than \$2.1 million.

Delaney is a member of Burgdorff ERA President's Club for excellence in sales, has been a member of the NJAR Million Dollar Club for more than 10 years and has been in real estate for more than 15 years. She serves as a member of the Circle of Excellence Committee with the Greater Union County Board of Realtors. Delaney can be reached on her direct line at (908) 233-6522 or email her at Camie-Delaney@burgdorff.com.

George Kraus, Vice President and Manager of the Westfield Office, said, "Camie is an extremely knowledgeable agent and an integral part of our office, she has taken advantage of our continual training and focus sessions to help her clients."

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Coldwell's Michael Scott is praised in Westfield

WESTFIELD — At the recent award dinner celebrating Westfield's 2001 achievement, Maureen Passerini, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage President and Chief Operating Officer, credited much of Westfield's success to the office's team spirit, as well as its leadership.

"Michael Scott has managed three different offices for Coldwell Banker and has served a term as Regional Vice President," commented Passerini. "He is a member of the company's President's Council, our highest recognized level for

achievement, and was hailed for outstanding office production at this year's Coldwell Banker International Business Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The level of success achieved by his office is the result of keen leadership and the committed efforts of an outstanding sales team."

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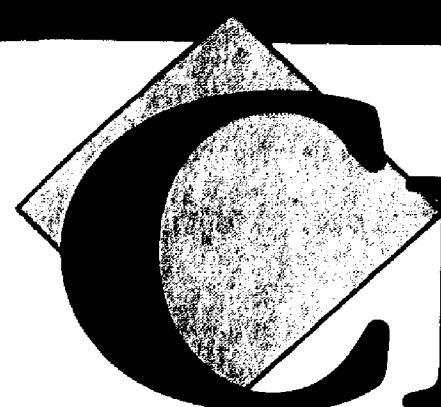
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RUBICON SPRINGS, Calif.
The snow was falling fast. Big flakes were piling up on the hood of my bright-red 2003 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon. At 9,000 feet, high above the old-est lake in North America, a group of us had crossed terrain deftly handled by the Rubicon.

We were up so high there was significant and rapid accumulation of snow, enough to make me wonder if we shouldn't leave — and soon. But we were dazzled by the snow blanketing our windshields. So we lingered for a while, wet and cold, before heading back.

By then, the trail was not only steep and narrow, but white. Despite any fleeting concerns, we covered the challenging trail quickly, in a steady, sure-footed march down the mountain.

The Rubicon was in four-wheel-drive low range, and I was reassured by its confidence on the slippery surface.

I sensed this vehicle would take me wherever I wanted to go up here. So, purposefully challenging it, I aimed for boulders and frosty tree roots along the trail.

The Rubicon Wrangler is built for the enthusiast who intends to challenge its capabilities, created for the Jeoper who might otherwise have



The Jeep Wrangler Rubicon is named for the famed area near the California-Nevada border where Jeep Jamborees have been held for 50 years. CNS Photo courtesy of Jeep.

spent thousands pumping up a Wrangler with after-market enhancements. This addition to the line means business, which means Rubicon will pretty much go anywhere, any time.

New for 2003, Jeep has reached into the past to reinforce the 4x4 roots it established six decades ago, and the affordable and capable vehicle has been beefed up.

In a market full of wannabe sport utility vehicles that feature price tags from \$30,000 to \$55,000, Jeep has kept the legacy of its rugged outdoor vehicle alive for much less.

Named for this famed area near the California-Nevada border, the Rubicon

celebrates 50 years of Jeep Jamborees through the Class 10 off-road Rubicon Trail, where hostile terrain pushes Jeep engineering to the limit. The Rubicon doesn't look substantially different from other Wranglers, other than the addition of beefier off-road tires, 16-inch five-spoke aluminum wheels and heavy-gauge diamond plate sill guards bolted to the body sides.

The difference is unseen in new locking differentials that can be driver-activated when the transfer case is in low range and speed is under 10 miles per hour.

A dash-mounted switch allows for rear axle locking

and toggling the front axle off and on for improved maneuvering.

A pneumatic pump runs at five pounds per square inch — a refined system that locks the axle shafts together to drive all four wheels at the same speed.

When not locked, the rear axle has a torque-sensing, limited-slip feature that provides improved off-road traction.

I didn't have to use the locking feature, even on the wet, slippery tree roots and sharp edges of rock jutting out of a trail that headed into the mist at Rubicon Springs.

That ability to climb, undaunted, is an example of

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the 4:1 low-range transfer case showing off its fixed output. There is impressive torque at the wheels.

The traction-reinforced tires have a special tread that seems to grab vertical rock and downed tree trunks.

Partnered with a 4.0-liter in-line-6 engine and five-speed manual or automatic transmission, The Rubicon is a capable off-road package that is fun with lots of exclamation points — unless much freeway driving is involved.

It's loud in the cabin at highway speeds, particularly the soft-top version. The hard-top quiets things down a bit, while shutting out the nature riders strive to embrace.

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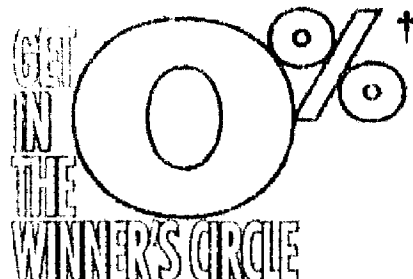
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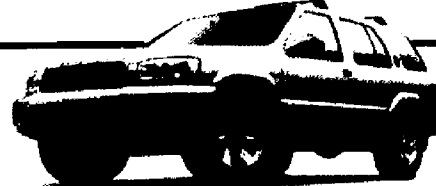


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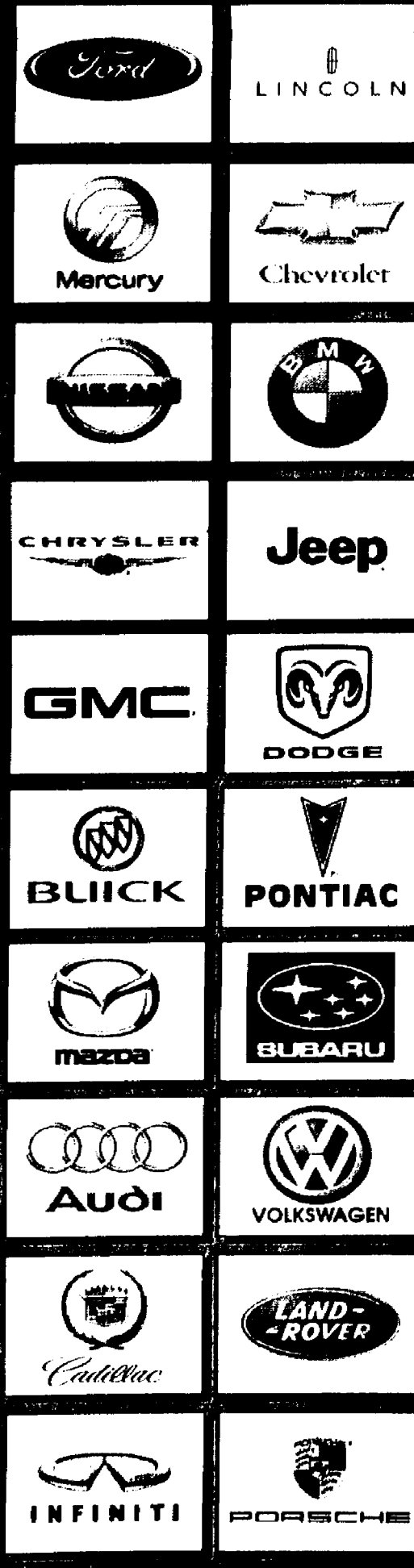
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