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Briefs

Runnells coffee shop needs new volunteers

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Volunteers are needed to assist in the Volunteer Guild's coffee shop at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

There are openings Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 to 4:15 p.m.

For more information, call Lynne Monson, director of volunteer services, at (908) 771-5858.

Forum scheduled on teen drinking

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee is hosting a forum on a proposed ordinance that would impose penalties for the underage consumption of alcohol on private property.

The forum will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Scotch Plains Library, Bartle Road, Scotch Plains.

The proposed ordinance would not extend the authority of the police to enter the home and would protect the rights of the parents, who could serve alcohol to their children for religious or any other purpose.

A \$250 fine would be imposed for the first offense, and a fine of \$350 and a possible six-month suspension of driving privileges would be the penalty for a subsequent offense.

The ordinance is before the councils of both Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

GOP candidates open campaign office

SCOTCH PLAINS — Pat Walsh and Gabe Spera, Republican candidates for Assembly in District 22, have opened a campaign office at 1812 Front St.

Chris Santora is campaign manager. For more information, call the office at (908) 663-2160 or email them at District22Teamxcutmajority.com

Speed Limit Car program initiated

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Police Department will introduce a new community policing approach to reduce speed on town streets. The program called the Westfield Speed Limit Car Program will follow on the heels of "Operation S.O.S" known as Safe Operating Speed.

The new program will be conducted in conjunction with the Neighborhood Watch Program and will combine crime watch efforts with traffic safety concerns.

The program works as follows: Residents sign a pledge to drive within the speed limit and be courteous to pedestrians and cyclists. They then can display the official Speed Limit Car placard in their vehicle.

Residents who register complaints to the town or the police department about traffic problems on their streets, are offered the program as an additional response to their problem. Westfield Speed Limit Car participants can also meet with town officials to discuss other problem areas in town and discuss solutions.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A study in fear

Rahul Nair doesn't look all too convinced that this first-day-of-school bit is a good idea. Westfield's Franklin School language teacher Nancy Liggera offers the kindergartner a tissue to dry his eyes as he clings to his father, Rakesh.

Westfield committee concludes the town needs a parking deck

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Parking Advisory Committee has completed its study on town parking demand and concluded that the town has a parking shortfall of 800-950 spaces that will require some form of multi-level parking.

The Westfield Parking Advisory Committee appointed by Mayor Gregory McDermott submitted a draft of its report and made a presentation to the council on Tuesday night.

The nonpartisan committee of 12 is co-chaired by Elm Street resident Andy Cataldo and Boulevard resident Charlie Weidman.

The committee study estimates

the shortfall represents about 20 percent of the current parking supply of 4,200 municipal and private parking spaces.

The committee broke down the parking deficit and concluded that the town is short between 450-500 commuter parking slots and between 350 and 400 downtown spots.

The study further recommends "that given the magnitude of the parking shortfall...some combination of multi-level parking and additional surface spaces are needed if the objective (of the town) is to meaningfully address the parking shortfall."

A final decision on the location of a parking deck must have a minimal impact on traffic, minimal impact on pedestrian safety, the least impact on pedestrian

neighborhoods, fiscal prudence, and architectural appeal, the committee concluded.

The study recommends that any final decision should be done with involvement from stakeholders and taxpayers. The question of a referendum will be specifically addressed in the Phase II study of the project, which will answer the question of design and where to build a deck.

Phase II should be complete by mid- to late-November. It will look at traffic safety and environmental issues, finance and budgeting, and parking technology.

It will also develop a strategic parking plan for the next 2-5 years and will correlate the parking plan to the town's master plan.

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Puppy litter abandoned on tracks in Westfield

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Police found a brown paper bag on a stretch of railroad tracks bordering Clark recently and inside they found a litter of seven newborn puppies with umbilical cords still attached.

The young puppies were taken to Noah's Ark Animal Placement and Rescue in Clark. But suffering from dehydration, the condition of the puppies remained poor and they were transferred to the Lexington Animal Hospital where they received fluids and treatment in the pediatric unit of the hospital.

Despite all efforts, three puppies died, Lexington Animal Hospital technician Jesse Osada said.

The abandonment of the puppies on a railroad track demonstrated unusual callousness and ignorance, Osada said.

"When people usually abandon

animals it is done in a more regular fashion," said Osada, "Not as cruel as in this case."

But this is not an isolated situation. Osada related an incident that took place in early June where police found a sealed cardboard box sitting in a field in the blazing sun.

The box contained a litter of partially weaned 5-week-old kittens suffering from heat stroke. Those kittens survived and three of them have been placed in homes while the fourth is in foster care at Companion Critters, an animal rescue organization located in Clark.

The puppies are of mixed breed and, because they are so young, it's not apparent yet how large or small they will grow to be, Osada said.

The puppies are not up for adoption now. "Their health is questionable and they are still too young (about seven weeks)," Osada said.

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New tracts considered for ballfields

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — In the wake of the Union County freeholders' decision to opt against the township's plan for ballfields at the Ash Brook Reservation, town officials will continue to evaluate township sites for their suitability as ballfields.

The county's denial may compel the township to take a different view of everything on the drawing board in order to find the needed ballfield space, Municipal Manager Thomas Atkins said Tuesday.

While the Ash Brook site could have accommodated four fields—two full-sized fields for baseball and soccer and two smaller fields for middle school use—other areas of the township are much smaller.

Some sites—like the former six-acre Terry Lou Zoo site which is presently slated for redevelopment as a passive park—are unacceptable for use as a ballfield, even a small one, Atkins said.

"The zoo site sits on a slope, a water course runs through the

The former Terry Lou Zoo is not among the sites considered for playing fields, Municipal Manager Thomas Atkins says.

middle of the property and it is partly wetlands," Atkins said. "No ballfield can be built on the zoo property."

Mayor Martin Marks is targeting a site on Plainfield Avenue as a potential full-sized ballfield location.

The township will work with the county to develop new sites.

The Union County freeholders board, looking to address the ballfield shortage in the county, yesterday launched a new "Field of Dreams" program to fund field development in local municipalities.

The program will make grants available to municipalities across the county that are looking to expand the use of current fields or make the acquisitions of new sites, county officials said.

Fired treasurer admits stealing

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS—In a court appearance last Thursday, former township treasurer William D. Polidore pleaded guilty to stealing \$332,000 of township funds.

Polidore, 33, appeared before Superior Court Judge Katherine R. Dupuis on Aug. 30 and pleaded guilty to theft by deception. He faces up to five years in prison under terms of a plea arrangement with Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan. Sentencing is set to take place on Dec. 21.

In addition, a civil judgment will be entered against Polidore for the money he stole from the township. Polidore will also have to sell his Tinton Falls townhouse with the proceeds going toward repayment of the township funds.

Polidore misappropriated township funds by writing checks to himself to make advance lease payments on a Mercedes Benz, mortgage prepayments and to purchase a hot dog vending truck, among other items.

Auditors noticed irregularities in preparing the township's financial statement for 2000, according to town officials.

"The auditors picked it up early and reported it to township officials," Township Attorney Douglas Hansen said at the time of Polidore's arrest in April. "The police were notified and took the lead in the investigation, and they called in the prosecutor's office as a matter of protocol."

When arrested last April, Polidore admitted to having taken \$185,000, Municipal Manager Thomas Atkins said. The township immediately froze Polidore's assets, which included \$146,000 in his bank account and stock, and liens were filed on his property.

Township officials suspected that more funds were missing and, "the audit confirmed it," Atkins said Tuesday.

Joseph P. Heuer, an investigator of white collar crime, and township auditors confirmed the amount of the total theft at \$332,000.

Two bonds protect the township. (Continued on page A-2)



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pictured are the surviving newborn puppies from a litter left on the railroad tracks on the Westfield-Clark border.

Treasurer admits stealing

(Continued from page A-1) ship against a loss of up to \$350,000, Atkins said. The township is fully covered for the \$332,000 except for costs such as legal fees and audit fees, Atkins noted. The insurance carriers will have to make a determination on the coverage of additional fees. Though the plea agreement does not impose the maximum sentence on Polidore, which

could have been up to 10 years, it puts the township in "a position to move forward now and move forward quick," Hansen said Tuesday. "With settlement of criminal charges the township can proceed with the civil charges much sooner than a full trial would have permitted," Hansen said. The plea will save the township money in litigation fees.

Town needs parking deck

(Continued from page A-1) The study also recognizes the need for a centralized parking management system or parking utility that would operate on a stand-alone basis. It also recommended that the town administrator should lay the groundwork for the separation of parking revenues from the town's general

fund and that a transportation manager and a town planner be hired. Some of the plan recommendations are already being undertaken. The council has approved a temporary transportation manager in the hiring of Walt Gardiner and initiated projects in Neil Sullivan's 11 Point Plan.



NICOLE DIMELLA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jessica Osada burps one of the puppies after feeding her at Lexington Animal Hospital, Clark.

Puppy litter abandoned

(Continued from page A-1) With many animal shelters filled to capacity, local animal-care groups are advocating a more pre-emptive approach to the problem. Organizations such as Companion Critters and Noah's Ark Animal Placement and Rescue contend that such tragedies could have been avoided if the mothers of the puppies and kittens had been spayed.

They have available low-cost spaying and neutering information and offer financial assistance for altering pets. More information is available by contacting Companion Critters, P.O. Box 5883, Clark, 07066, or call (732) 396-0007 or contact Noah's Ark Animal Placement and Rescue at P.O. Box 5734, Clark, 07066, or call (732) 815-1633.

Forms available for TV-36 listings

WESTFIELD — Westfield schools and nonprofit organizations are invited to request a new, comprehensive form to request listings of special events on Westfield Community Television's Community Bulletin Board.

A form has been created for these organizations to provide complete information about upcoming events. Requested data includes the name of the sponsoring body as well as the name, date and purpose of the event. Additional details may be included, as well as scannable artwork or photographs. The name and telephone number of the person submitting the information must be included. Events will be listed on a first-received, first-shown basis, and may be edited for space limitations. The forms should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event and will be screened for up to two weeks.

Rotary Club seeking award nominations

WESTFIELD — The Rotary Club of Westfield, celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year, is seeking nominations from the community for two vocational awards honoring recipients who exemplify outstanding performance in their chosen vocation. "Two years ago, the Rotary Club of Westfield created both the Jimmy Coventry Award and H. Emerson Thomas Award to recognize professionals in all types of occupations," said Jane Sentivan, Westfield Rotary President.

The H. Emerson Thomas Award honors former Westfield Mayor and Councilman H. Emerson Thomas. Thomas was a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield for 54 years, and owner of Thomas Associates, an engineering and contracting firm that was located in Westfield. The H. Emerson Thomas Award is presented to a Westfield Rotary member who demonstrates exceptional vocational achievement. The community is invited to nominate potential candidates for both awards by sending a letter of recommendation to the Westfield Rotary Vocational Service Chairman Debbie Schmidt, Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 81, Westfield, 07091. The Vocational Awards will be presented at the weekly Rotary luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 12:15 p.m. For more information, call Debbie Schmidt, (908) 233-3021.

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Garwood woman tells police mother's grave is vandalized

WESTFIELD

A Cranford resident reported Aug. 29 that the right rear door of her 1999 Lexus was damaged while it was parked behind East Broad Street.

Westfield Refrigeration and Air Cool of South Avenue reported on Aug. 29 that the back of a garage was spray painted.

Michelle Evans, 22, of Westfield was charged Aug. 29 on a warrant issued by the Westfield Municipal Court. Evans posted bond of \$270 and was released.

A Prospect Street resident reported Aug. 30 that Three Brothers Chimney Maintenance of New York did not do repairs properly.

The New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicle of South Avenue reported Aug. 30 that a rejection slip was discovered missing or stolen.

A Willow Avenue resident, of Garwood, reported on Aug. 30 the theft and vandalism to her mother's grave on the east ridge section of Fairview Cemetery. An arrangement of flowers a small plastic fence and a small golden plaster statue were reported stolen.

Elena Rosado, 55, of Flushing, N.Y. and Arnet Fein, 40, of Pottstown, Pa., were charged Aug. 30 for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana) under 50 grams.

Rosado and Fein were stopped by police in the vicinity of East Broad Street and Springfield when they were observed driving the wrong way down a one way street. Rosado and Fein were released on their own recognizance with a summons.

Martin Stith, 23, of Myrtle Avenue was charged on Aug. 31 on a contempt of court warrant out of the Municipal Court of Long Branch. Stith posted \$50 bail and was released.

Brandon Fooster, 26, of Ripley Avenue was charged Aug. 31 on a contempt of court warrant issued by the Municipal Court of Berkeley Heights. Fooster was held in lieu of bail set at \$165.

Fooster was also charged Aug. 31 for possession of a controlled dangerous substance under 50 grams (believed to be marijuana). Fooster was served a summons. Fooster was charged Sept. 1 at

Police log

Stirling Place for the distribution of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance (believed to be cocaine) with the intent to sell, and with being within 500 feet of public property. Fooster was held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Kyle Harvin, 25, of West Broad Street was charged on Sept. 1 as a fugitive on a Union County Sheriff's warrant. There was no bail for Harvin.

Harvin was charged on Sept. 1 for a contempt of court warrants out of the Municipal Court of Westfield and Clark. Harvin was held in lieu of bail set at \$100 and \$800 respectively.

A Clark Street resident reported Sept. 1 that unknown persons entered the garage and removed two Trek mountain bikes.

Jose Aquarto, 23, of Newark was charged on Sept. 1 on a warrant issued out of the Westfield Municipal Court. Aquarto was held in lieu of bail set at \$1134.

The Martial Arts Institute of America located on South Avenue West filed a report on Sept. 3 of criminal mischief.

SCOTCH PLAINS

A Raritan Road resident reported Aug. 28 an attempted entry. A rear window screen had been pried during the past two days. Entry was not gained, but a bicycle was reported missing.

Robert J. Johnston, 18, of Corrine Terrace, Mountainside, and John I. Andric of Iris Drive, Mountainside, and a 17 year old female juvenile from Mountainside were charged Aug. 29 with robbery, aggravated assault and weapons possession in connection with an incident on Aug. 14.

Johnston, Andric, and the juvenile girl allegedly assaulted a 19 year old Marlboro man outside the J&J Billiards on Route 22W about 1:30 a.m. by striking him in the head with a flashlight and some type of stun gun.

As the victim was subdued, he alleges that \$220 cash was taken from him. The victim received minor injuries, but did not need treatment.

Detective Brian Donnelly headed up the investigation that

tracked down witnesses, built a case against the alleged assailants, and resulted in the apprehension of the suspects.

Bail was set for the adult offenders, Johnston and Andric, at \$15,000 each by Judge B. Levine of the Scotch Plains Municipal Court. The juvenile was processed and released to the custody of her parents.

PNC Bank reported Aug. 30 that two checks, totaling \$10,000, were cashed in early August and turned out to be forgeries.

Mohamed Desooki, 19, of Adams Avenue, Elizabeth, was charged Aug. 30 with trespass during a dispute at Dunkin Donuts on Route 22. He allegedly refused to leave after being asked. The incident took place about 2:45 p.m.

Eric Podlas, 26, of Whittier Terrace was charged Aug. 31 with simple assault for allegedly striking another patron at St. Bart's Festival about 10:55 p.m.. Podlas was issued a summons and released.

A Green Hickory Hill Lane resident reported Aug. 31 a burglary during the evening hours. Entry was gained by forcing a front door. Several rooms were ransacked and jewelry and personal items were taken.

A report was filed Sept. 1 that a 14-year-old girl was assaulted by another female juvenile at St. Bart's Festival about 9 p.m. There were no injuries and no charges are pending at this time.

John Goski, 18, of Kipling Lane was charged on Sept. 2 with underage consumption of alcohol pursuant to an officer's investigation of a suspicious person on Lamberts Mill Road about 1 a.m..

Two motor scooters were reported missing Sept. 3 from outside a Park Avenue business about 3:15 p.m.



Tyne Thomson, a resident at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, tentatively meets a calf at the fifth annual Courtyard Carnival at the hospital.

Runnells patients party

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — The fifth annual Courtyard Carnival was held recently at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County for residents, patients and their guests.

The big hit of the carnival was the Quiver Farm Petting Zoo. Residents and patients enjoyed the chance to see and touch animals including a calf, goats, rabbits and chicks.

The event also featured temporary tattoos, games and prizes, and popcorn and Italian ice.

"This is probably one of the most anticipated events of the year, and I want to thank our Activities Therapy Department for organizing the carnival, said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the hospital's Advisory Board of Managers. Scanlon also thanked the volunteers and staff for their efforts.

For information, to schedule a tour, or file an application, call the Admissions Office at Runnells at (908) 771-5901. There are no residency requirements for admission. Runnells accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

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Realtors collecting linens, toiletries

WESTFIELD — "Tired" towels, toiletries, and linens are being collected by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to local shelters for abused women and the homeless. The seventh annual drive will conclude Sept. 20. It is sponsored by the Realtor Community Service Committee.

The committee asks that all donated towels or linens be laundered and that toiletries be unopened.

Items may be brought to the Greater Union County Association of Realtors, 767 Central Ave., Westfield, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through

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Commentary

It shouldn't be the silly season

It's that time of year again.

With Labor Day and the first day of school come and gone, the fall campaign season has begun. From now until Nov. 6 residents will be bombarded with literature from candidates from the presidential to the municipal level. And sometimes innocent residents get caught in the crossfire of mud. Residents with genuine concerns about how their tax money is being spent become disgusted with the trivial and petty political charges made during campaigns; that's why this time of year has received the derogatory label of the "silly season."

Before the drizzle of political releases reaches a torrent of words, this newspaper would like to outline how it intends to cover this year's election. Our goal is to provide our readers with enough information so they will be able to make an intelligent and informed choice on Election Day. More importantly, we hope to motivate reader interest in the election and encourage voters to exercise their democratic right to vote and influence the community in a positive way. The continued good health of our democracy depends on residents participating in the political process.

We want our readers to have candidates' full biographical information, platform stances, charges against opponents and the opponents' rebuttals, and positions on past, current and future issues.

Readers' letters on campaign issues and the candidates are welcome, as usual. However, if the volume of mail reaches an overwhelming number or a number of letters are obviously being composed on the same printer, we may opt to publish only a proportionate representation of the letters received. This newspaper would prefer letters to be no more than 200 words. Letters will be subject to editing for reasons of length, good taste and libel.

Press releases from the candidates will be treated as the basis of news stories. That means they will be subject to editing and the inclusion of replies from opponents. If political candidates want to get their unedited, partisan message to readers, they can do it the old-fashioned American way by buying advertising space in this newspaper.

Endorsements, if warranted, of candidates will appear in the Oct. 25 issue.

In the issue before the Nov. 6 election, we will include a campaign wrap-up on each candidate or slate and complete voting information. No new charges will be printed as letters in this pre-election issue.

We hope the candidates will focus their campaigns on serious issues, instead of engaging in personal attacks. By presenting the voters with the facts, we are confident they will make the best choices on Nov. 6.



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Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

The price of salmon, Nixon and darkness

Twenty-seven years ago when I left for college I never imagined I would get so excited about the price of salmon.

When I went off to college just a few weeks after President Nixon resigned, I didn't like salmon and I didn't know that salmon filet at \$3.99 per pound, if you had a shopper's card, more than a quarter century later was going to be a steal.

At the age of 17, drunk with the cynicism fermented by Watergate and Vietnam, nothing could make me happy. Yes, there were a few things — a well-executed golf shot, a nifty twist of phrase — that dissipated the gloom for a few precious moments; the world was such a horrible, repressive and oppressive place that I believed it would be repugnant, if not wrong, to be happy.

Now of course there are several things that make me happy — a well-executed golf shot, a nifty twist of phrase, salmon filet at \$3.99 a pound, etc. — and though I know more about the wicked ways of the world, I no longer revel in the romantic darkness of a Calvinist adolescent in the decade of experimental hedonism. Unlike my college days, my unhappiness now is not a source of satisfaction.

I don't know what thoughts are possessed by young people about to start their college careers in the coming weeks. I suspect they see college as the gateway to a lucrative job offers waiting when they are handed their diplomas four years from now. Because I was hopelessly naive and pathetically idealistic, I never thought about what kind of kind of job I would have after graduation. I was going to college to get an education, not a job and I stubbornly clung to this quaint and innocent notion long after all my wiser and more savvy friends had been accepted into graduate, law and medical schools. I was content with bowls of spaghetti, instant mashed potatoes, fatty chuck steaks; it would be years before I would appreciate tortellini with sun-dried tomatoes, Yukon gold potatoes and broiled salmon in a honey mustard sauce.

Today's college students do not have an anchor of angst weighing down their existence. At the end what was a prosperous decade with no wars to fight either on the homefront or on foreign soil, today's college students are not rebels. Nor do they have any causes. They have yet to learn to see the dark clouds on the horizon.

In a way, I am envious; perhaps I would have learned to be happy at an earlier age. Yet, at the same time, I worry about their future; they are seemingly oblivious to the contortions of fate and history that can distort their vision of happiness. They were not raised with the looming specter of a war and a lottery to determine whether their next stop was Fort Dix or Toronto. They never had to wait in endless lines for gasoline nor worry about spiraling inflation and interest rates. They will not be armed with the necessary cynicism to sustain them through rough times. They do not know a world without sundried tortellini.

And I am a little worried about myself. Like fungus, creativity is spawned in darkness and *merde* and it's easier to write when the weather inside the brain is cloudy. Sometimes, with my frustrated fingers frozen at the keyboard, I wish I could venture backward through time and tap the darkness out of which cascaded a torrent of words. But, as I get older, calmer and more tired, I'm not as eager to pay that price. I no longer feel guilty enjoying the goodness of light. Or a piece of salmon at \$3.99 a pound. I worry about betraying my youth.

I do not wish any harm upon those young adults just entering college. I even wish them the best of luck. But I know that sometime in the next four years they will be challenged by adversity and I hope they will be able to handle it. I don't want them to learn the hard way the validity of that old cliché that adversity builds character.

Letters to the editor

Marks wins kudos for airnoise stand

To The Record-Press:

I am pleased to report that Mayor Marks' policy agenda related to reducing aircraft noise places the best interests of Scotch Plains in line with those of the region. The mayor has most graciously provided me with his extended comment to the Federal Aviation Administration on the metropolitan airspace redesign. In it he fully addresses all of the points necessary for the legal protection of our municipality and the region.

To the mayor's credit, he is absolutely correct when he states that he has supported a live six-month test of ocean routing during his term of office. The mayor's position has been consistent in

this regard and earlier characterizations of his position did not adequately reflect or portray this.

I believe that continued open communication will help dispel the suspicion and distrust created when earlier township administrations supported the NIMBY Solberg plan. I can confidently declare that we have a united front in Scotch Plains supporting a regional solution to the aircraft noise problem and one that wholeheartedly embraces live testing of ocean routing.

PAMELA BARSAM-BROWN
Executive Director, New Jersey
Coalition Against Aircraft Noise
Scotch Plains

Grandparents: Hats off to you

To The Record-Press:

From time to time it is important that we look into ourselves and examine our roles and relationships. This is especially important in these fast-changing times.

Over my years of dealing with people, I have found that one of the greatest, most precious and, sometimes overlooked resources we have in life, is our senior citizens. Holding a wealth of experience in their hands, they are the emotional leaders of our society, connecting past and future with their knowledge.

In the workplace, they can add information not found in any book. The expertise our senior citizens bring with them to the workplace or to their volunteer activities allow those of us fortunate enough to work with them the ability to tap into the vast knowledge contained in their life experiences. The

example taught and lessons learned are important.

At home, seniors are an integral part of the family, often lending a hand to help raise their grandchildren. They hand down the family history and help the family stay strong and focused. Whether it be baby-sitting, running errands for a working parent or even helping to contribute to their own grandchildren's college fund, the seniors of today are active, vibrant and contributing members of our lives.

In 1978 the first Sunday after Labor Day was declared "Grandparent's Day." This would be a wonderful time to let the senior citizens in our lives know just how important they are to us. Share some life experiences and spend the day enhancing communications between generations.

PETER J. BIONDI
Assemblyman

Support strong Patients Bill of Rights

To The Record-Press:

New Jersey Citizen Action, the state's largest independent citizen watchdog coalition representing more than 60,000 family members and more than 90 affiliated community, labor, tenant, religious, senior and civic organizations, urges New Jersey residents to stand up for a strong Patients' Bill of Rights.

Too many HMO consumers have faced the perils of fighting their managed care plan to cover treatments, prescription drugs and visits to a specialist. The quality of health care has decreased due to increasing managed care oversight that has taken decisions away from doctors and in the hands of managed care companies.

New Jersey Citizen Action was one of the leading organizations that fought to pass the Health Care Quality Act of 1997, which guarantees New Jerseyans some of the strongest patient protections in the nation. Despite this law, New Jersey patients urgently need stronger safeguards that only the federal government can provide.

The McCain-Kennedy-Edwards Bill (S. 283) offers the strongest safety net, by guaranteeing managed care patients the right to:

- * Keep health plans accountable under medical malpractice laws;
- * Appeal decisions that deny needed care, strengthening our state law; including,

- * Extend these protections to all Garden State residents, since the Federal ERISA law exempts almost half of state residents (those in self-insured plans) from state protections, like the Health Care Quality Act.

What New Jersey does not need is a placebo prescription, one that purports to be a "Patients' Bill of

Rights," but actually does little. We are concerned that the Breaux-Frist Bill (S. 889) would weaken New Jersey safeguards. This proposal, if passed, could undermine patients' rights under the Health Care Quality Act by:

- * Exempting ERISA-covered patients, denying state residents from receiving coverage under various state quality protections;

- * Setting the federal statute as a ceiling, and preventing states from implementing additional safeguards.

- * Weakening and/or replacing the protections already working in New Jersey, such as the independent appeals processes.

At the heart of the Senate debate over the "Patients' Bill of Rights" is whether or not HMOs and the managed care insurance industry should be held accountable for negligent decisions that result in injury or death to the patient. After all, managed care insurers are currently the only businesses in America that have 100 percent immunity from being held responsible if their decisions result in the injury or death of their customers. The Frist-Breaux bill is a "Liability Escape Plan" rather than a "Patients' Bill of Rights."

New Jersey Citizen Action is working to make sure Congress passes a bill that offers HMO consumers the toughest possible protections. The McCain-Kennedy-Edwards "Patients' Bill of Rights" will protect those not adequately protected by state law and those not protected at all. New Jersey cannot afford to have our hard-won rights and protections lost and we must support legislation that will improve our health care system.

BRIDGET DEVANE
New Jersey Citizen Action, Organizer

TV car ads bring out worst

To The Record-Press:

Cigarettes and liquor ads are not allowed on TV for good reasons.

It is inconceivable that car companies that encourage speed and more speed are to advertise. Their commercials are an insult to safe driving.

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Temple's religious school is accepting applications

CRANFORD — The Religious School of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, at 338 Walnut Ave. in Cranford, is accepting registration for the next school year. Kindergarten through second grade meets every Sunday 9-11 a.m., fourth through seventh grade meets on Tuesday and Thursday 4-6 p.m. as well as Sunday morning from 9-11 a.m.

The religious school is the place to learn about Judaism for

students as well as their families. The school prides itself on its strong family education program throughout the curriculum as well as the many Sunday family education workshops that empower parents to learn with their children. When parents register their children for school they receive a copy of the school curriculum so that they know exactly what their children will be learning.

In addition to the many Sunday morning family education workshops, a Parents Social Room is found in the library every Sunday morning. Parents are invited to relax, read a book, drink some coffee and tea, nosh on some light snacks, and to socialize with other parents. Every Sunday morning, a community learning period is held where students and their parents engage in a "learner's minyan" to

learn together how and why to pray. Enthusiasm and excitement has been a part of the religious school since the new education director, Cantor Frank Lankron-Tamarazo, came to the community. In his dual role as cantor and education director, he has helped to make religious school a fun place to study as well as reminding students of the importance of learning about Jewish holidays,

prayer and ethics. Under his tutelage, the religious school boasts a strong Hebrew language and Jewish prayer curriculum. Students who graduate have earned how to lead services, read Torah, and read Hebrew fluently. "The school is so successful because it provides a loving and caring atmosphere for students and their families. Our teachers love to teach and it shows in the progress of the students and their families. We have a supportive Board of Education as well as a growing Parents Association that help support our constant move toward providing an excellent Jewish education," Lankron-Tamarazo said.

sandwiches. These sandwiches were donated to area shelters and the money raised was used to help make life easier for foster children. Students learn that community service must be a life-long endeavor.

A new computer lab will be available for students and their families beginning in the fall. In addition, the religious school has been provided a grant from the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey for the Lifelong Institute for Family Education (LIFE). Several courses for parents and grandparents are offered on Sunday mornings.

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim is a Conservative congregation and is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Religious school families come from Cranford, Linden, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Iselin, and other surrounding communities.

For questions about the religious school of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim or to register a child or grandchild for the fall and spring term, call Lankron-Tamarazo at (908) 276-6351 or (908) 931-9332.

College brochure wins prestigious award

CRANFORD — Union County College has received a 2001 Pyramid Award for excellence in public relations from the New Jersey chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA/NJ). The award was presented to Margaret Hanscom of Westfield the college's graphic designer. It was awarded in the category of brochures and presentations for the UCC publication titled "Getting from Here to There."

Union County College is a two-year community college granting associate's degrees. The winning brochure advises current and prospective students of the many transfer and dual admission opportunities offered which allow students to take their first two years at Union County College and, after graduation, transfer with ease to four-year institutions. The unique design reveals a surprise to the reader, when the fully-extended brochure becomes an arrow, graphically pointing the way for "getting from here to there."

PRSA/NJ conferred the honor at its annual Pyramid Awards banquet held at Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange. In addition to Union County College, 19 corporations,

non-profit/educational groups and public relations agencies received Pyramid Awards for public relations campaigns and/or individual items they produced last year. Fourteen organization received honorable mention certifications for their public relations activities.

At the banquet, PRSA/NJ President Michael Cherenson said the Pyramid Awards represented

the Chapter's efforts to recognize outstanding achievement in public relations. "In its 12 years of existence, the Pyramid Award has become New Jersey's most prestigious communications award," Cherenson said. "Much of the prestige is owed to the fact that it is awarded to members of our profession by their peers."

Union County College is a pub-

lic comprehensive college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains and enrolls about 9,000 full- and part-time credit students and more than 17,000 students in career training and continuing education programs and courses.

Weeklong mission at St. Helen's

WESTFIELD — From Fragmentation to Wholeness: A Spiritual Journey, the parish mission being held at the Church of St. Helen in Westfield, begins with the Rev. Vincent Youngberg, CP, giving an overview of the mission at each Mass this weekend. The mission begins Monday and continues through Sept. 14. The five-day service will be presented twice daily, the first immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass and the second at 8 p.m. The same conference will be given at both daily sessions.

Father Youngberg, a Queens, N.Y., native, has been doing missions for more than 18 years. He is a very popular traveling preacher who usually has standing-room only crowds in the churches he visits. Each day will have a different theme for discussions. Parishioners and the public are invited to attend the entire mission, or select specific topics of interest. The daily themes are: Monday, self-acceptance; Tuesday, fulfillment and where it can be found; Wednesday, power of the spirit; Thursday, rite of recon-

ciliation and the healing aspect of forgiveness; and Friday, what is ahead.

Like the founder of the Passionist community, 18th century Italian, St. Paul of the Cross, Father Youngberg believes in the wisdom of the cross. Each mission begins with Father Youngberg carrying a large cross into the church where he is preaching, setting up in the church sanctuary and preaching in its shadow.

For information on this parish mission, call St. Helen's at (908) 232-1214.

8 nurses ready to respond in rape crisis

ELIZABETH — The plan to have a team that includes a nurse, a law enforcement officer and a rape crisis counselor respond any time a person is sexually assaulted in Union County, is now a reality. Officials said recently that they have a cadre of eight experienced nurses trained to work directly with the victims, counselors, and police detectives inside three area hospitals.

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In addition, the New Jersey Office of Victim Witness Advocacy has provided funding for the purchase of special examination equipment for designated areas inside the hospitals.

Colella, who has extensive emergency room management experience, has recruited eight nurses who are trained to perform the examination and three are already qualified to respond on their own.

"The nurses on our response team represent a wonderful cross section of the nursing profession," said Colella. "They include a nurse who works in a correctional facility, a critical care unit practitioner and a nurse with a doctorate who teaches about sexual assault responses and other educational program in New York City."

Nurses are paid each hour they are on call and receive an additional \$200 for each examination.

Since she has set a goal to have 20 nurses participating on a rotating schedule, those interested in the program should call Colella, who works out of Rumlens Specialized Hospital, at (908) 771-6728.

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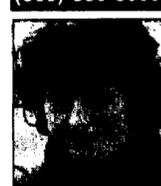
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Harold A. Volz

SCOTCH PLAINS — Harold A. Volz, 73, died Sept. 1, 2001 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md. He retired in 1988 after 30 years as an English teacher and yearbook adviser at Linden High School.

He was born in Newark and lived in that city before moving to Scotch Plains in 1951.

Mr. Volz received bachelor's and master's degrees in English from New York University. He completed postgraduate courses at Rutgers University and Seton Hall University.

He was a founding member of the Central Jersey Bicycle Club, which presented Mr. Volz with a lifetime achievement award for

traveling more than 200,000 miles via bicycle. He also played in the Harmonica Runners quartet and was active in the Garden State Harmonica Club.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Coplan Volz; two daughters, Maureen of Scotch Plains and Hallie Volz-Geritano of Edison; a sister, Linda of Oregon; and two grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. Donations may be sent to Garden State Harmonica Club, P.O. Box 28, New Milford, NJ 07646.

Lawrence Ellenport

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lawrence Ellenport, 86, died Sept. 1, 2001 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. He had been a partner in City Auto Supply Co. of Newark and Orange prior to his retirement.

A native of Newark, Mr. Ellenport lived in Irvington and Union before moving to Scotch Plains in 1988. He had resided in Monroe since 1993.

He was an Army sergeant in World War II and treasurer of the

Men's Club at Temple Beth Shalom in Union. Mr. Ellenport also was a member of the Workman's Circle in Elizabeth and the Jewish War Veterans post in Monroe.

His wife, Clara, is deceased. Surviving are two sons, Samuel and Robert; two sisters, Mary Kaplan and Irene Halmo; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

Madeline Galuppo

WESTFIELD — Madeline June "Sunny" Essig Galuppo, 84, died Aug. 28, 2001 at the Gladeview Health Care Center in Old Saybrook, Conn. She was born in Garwood and lived in Westfield before moving in 1985 to Madison, Conn.

Her husband, Richard, died in

1977. Mrs. Galuppo is survived by two daughters, Judith Meade and Anne Marie Rausch; a son, Richard M.; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Kids 'n' Arts registration is under way

WESTFIELD — Kids 'n' Arts, an introductory arts program for children ages 3-5, is taking registration now for classes beginning Oct. 10 and 11.

Classes meet once weekly and are designed to provide children with a varied arts experience. Each two-hour class begins with a 15-minute meet-and-greet time on the rainbow rug and a discussion of the theme for the day. The class is then divided into smaller age related groups which move to the art, music or drama areas for a 30-minute class in each area.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has welcomed Polly

Nelson to the staff of educators in the Kids 'n' Arts program. Nelson has been chairwoman of the drama department at the Westfield Summer Workshop program for the past eight years, directing such plays as "Charlotte's Web," "Wizard of Oz" and this past summer's "Annie, Jr."

In Nelson's drama portion of Kids 'n' Arts, children will be introduced to creative movement, interactive storytime and puppet magic as well as improvisation and let's pretend activities.

Pamela Johnson returns this fall to teach Kids 'n' Arts stu-

dents about rhythm and pitch as well as offering hands-on experience with a variety of rhythmic instruments. Diane Burkam will again guide the students in exploring arts and crafts, with an emphasis on expression of feelings and use of various arts media.

Classes meet once weekly on either Wednesday or Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. Fall session classes begin Oct. 10 or 11. Children in Kids 'n' Arts must be toilet-trained.

Younger children, aged 18-35 months, can also begin to discover the joys of singing, creative

movement and the use of rhythm instruments in Tots 'n' Arts. Anne Marie Pandolfo leads this group, which meets once weekly for half-hour sessions at 9:15, 10 or 10:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning Oct. 10. Tots 'n' Arts children must be accompanied by an adult.

For information on Kids 'n' Arts/Tots 'n' Arts and any of the other programs including The Music Studio, Fencing Club or the Westfield Summer Workshop, call (908) 789-9696. The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts offices are located at 150-152 E. Broad St.

Students can learn trade at Vo-Tech

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational-Technical High School offers hundreds of students a chance each year to become skilled in a technical trade that can improve their employment opportunities. Applications are still being accepted for the school year.

Barbara Kaczmarek, admission recruiter for the Vo-Tech programs, said hundreds of students gain valuable, certified skills from the high school every year and many more should take advantage of the training programs. The Union County Vo-Tech program has one of the highest job-placement rates in New Jersey.

"Training is available free of charge to every high school student in the county," Kaczmarek said. "Any student who wants to pursue technical training also receives free transportation to and from their high school campus as well."

The current vocational program allows students to attend the Vo-Tech High School on a shared-time basis. Students spend half the school day at their hometown high school and the balance at the

Vocational-Technical High School in Scotch Plains. Successful completion of their studies at both schools leads to the award of two diplomas at graduation time.

At the Vo-Tech High School, students may choose from a variety of technical trades, as well as culinary arts, cosmetology, horticulture and law enforcement programs.

The technical programs include air conditioning, heating and refrigeration technology, allied health, automotive technology, automotive collision/repair, carpentry and construction, child development, commercial art, computer-aided drafting and design, computer repair, electrical technology, electro-mechanical technology, graphic communications, maintenance mechanics, office systems technology and telecommunications.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools are accepting shared-time applications for the 2001-2002 school year, which began yesterday. Information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of Admission at (908) 889-8288, ext. 340 or 341.

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Obituaries

Edward Thomas Clark

WESTFIELD — Edward Thomas Clark, 82, died Aug. 27, 2001 at Francis E. Parker Memorial Home in New Brunswick. He retired in 1983 after 25 years as a psychology professor at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y.

He lived in Westfield for 17 years before returning to his native Manhattan.

Dr. Clark served in the Army during World War II and was a professor at New York

University before joining the St. John's faculty. He earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctorate from NYU.

Surviving are his wife, Dr. Ellen Flanagan Clark; two sons, Neal and Andrew; three sisters, Kathryn Garelik, Gloria Gannon and Sister Joan; a niece and four nephews.

Private arrangements were by Boylan Funeral Home in New Brunswick.

Kenneth Nascimento

SCOTCH PLAINS — Kenneth Nascimento, 56, died Aug. 24, 2001 at Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood. He had been a computer technician with a number of companies in the New York metropolitan area.

Mr. Nascimento was born in Aruba and settled in Queens, N.Y., when he came to the United States in 1954. He lived in Long Island, N.Y., before moving to

Scotch Plains in 1999. He attended a technical college in the Netherlands.

Surviving are a brother, Stephen O.; a niece and several cousins.

A funeral Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Willie S. Bell Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Willie S. Bell Sr., 61, died Aug. 26, 2001 at his home. He retired in September 2000 after four years as a truck driver with Cumberland Farms in Linden, Ga., and lived in Rahway before moving to Scotch Plains in 1996.

Surviving are his wife, Maxine; his mother, Vertie Bivel of Clearwater, Fla.; two sons, Willie Jr. of Plainfield and Keith

of Somerset; a daughter, Rev. Danielle L. Hunter of Scotch Plains; a brother, Amos Jr. of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; a sister, Patricia Williams of Lakewood; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Rahway, of which Mr. Bell was a member. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were by Jones Funeral Home in Rahway.

Fleder will chair United Fund drive

WESTFIELD — The United Fund of Westfield's 2001 campaign will be led by Carolyn Fleder who has been named general campaign chairwoman for the second consecutive year.

"She will lead a team of volunteers to solicit support for the 21 agencies that receive United Fund help, in what is traditionally the broadest-based volunteer effort in Westfield," said Linda Maggio, United Fund executive director.

"The goal of this year's campaign is to raise \$661,200 and to maintain Westfield's tradition as a caring community," Fleder noted. "The 21 agencies that we support represent a broad spectrum of services provided in the area, including care for the young, healthy and growing, as well as the elderly, sick and handicapped."

A resident of Westfield for 21 years, Fleder chaired last year's successful \$640,000 campaign. She has also chaired the Residential Division in past campaigns and is a current member of the Board of Trustees. She is a former president of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Y.

Fleder is active with the Westfield Service League and the Education Fund of Westfield and currently serves as an elder of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. She also served as president of the Edison Intermediate and Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Associations.

"We are fortunate to have Carolyn Fleder chair our 2001 campaign," stated Mary Brautigam, president of the Board of Trustees. "She continually demonstrates her concern for others and her overall commitment to Westfield. Her compassion and dedication to improve quality of life for others are a true reflection of this year's campaign theme: Investing in our future, one smile at a time."

Joining Fleder in directing this year's campaign are the 2001 Campaign cabinet members who include:

- Roger D. Love, Jr. - Special Gifts.
- Rick Coltrera - Advance Gifts.
- Wendy Cozzi - Major Gifts.
- Al Lehmkuh - Business.
- Seymour Koslowsky - Dentists.
- John F. Tabachnick - Doctors.
- Jon Bramnick - Lawyers.
- Epie Betancourt - Residential.
- William J. Foley - Public Employees Charitable Campaign.
- Mark Ciarrocca - Organizations.

"It is a privilege to work with people who contribute their talent, enthusiasm and leadership to the United Fund campaign efforts," Fleder noted.

"We look forward to the continued generosity of Westfielders in their support of our 21 member agencies," she concluded.

The agencies that depend on United Fund allocations include: American Red Cross, The Art of Union County, Boy Scouts, Cerebral Palsy League, Community Access Unlimited, CONTACT We Care, Girl Scouts, Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service Agency.

Other agencies which receive support from the United Fund are the Mental Health Association, Mobile Meals of Westfield, Union County Legal Services, UCPC Behavioral Healthcare and the United Service Organization. Visiting Health Service, Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Westfield Community Center, Westfield Neighborhood Council, the Westfield Y, Women for Women, and Youth and Family Counseling Services also rely on funding from the United Fund.

Briefs

Evangel offering women's program

SCOTCH PLAINS — The new semester for Women in the Word begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 26.

The program is a time for women of all ages to study God's word, as well as a time for fellowship, worship and crafts. The fall session will meet at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month through December.

Child care is available for all ages including homeschoolers. There is no charge and all are welcome. Call Evangel's church office at (908) 322-9300 to register.

School of the Arts accepting applications

Applications are being accepted through Oct. 2 for visual and performing arts classes at the New Jersey School of the Arts on the campus of Montclair State University.

Four, eight and 10-week classes in painting and sculpture, acting, voice, dance, screenwriting and television production will meet on Saturdays, beginning Oct. 6.

The program helps fulfill the arts standards mandated by the state. Tuition is from \$75-\$200. Enrollment is limited.

Child's collection of rocks on display

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library is displaying the rock collection of one of its

young patrons through September.

Mariel B. Mital, 7, a second-grader at Brunner School in Scotch Plains, has been collecting rocks since she was 2. Her prize possession is a 100-year-old fossilized seashell.

The rock display replaces the seashells, which were on display for the summer. Eileen Marino of Fanwood shared her shells, Marilyn Thompson loaned her model of the QE2, Nathan James of Mountainside offered his seashell wreath and Susan Koses loaned the library her beach photograph.

Anyone having items of interest that they would like to have displayed may contact the library at (908) 322-6400 or email fanwdlib@imxac.org

Westfield holding math workshop

WESTFIELD — Parents, guardians and other interested adults who would like to know about the new elementary math program in the Westfield Public Schools, are invited to attend a workshop on Monday, September 10 from 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. at the Roosevelt Intermediate School cafeteria at 301 Clark St.

The workshop will include hands-on activities that will assist parents in becoming familiar with the curriculum and in helping their children at home.

Everyday Math is a new curriculum that will be implemented in grades K - 5 this year. The program was piloted for the last two years, with workshops offered for parents that will continue on a regular basis.

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Jill Rachel Selesner and Jared Brock Shapiro were married June 16 in Scotch Plains.

Jill Rachel Selesner and Jared Brock Shapiro wed

Jill Rachel Selesner, daughter of Leonard and Rita Selesner of Scotch Plains was married on June 16 to Jared Brock Shapiro, son of Bonnie and Theodore Shapiro of Livingston. Rabbi Barry Friedman, Rabbi emeritus of Temple B'nai Abraham and Cantor Martha Novick of Temple Emanu-El, Westfield performed the ceremony at Shackamaxon Country Club. The reception followed. Lara Moskowitz, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy Wall, Danielle Elon, Lianna Blechinger, Sally Blank, Jodi Silber and Heather Siegel. Ian and Blake Shapiro, brothers of the bridegroom were best men. Ushers were Mark Moskowitz, Daniel Elkinson,

Todd Forman, Brian Maloof, Bradley Kaplan, and Adam Beltzman. Justin Moskowitz, nephew of the bride was ring bearer. The bride is a graduate of University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., BA in Communications. She is Marketing Manager, Departures Magazine of American Express, N.Y. The bridegroom received a BA in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, and a J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, N.Y. He is a law clerk for the Honorable Martin L. Greenberg, New Jersey Superior Court, Chancery Division. After a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in New York City.

Foundation awards \$25,000 in grants

CRANFORD — To promote innovation in education, the Union County College Foundation has awarded \$25,000 in grants to nine projects designed and to be implemented by faculty and staff members. Each of the awards is for an effort to be undertaken during the 2001-2002 academic year.

The foundation awarded \$4,340 to Professor John McDermott to host the second annual Technologies in Teaching Conference: Hands-On Applications. The conference will provide a faculty-training workshop to increase knowledge of available technology. The train-

ing will include a conference, faculty workshop sessions, and vendor demonstrations. Additionally, it has funded \$1,400 to Everett P. Ellis to establish a College Work-Study Employee Appreciation/Recognition Program to provide for the official acknowledgment and recognition of the College Work-Study employees for their contributions to the college.

Other foundation-sponsored projects for 2001-2002 include: \$5,000 to Mark Spina and the Theatre Project at Union County College, to assist in the promotion of the project's productions; \$5,500 to Vince di Mura to host a

UCC World Concert Series that will bring live musical performances to the students of UCC and its LIFE (Learning Is ForEver) Center in the context of a joint concert series.

Other awards include, \$2,192 to Anita Thomas, fitness center coordinator for health promotion programs through which the center will hold events encouraging healthy lifestyle choices in the student, faculty/staff and community populations; \$2,000 to Josefina Mark and Maria Palmeri-Martinez, for the ESL Retention Program, to increase the retention of ESL students by providing career information about the variety of programs offered at the college, including the certificate or associate degree programs.

Also, \$1,520 to Cindy Lampon to coordinate Theater for Education and Prevention, which will offer an educational theater presentation about health-related and social issues, particularly substance abuse and addiction, in order to inspire individuals to make healthy choices. Lampon will also receive a \$700 grant to conduct a program on Living and Loving in a World with AIDS. The program will include an AIDS awareness program open to stu-

dents, faculty and staff, and the community and will address emotional, personal, and health-related issues through campus-wide prevention and education programs.

In addition, Dr. Helen Aron was awarded \$823 for a Workshop on Addressing Learning Disabilities in Colleges/ESL Classes. This workshop will offer professional development to ESL faculty on the subject of identifying and accommodating learning disabilities in ESL students.

The Union County College Foundation was founded in 1977 to raise funds for the benefit of Union County College students and to support innovative programs. The foundation provides scholarships, and underwrites lecture series, graduation awards, faculty and staff development, and special college programs.

The foundation, a non-profit organization, raises funds through special events and contributions from parents, alumni, board members, employees, business, industry and friends. For more information about the Foundation, call (908) 709-7505 or visit the web site at www.ucc-foundation.org

College receives prestigious award

CRANFORD — Union County College has received a 2001 Pyramid Award for excellence in public relations from the New Jersey chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA/NJ). The award was presented to Margaret Hanscom of Westfield the college's graphic designer. It was awarded in the category of brochures and presentations for the UCC publication titled "Getting from Here to There."

Union County College is a two-year community college granting associate's degrees. The winning brochure advises current and prospective students of the many transfer and dual admission opportunities offered which allow students to take their first two years at Union County College and, after graduation, transfer with ease to four-year institutions. The unique design reveals a surprise to the reader, when the fully-extended graphic becomes an arrow, graphically pointing the way for "getting from here to there."

PRSA/NJ conferred the honor at its annual Pyramid Awards banquet held at Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange. In addition to Union County College, 19

corporations, non-profit/educational groups and public relations agencies received Pyramid Awards for public relations campaigns and/or individual items they produced last year. Fourteen organization received honorable mention certifications for their public relations activities.

At the banquet, PRSA/NJ President Michael Cherenson said the Pyramid Awards represented the Chapter's efforts to recognize outstanding achievement in public relations. "In its 12 years of existence, the Pyramid Award has become New Jersey's most prestigious communications award," Cherenson said. "Much of the prestige is owed to the fact that it is awarded to members of our profession by their peers."

Union County College is a public comprehensive college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains and enrolls about 9,000 full- and part-time credit students and more than 17,000 students in career training and continuing education programs and courses.

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Hebrew school opens registration

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center in Westfield is announcing that the Talmud Torah, Sunday Hebrew school is open for registration for the 2001-02 year. It will offer a complete Hebrew school curriculum for children of all backgrounds from first grade through bar/bat mitzvah.

The school will meet once a week on Sunday, 9-11:30 a.m., at Franklin Elementary School, 700 Prospect St., Westfield. The Talmud Torah school is a place where the joys, values, and traditions of Judaism are brought vividly to life. The primary goal of the school is for the children to be left with deeply rooted feelings of pride and affection for their heritage and for the land of Israel.

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

Boy Scouts selling popcorn at Drug Fair

WESTFIELD — Boy Scout Troop 77 of St. Paul's, Westfield, will sell Trails End Popcorn as its annual fund-raiser at Drug Fair, 260 North Ave. East, Westfield, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.

Free samples will be available. All sales are tax deductible and help to support the troop and Patriots' Path Council.

New yoga studio ready to open

WESTFIELD — Unity Yoga officially opens Sept. 10. This new yoga studio offers gentle but challenging classes in hatha yoga.

Cynthia Mathis, a registered yoga teacher through the Yoga Alliance, a national accreditation agency, has completed a 300-hour teacher training program. She has taught in Westfield, Springfield, and Millburn. Her style of yoga is gentle, yet challenging. Classes are compassionately taught.

Unity Yoga also sells yoga props: mats, straps, blankets and bolsters. Meditation cushions are also sold.

Classes will be offered Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Unity Yoga is located at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. For infor-

mation call, (908) 233-9697 or e-mail: unityyoga@att.net.

Presbyterian Church begins fall schedule

SCOTCH PLAINS — Willow Grove Presbyterian Church of Scotch Plains resumes its fall schedule Sept. 9 with a Church School Rally Day program at 9 a.m.

Youngsters will follow a David

C. Cook curriculum and young adults will follow a curriculum preparing them for church membership and involvement. Adults will study New Testament Biblical materials.

All classes and discussion groups are open to the community. Punch, coffee and light breakfast snacks will be served during the fellowship hour from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in Ryno Hall.

The morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Child care will be offered all

morning in the ARK for infants and toddlers.

The congregation and their friends will round out the day with a picnic at LaGrande Park in Fanwood at 1 p.m. In the event of bad weather, the picnic will move to the church, 1961 Raritan Road, across from the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

New Jersey high school pupils will be taking new graduation test

The new High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) will be administered as the graduation test of record to the state's eleventh-grade students for the first time in March 2002.

The eleventh graders will have three opportunities to pass the HSPA to meet the graduation requirement. Students who do not pass the HSPA next March will have additional opportunities to be retested in the fall of 2002 and the spring of 2003. The HSPA will initially be administered in the subject areas of language arts literacy and mathematics. Additional

subject areas will be phased in over the next several years.

Also, the state's fifth- and eighth-grade students will, for the first time, take a test in social studies. Fifth graders will take the exam in October 2001, while the eighth graders will take the test in the spring of 2002. Both fourth- and eighth-grade students will continue to test in language arts literacy, science and math — the eighth graders in March of 2002 and the fourth graders in May 2002.

"I believe that our state's system of assessments is the most important measure of account-

ability in our schools," said Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr. "We have worked very hard to craft rigorous academic standards that reflect what students ought to know and be able to do at the fourth-, eighth- and eleventh-grade levels, and we have worked diligently to link a rigorous system of assessments to our standards.

"I believe that this system of standards and assessments will provide our children with a world-class education that will prepare them for successful futures in college and the work-

ing world."

In the 2001-02 school year, the Department of Education will also for the first time disaggregate testing data. This will allow school districts to compare test performance within several demographic groups. The state will disaggregate data by race, gender, limited English proficient, special education and socio-economic group. The United States Department of Education requires that this information be produced. The data will allow school districts

to analyze student performance so that curriculum and programs can be introduced that are designed to address deficiencies.

"This information will be a great help to school districts," said Jay Doolan, acting assistant commissioner for Academic and Career Standards. "For the first time, gaps in performance within individual demographic groups can be addressed using hard data."

The new HSPA will be administered on March 5-7,

2002 for high school juniors.

The HSPT will be administered from October 2-4 for any retained juniors, seniors, adult high school, or returning students who still need to pass one or more sections of the HSPT 11.

The eighth-grade test (GEPA) will be administered from March 11-15, 2002 and the fourth-grade test (ESPA) will be administered from April 29-May 3, 2002. The social studies test for fifth graders will be given on October 16, 2001.

Some tips for a healthy school year

If you are like most parents, you want your children to have their best school year ever. Health officials offer the following suggestions for a healthy school year:

KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY

* Make sure that your child's

immunizations are up-to-date: all schools require a doctor's immunization record that includes the day, month and year that your child was immunized.

* Know your school district's rules about handling and distributing medicine before the school

year starts. Some schools allow children to 'self-medicate' under certain circumstances - for example, students may be allowed to carry an inhaler for asthma with them. Others require that the nurse administer all medications regardless of whether it's for asthma, attention deficit disorder, or the last few doses of antibiotic for strep throat.

* To reduce the risk of lice, remind children never to share or trade hats or scarves, combs or brushes, or anything else that touches another person's head (barrettes, hair ribbons, headbands or headphones).

KEEP LUNCHES HEALTHY

* Choose low sodium ham, turkey breast or roast beef for a lower fat "deli" sandwich. Include lettuce, cucumber slices or sprouts for added crunch power.

* Peanut butter and jelly, apple butter or honey is still a favorite meatless alternative.

* Pack a "leftover" lunch with cold chicken or meatloaf. Fill a thermos with stew, chili or soup.

* Avoid high fat (and salt) Lunchables: pack ready to assemble crackers or mini rice cakes and low fat cheese or deli meat in a plastic container.

* To help your child get the recommended five servings of fruit and vegetables, include a piece (or two) of fresh fruit or an individual cup of fruit cocktail (packed in fruit juice), and cut-up carrots, celery and red pepper.

KEEP LUNCHES SAFE

* Use an insulated lunch box or bag. Once a week, wipe the interior of the box or bag with a weak bleach solution (one teaspoon of bleach per gallon of water).

Make sandwiches from cold ingredients - use frozen bread slices and refrigerate your cans of tuna. If you don't like using a reusable plastic ice pack, pack a 100 percent juice box or water bottle (freeze the night before - at it thaws, it will keep everything cool until lunchtime).

* Remind children to wash their hands before eating (and after using the bathroom), not to share food with their friends and to throw away any leftovers after lunch.

WATCH YOUR BACKPACK

* Filled backpacks should weigh no more than 10-15 percent of your child's weight. A heavier backpack will make your child bend over, which can cause balance problems now...and may lead to chronic back problems later in life.

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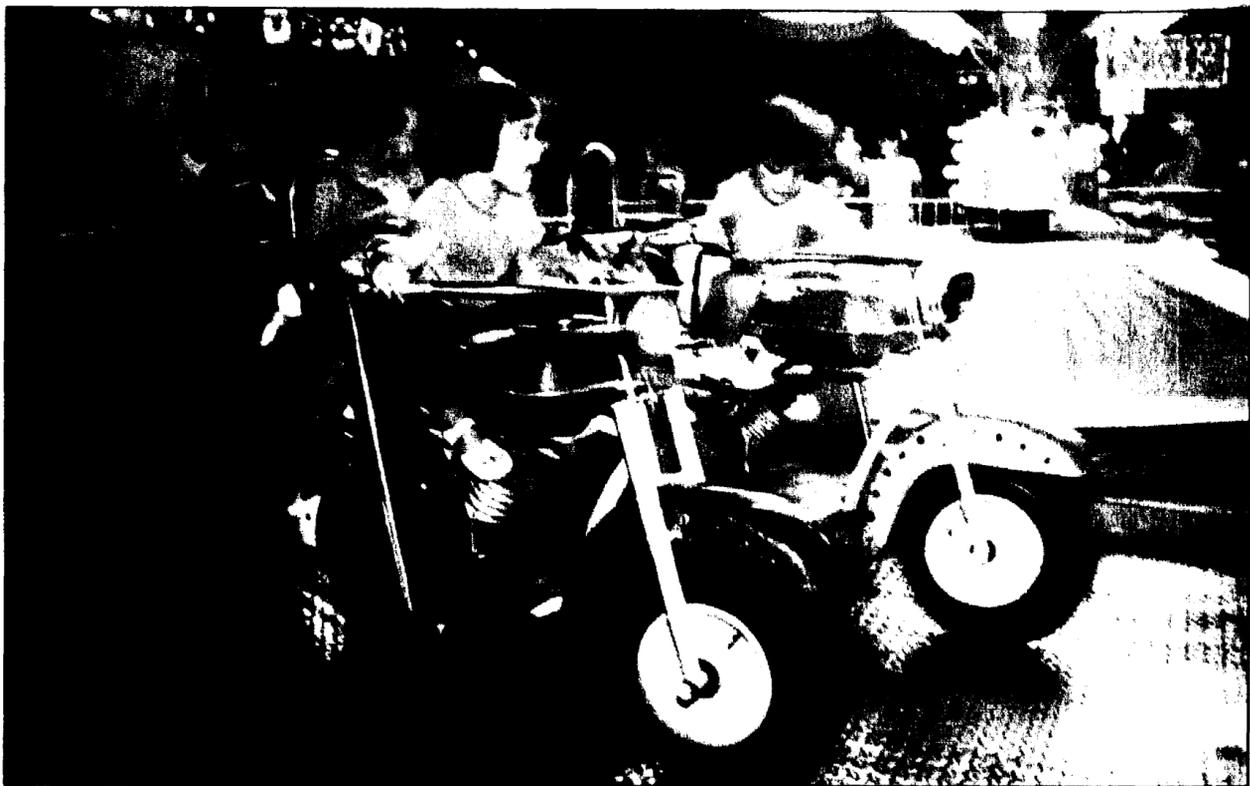
Community Life

20,000 at festa bid farewell to summer



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the highlights of the Italian Festival is the food. Flavia Novello, left, and Lina Nizzardo fill cannolis to satisfy the fair-goers who have a sweet tooth.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Young easy riders whip around at the UNICO Italian Festival at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains over the Labor Day weekend.

Tradition, family entertainment are hallmarks of annual festival

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS—The 27th annual Labor Day Italian Festival on the grounds of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church offered a lively four-night send off to the summer. About 20,000 attended this year's festival.

The festival began as a celebration honoring St. Nicholas, the patron saint of the township's sizable Italian-American population, many of whom come from Montazzoli in the province of Chieti.

The procession on Monday night was led by members of

Scotch Plains-Fanwood UNICO, who co-sponsored the festival with the church, the Italian American Social Club and a marching band. The march is similar to the one that originated in Montazzoli.

The splendid late summer weather helped the high turnout for this year's festival, but the contributions and efforts of young volunteers were the key to the festival's success, UNICO organizers said.

"The volunteers were great," said UNICO president Dan Mazzagetti, who added, "The young boys, ages 9-13, working in booths with their fathers and families promoted family values.

The festival featured numerous rides, games, and food vendors. Thrill-seekers could enjoy a spin on Casino, a huge spinning roulette wheel, or Super Slide, Big Eli the Ferris wheel, and the Red Baron.

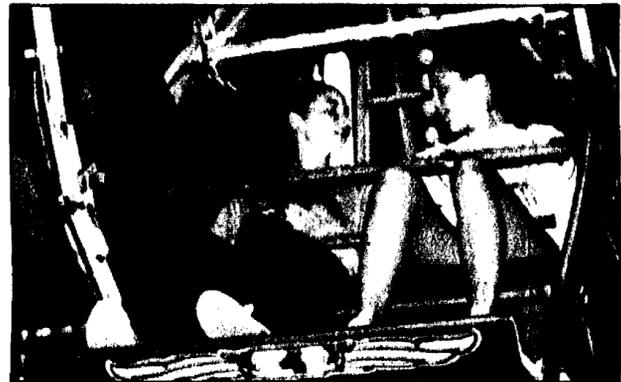
Water game fun, the Fire Fly, and other games of fortune like the Money Wheel also kept festival-goers occupied and happy. Some game attractions were surprise money makers for the event and the charitable causes they assist, Mazzagetti said.

"Crazy Cans, basically five cans and a bean bag, made as much or more money as the water games," said Mazzagetti, noting that, "The cost of operating water

games eats into the profit."

The 50/50 super draw awarded \$13,000 to a local winner with a drawing at 10 p.m., said Mazzagetti. The other \$13,000 of the prize goes to UNICO for its scholarship fund and other charitable activities. Proceeds from the festival are also split with St. Bart's.

UNICO is the largest Italian-American service organization with 6,000 members nationally. The local UNICO chapter has 100 members. It is open to men and woman of Italian descent, or those married to an Italian-American. Membership information can be obtained by calling (908) 889-2000.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cassandra Searis, 13, left, and Christie Delgado, 13, take a spin on the ferris wheel.

35 new teachers join staff in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS—With the hiring of 35 new teachers, district schools were fully staffed and ready for opening day Wednesday.

In remarks to the board, Superintendent Dr. Carol Choye noted that she had never seen the condition of the schools look

better or staff—from administrators, supervisors, teachers and aides—busier planning for the opening of school.

On a point close to the issue of teacher contract negotiations, Choye addressed the morale of teachers.

"Despite reports of low teacher morale," Choye said, noting a recent published letter of SPFEA president Edward

Leonard, "I see dedicated teachers preparing for the opening of school."

In anticipation of higher enrollments, class sizes have been carefully monitored, Choye said.

"Eleven teachers retired after serving the district for an average of 25 years each," Choye said. Another 13 teachers resigned mostly due to promo-

tions outside the district and relocations, Choye added.

In addition, Choye reported that two additional positions will become open during the fall when a mathematics supervisor and a learning consultant are scheduled to leave.

Construction continues in schools despite the start of the school year.

Demolition and renovations

on the lower level of Park Middle School and the restructuring of the walls on the second floor of School One have been the focus of summer construction. At the high school, renovation of the auditorium is nearly complete and roof repair and window replacement work will continue throughout the fall. Also, new football and soccer bleachers will be added.

New classrooms project at Terrill and Coles Schools are out to bid with a contract award expected in November. Work on Brunner, Evergreen and McGinn Schools is expected to begin in the spring.

"We will ensure the environment is safe for kids coming back," District Business Manager Anthony Del Sordi said.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Getting to know you

Franklin School kindergarten teacher Judy Tretlak greets parents on the first day of school Wednesday.

67 new teachers join Westfield staff

WESTFIELD — Sixty-seven new teachers were welcomed to Westfield Public Schools during a breakfast reception held for them on Aug. 30.

Most of the new employees will fill vacancies resulting from retirements, leaves of absence or resignations. Ten new positions have been created due to increased enrollments or curriculum changes.

Westfield Superintendent of Schools William Foley, Board of Education President Arlene

The list of new Westfield Public School teachers and their assignments as of Aug. 30 include:

- Susan Agresta, Science, Roosevelt
- Susan Arkin, Elementary, Jefferson
- Rebecca Atchison, Spanish, Edison/Elem.
- Laura Beres, Math, High School
- Daniel Black, Art, Elementary
- John Brzozowski, Music, Roosevelt/Wash.
- Elise Brunhofer, Spanish, Wash/Jeff
- Nicole Carfaro, Elementary, Washington
- William Callahan, English, Edison
- Sandra Castoro, Special Ed., High School
- Jaime-Lyn Chmielewicz, 5th Grade, Wilson
- Matthew Cognetti, Elementary, Washington
- Zorana Culjak, Math, High School
- Michele DeFabbio, Elementary, Franklin
- Paulette Del Rosso Morabito, Special Ed., High School
- Jennifer DeVelde, Special Ed., High School
- Kristina Doherty, Elementary, Tamaques
- Jamette Fine, Counselor, High School
- Maria Garcia, Spanish, High School
- Jessica Greenberg, Special Ed., High School
- Nancy Hatfield, Resource Room, Roosevelt Int.
- Debra Holmes, Spanish, High School
- Robin Ince, Nurse, Franklin
- Karen Jakupcic, Elementary, Franklin
- Dorea John, English, High School
- Karen Kavalin, Elementary, Franklin
- Tracey Kielbasa, Social Studies, High School
- Marni Kirschenbaum, Math, Edison Int.
- Jodi Klimko, Learning Disability, Special Services
- Lisa Kvalkausaks, 4th grade, McKinley
- Danielle Loffredo, Elementary, Wilson
- Louise Loffredo, Elementary, Franklin
- Margaret Maffey, Math, Edison Int.
- Geoffrey Martin, Social Studies, Edison Int.
- Elizabeth McDermott, Guidance, High School
- Donal McGay, Latin, High School
- Tara McGrade, Special Ed., High School
- Andrea Mennitt, Special Ed., High School
- Barbara Montano, Math, High School
- Lisa Morris, Elementary, Tamaques
- Lisa Mueller, 2nd Grade, Washington
- Yiba Ng, Spanish, High School

- Michelle Nott, French, Edison/Roosevelt
- Erin O'Brien, Eng/Jrnlsm, Edison/Roosevelt
- Theresa Paster, Social Worker, Special Services
- Robert Pasternak, Social Studies, High School
- Jeann Pisaura, Learning Disabilities, Special Services
- Maria Ponce de Leon, Spanish, Elementary
- Donna Puschel, Special Ed., High School
- Noreen Quinn-Foy, 3rd Grade, McKinley
- Diana Richards, Elementary, McKinley
- Daniel Rodrick, Science, Edison Int.
- Samantha Rozycki, English, Roosevelt Int.
- Richard Salls, Elementary, Wilson
- Brett Schwarzenbek, Math, High School
- Jenine Sinagra, Learning Disabilities, Special Services
- Brian Sloan, physical education, High School
- Kathy Speir, 5th Grade, McKinley
- Christina Staikos, 4th Grade, Wilson
- Elizabeth Stockton, Basic Skills, Jefferson
- Katherine Terins, 3rd Grade, Jefferson
- Christine Torta, PE/Health, Edison/WHS
- Noelle Vanderbeck, Music, High School
- Colleen Vandervort, Elementary, Wilson
- Corey Walsh, English, High School
- Julie Walkingsick, Elementary, Jefferson
- Bari Radin Zahalsky, Spanish, High School

BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Auditions scheduled for Christmas play

SOMERVILLE — Somerville's Recreation Department has scheduled auditions for its holiday presentation of "Once Upon A Christmas."

This original musical comedy will be performed at the Somerville Middle School on Nov. 30 - Dec. 2. Auditions will be 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 19-20 at the Somerville Middle School on 51 West Cliff Street. Readings will be from the script and a Christmas tune might be requested at the time.

Jim Balzano directs a tale about the fictional town of Christmastown where the people look forward to the big Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve. But this Christmas pageant may never get performed if evil Ebenezer Grinch's daughter, Jackie Frost, isn't chosen Pageant Queen.

All roles are open. The cast and its characteristics:

Joseph Naze - (mid 20's to mid 30's) energetic director determined to follow his dream, in love with his leading lady.

Mary Bethel - (mid 20's to mid 30's) sweet, lovely schoolteacher with a heavenly voice, doubting her ability as a singer and unsure of her feelings for Joseph.

Jackie Frost - (early to mid 20's) spoiled, sexy, rich brat, who wants everyone to focus their attention on her. Wants to be the star of Christmas show and will do anything to get it.

George Potter - (mid 20's to early 30's) meek, follows Jackie around like a puppy dog because he loves her. He's the assistant director to Joseph.

Kris Kringle - (mid 40's to late 50's) very wise Mayor of Christmastown, he seems to know more than he leads on, almost like a mystic character.

Ebenezer Grinch - (mid 40's to late 50's) very wealthy father to Jackie, he owns almost the whole town, despises the Christmas season, wants to take complete control of the town, very greedy and miserable.

Tiny Tina - (open) Ebenezer's main squeeze, very air headed, prefers the rich life.

Father O'Malley - (late 40's to early 60's) old fashion Irish priest, needs to have an Irish accent.

Rudolph - (mid 40's to late 50's) German owner of the best steak house in town, proud of his restaurant, needs to have a German accent.

Extras of all ages will be needed for other parts that include singing, acting and some dancing. For more information, phone between the hours of 5:30-9:30 p.m. (908)526-6168.

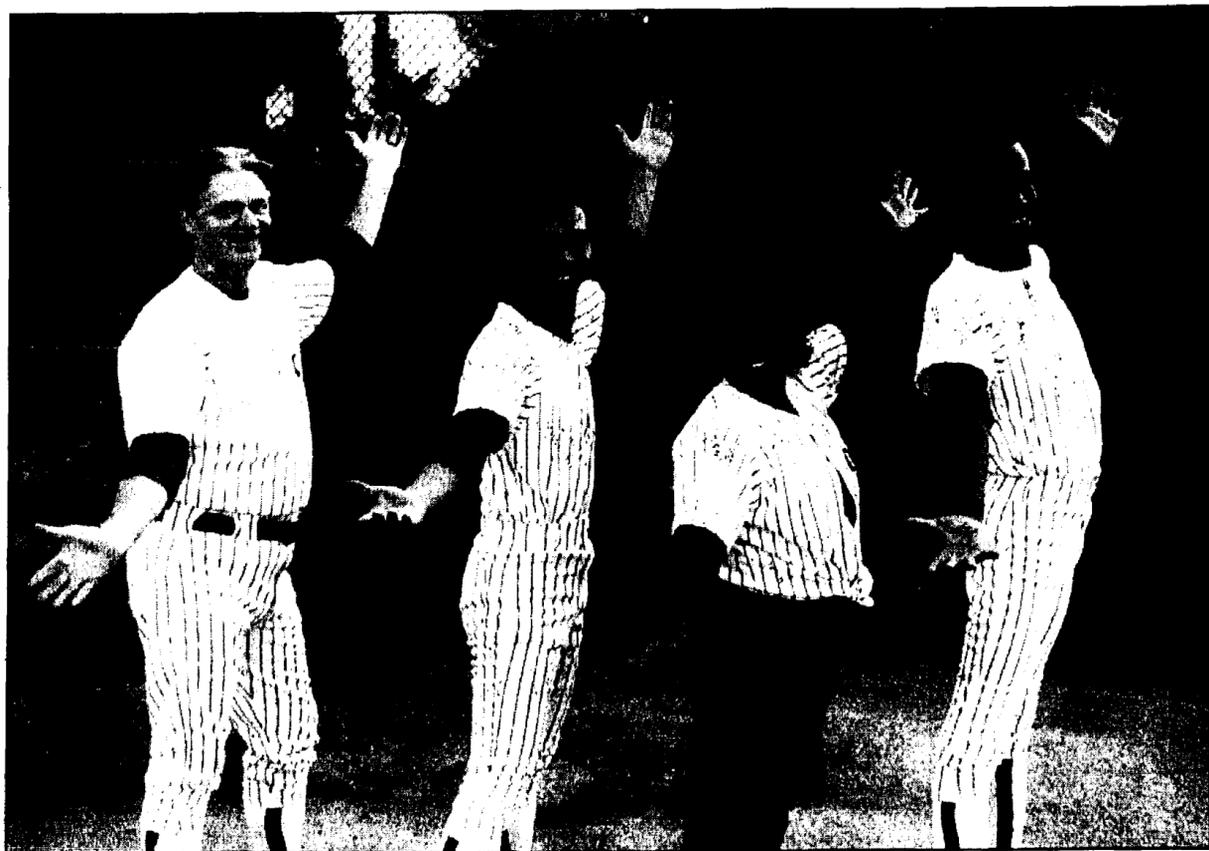
Choral Society resumes rehearsals

HILLSBOROUGH — The Raritan Valley Choral Society will resume rehearsals for the 2001-2002 concert year at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Faith Lutheran Church at 381 South Branch Road, across from the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex, under the direction of Interim Conductor Phillip Stefani, and Interim Accompanist James Lubrano.

The concert year runs from September through June. Registration of new members will take place during the month of September. There is a \$45 registration fee and \$15 charge for purchase of music which members may keep. The Society is open to all singers without audition. Prospective members are invited to visit a rehearsal prior to joining the Society. For information about the Society, please check the website at www.princetonol.com/groups/RVChoralSociety or call (908)281-8509.

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Villagers open 43rd season with 'Damn Yankees'

The Villagers Theatre, 475 DeMott Lane, Franklin, will open its 43rd season Sept. 14 with the classic musical, "Damn Yankees." Performances will be 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 14 to Oct. 6. Tickets are \$16; seniors and students are \$12 on Fridays and Saturdays with valid ID. The cast includes Mary Ann Golding of Watchung reprising the role of Meg which performed in the show's national tour and Bobby Sealing of Westfield, a member of the national tour of "Godspell," appearing as Applegate. Pictured here are cast members John Wycoff, Michael Miguel, Rochelle Patterson and Nick Sinckler. For more information or tickets, call (732) 873-2710.

Central Jersey Orchestra has a home

Homeless orchestra will perform season's concerts at Somerset County Vo-Tech

BRIDGEWATER — The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra (CJSO) has found a new home and will be able to "keep the music alive" for its 17th season thanks to the Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools Foundation.

"The CJSO will be coming home," said Somerset County Vo-Tech Schools Superintendent David T. D'Alonzo. "We're thrilled that this critically acclaimed community orchestra can return to its original home base as they present a five-concert series in our recently remodeled 650-seat Theatre."

"Our Vo-Tech Schools Foundation has had much success with its Jazz in Bridgewater concert series over the last two years, as well as the other cultural arts programs that benefit the school's fund-raising efforts," added D'Alonzo. "This new classical concert series will be a nice compliment to our program offerings."

CJSO Music Director Roger Briscoe, professor of music at Raritan Valley Community College and leader of the CJSO for 16 seasons, expressed his appreciation for the outpouring of community support, which has resulted in a new life for the orchestra. Briscoe is also grateful to the administration and Board of Trustees at RVCC for their previous backing.

"The Vo-Tech Foundation's sponsorship will enable us to provide an outlet for the many musicians from seven counties in central New Jersey who want to perform with a symphony orchestra," said Briscoe. "We will be able to continue enriching the community's cultural life by presenting excellent performances of great music."

The 2001-2002 CJSO season includes five "Voyages" as part of the theme: "Keeping the Music Alive - A Musical Odyssey Continues." The orchestra will open the season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 with "Voyage I: Three Classical Monuments." The program will include Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," Mozart's "Sinfonia concertante" (a double

concerto for violin and viola with orchestra) with violinist Evelyn Estava and violist Michael Avagliano as soloists, and the most famous symphony of all, Beethoven's Fifth. The CJSO is mid-way through its second traversal of the mighty nine symphonies.

On Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m., "Voyage II: A Gala Holiday Concert," an annual favorite with families, will feature the Master Chorale and soloists Greg Giannascoli (marimba) and Gary Ross (trumpet). The program includes works by Alan Hovhaness, Francis Poulenc, and Daniel Pinkham. A Christmas Carol sing-along concludes the festivities.

"Voyage III: In the French Style" will be presented on Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 8 p.m. and will feature works by Debussy, Franck, and Bizet with piano soloist Laura Bell.

A grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts will help fund "Voyage IV: An English Romantic Oratorio," to be performed on Saturday, May 11, 2002, at 8 p.m. Mendelssohn's "Elijah," one of the three most often-performed oratorios (with Handel's "Messiah" and Haydn's "Creation") will be presented with bass-baritone Stephen Bryant in the title role, a double quartet of vocal soloists, the Master Chorale, and performers from William Paterson University. The season will close with "Voyage V: A Pops Extravaganza" on Saturday, June 1, 2002, at 8 p.m.

The orchestra was founded in 1970 as the Somerset County College Community Orchestra and became the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra in 1985 with the appointment of Roger Briscoe as music director of the orchestra and director of a new music program at the college.

The CJSO recently lost part of its support when Raritan Valley Community College ended its 30-year funding of a community orchestra to concentrate on developing the regular music program for its students. The orchestra, as in the past, will continue to be

funded in part by the contributions of small and large businesses from the area and from individual donors. Fund-raising assistance (grant writing and direct mail solicitations) will be coordinated by the Vo-Tech Schools Foundation.

"This is certainly a win-win situation for everyone involved," said Vo-Tech Schools Foundation President Martin J. Torbert, Jr. of the National Starch & Chemical Company. "The music continues, the audiences are provided with top-notch classical music right in their own backyard, and the Foundation can raise some additional funds to enhance the schools' educational development programs."

The Master Chorale, founded in 1974 as the Somerset County College Community Chorus, has likewise been a mixed ensemble with both credit students and community singers.

It will continue to be supported by RVCC and, with the preservation of the CJSO, the chorus will be able to perform the great choral-orchestral masterworks which have been at the core of its repertory.

With the CJSO rehearsing and performing at SCVTS and the Master Chorale remaining part of RVCC's music program, a partnership between the two institutions will enable the orchestra and chorus's musical collaboration to continue.

Season subscriptions for the CJSO concert series are available to the general public for only \$60 (five concerts for the price of four), while student subscriptions being under written by Verizon are \$30. General admission tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for students. VISA and Mastercard phone orders can be taken at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7219.

The Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools is located on North Bridge Street & Vogt Drive (just behind the County Library) in Bridgewater. For additional information about the CJSO season or any of the other Theatre programs at the school, call John Graf, Jr. at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7219.

Classic car show at Duke Island Park on Sunday

BRIDGEWATER - The 22nd Annual Classic Car Show, co-sponsored by the Somerset County Park Commission with Unforgettable Autos of Mid-Jersey, Philips Lighting, and Somerset Valley Bank, is scheduled for Sunday.

The show, organized by Unforgettable Autos, annually attracts classic, street rod, and antique automobiles to Duke

Island Park on Old York Road in Bridgewater. The show begins at 11 a.m., concluding at 3 p.m., and is held to benefit the Park Commission's Therapeutic Recreation Department which provides recreational programs for people with disabilities who reside in Somerset County.

Entertainment will be provided by Matrix. The oldies will come alive when this seven piece

group plays everything from Motown to Disco, keeping the audience dancing and entertained.

A food and ice cream vendor will be available to provide a great opportunity for a family day in the park.

More than 75 automobiles will compete for Best in Show. Trophies will be awarded based on donations made by visitors

who may vote for their favorite car in addition to independent judging. The event will benefit the Therapeutic Recreation Department of the Somerset County Park Commission.

As the show is a fundraising event, a \$3 visitor donation per car is suggested.

For information on the event, call Somerset County Park Commission at (908) 526-5650.

Fine arts photo exhibit will open

Recent work of four fine arts photographers will be "In Focus" this fall at galleryONEmain.

The exhibition marks the third anniversary of the gallery's presence inside the former Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey freight depot in High Bridge. A reception with the photographers 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and is open to the public.

According to gallery director Dennis J. Murphy, "In Focus" will exhibit the contrasting styles of traditional black and white photography with the latest in technology-enhanced photo customization.

"Photography in this special show intends to evoke an emotional reaction to the myriad of details, shadows and mysteries of the subject matter," Murphy said. "We have attempted to offer a contrast between the beautiful black and white images composed, exposed and printed to perfection with the unique photographic art works enhanced with the latest in color imaging technology."

Featured fine arts photographer Brian Lav has just published a book on the special techniques of photography. He is a teacher at the Parsons School of Design in Manhattan and director of the Photography Workshops of New Jersey. He received his photographic training at the Art Board, the Fashion Institute of Technology, the Inner Visions Gallery and the International Center for Photography in New York. He has been recognized by the Museum of Art and History in Fribourg, Switzerland, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Amy Evans is currently the art and photography instructor at West Morris Central High School and has exhibited her work extensively. She received a bachelor of fine arts degree in photography from the Cooper Union and a master's degree from Kean University. Evans has been recognized for excellence in photography by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the Morris Museum.

Oliver is a professional fine arts photographer from Houston, Texas, and is exhibiting in New Jersey for the first time. He has specialized in underwater photography for the past five years along with specialties in photographic silhouettes, models and nudes. His works will include traditional photography as well as computer-enhanced works. The photographer holds a master of business administration degree and a law degree.

John Vincent, who brings his work to galleryONEmain for an unusual appearance, often exhibits his works in a private gallery on his farm. His original photography includes still lifes, flowers, landscapes and nude models. Vincent's original photographs are digitized, reformatted and enhanced through a special computer manipulation, resulting in a dynamic colorization of images.

"In Focus" may be seen through Oct. 7. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information and directions, phone (908) 638-3838.

One Cat Left to do benefit

Central Jersey rock band One Cat Left performs a benefit show 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at Cryan's, North Branch.

All proceeds benefit Developmental Resources Corp., a private, non-profit organization that supports individuals with developmental disabilities. The agency has its Central Region office in Raritan.

Admission is \$3. For more information, phone (908) 707-8844, Ext. 110 or (908) 722-1113. Cryan's is on Route 28 near Raritan Valley Community College.

The taste of zucchini flowers can be blooming good

Now many people have heard of zucchini as an appetizer or side dish.

Zucchini flowers are an edible part of the actual plant though not the actual vegetable. The flowers can be purchased at a farm stand or the produce section of your supermarket. You will not believe how delicious they are. They should be used shortly after purchase since they do not keep well in a refrigerator.



If you have any questions, fax them to (908) 272-2974.

FIORI di ZUCCHINI (Zucchini Flowers)

16-24 zucchini flowers, split open
2 eggs
2 cups flour
2 tablespoons water
Pinch salt
Pinch red cayenne pepper
Pinch ground black pepper
1/2 cup virgin olive oil
Examine each flower for insects or bees. Remove stem up

to 1 inch. Split open each flower with half the stem on each side. Gently spray water to rinse. Drain well.

Beat eggs, water and 2 tablespoons flour in a medium bowl. Add salt, red pepper and black pepper; mix until smooth.

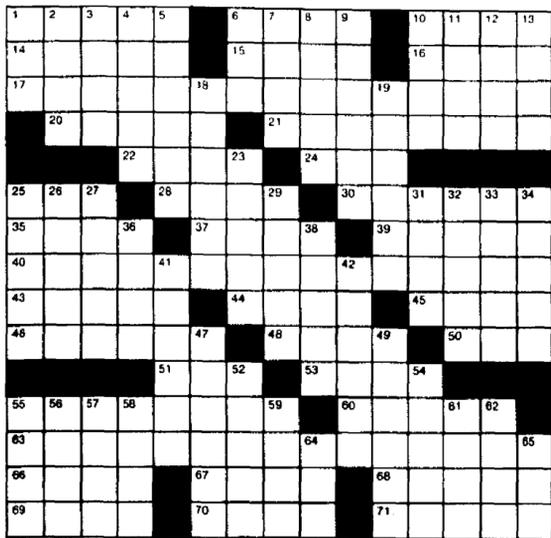
Dip each flower in egg mixture. Hold flower over bowl to let excess mixture drain. Roll each flower gently into remaining flour. Shake off any excess.

Heat olive oil in a medium skillet until very hot. Add 2-3 flowers at a time; cook 1 minute or until golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels.

To serve: Serve warm as a side dish or dipped in granulated sugar, shaking off excess, as an appetizer.

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Jazz by the Lake has spectacular lineup

CRANFORD — The Fourth Annual Jersey Jazz By The Lake will be staged in Union County's Nomahegan Park on Sept. 15-16. The event is a two-day celebration for jazz lovers, fall food festival buffs, and families with children who can enjoy Kids' Kingdom," stated Al Mirabella, chairman of the Union County Freeholders. Admission is free.

Jersey Jazz By The Lake will feature 10 outstanding acts. Cassandra Wilson, jazz vocalist, continues to blaze trails as an interpreter and composer of 20th century American music. Her new Blue Note album, "Traveling Miles," features compositions written or inspired by jazz legend Miles Davis. The album garnered Wilson a nomination for a Grammy Award. Wilson is the Jazzfest headliner on Sept. 15.

If freedom has sound, the music of keyboardist Alex Bugnon is it. Bugnon's sound is described as funky jazz. He has just released his fifth recording, "As Promised," which features Gerald Abright, Branford Marsalis and Angie Stone.

Tito Puente, Jr. and Orchestra will pay a tribute to his father's music. The big Latin Jazz orchestra, which has traveled extensively to all corners of the world, will close day two of the Jazzfest.

Carlos Franzetti, Latin jazz pianist and producer extraordinaire, has put together a Latin Jazz All-Star band for the Jazzfest. Appearing with Franzetti is Claudio Rodite on trumpet, Dick Oats on saxophone, Jim Pugh on trombone, Robbie Ameen on drums, Ruben Rodriguez on bass, and Allison Franzetti on keyboards. John Faddis appears as a special guest on trumpet.

Sherry Winston, jazz flutist, performs with her band at the Fourth Jersey Jazz By The Lake musicfest. Winston is a jazz fusion artist. Her third album, "Love Is," was nominated for two Grammy Awards. She has performed with Ramsey Lewis, Grover Washington, Jr., Quincy Jones, Herbie Mann and Hubert Laws.

The "voice of romance" will appear as a special guest with the Sherry Winston Band. Jon

Lucien's innovative, original style melds the sounds of jazz, R&B, Caribbean rhythm and Brazilian music. His hits are classic and include "Creole Lady," "Laura," "Hello Like Before," and "Lady Love" which still receive constant radio airtime.

A fine jazz guitarist Joshua Breakstone has a knack for attracting seasoned musicians. His quartet for this Jazzfest will feature Keith Copeland on drums and Ronnie Matthews on piano. Breakstone believes that improvisation is a hallmark of the true jazz. His performances will feature excerpts from his latest CD, "The Music of Bud Powell."

Cynthia Holiday, talented and vivacious, has been described as a pop-jazz singer. Born and raised in Newark, Cynthia grew up in a musical family. She has been featured throughout the region, appearing with Roy Ayers, The Temptations, and a hot jazz club including Shanghai Jazz, Lenox Lounge, Showman's Lounge and Sugar Hill.

Ingrid Lucia and The Flying Neutrinos will bring this year's poster theme "Mr. Zoot Suit" to life when they perform their high-flying Big Band act. Songs from the latest CD "Hotel Child" will be crowd pleasers.

Composer, flugel hornist and trumpeter, Gordon James is a seasoned performer and band leader. The Gordon James Band projects a unique style of music that blends the worlds of jazz, hip hop, and rhythm and blues.

Chuziko Yoshihiro, a jazz pianist, will make her American debut in conjunction with the release of her new CD. Chuziko's Quartet features the renowned Bernard Purdie on drums.

Jersey Jazz By The Lake is sponsored by Comcast and New Jersey Transit. Co-sponsors include Elberon Development Company, Gateway Institute, NUI Elizabethtown Gas, PSE&G, Schering-Plough, United Way of Union County, and Shop Rite New Jersey, the sponsor of Kids' Kingdom.

For more information call the Jazziest information line (908) 436-2900 or (908) 561-4062.

State Theatre will have a diverse season

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater, the largest performing arts center in Middlesex County, has announced another season of top-notch entertainment.

True to form, the State Theater has programmed a diverse schedule of events that will enlighten, enrich, entertain and educate its growing audience.

"We are extremely privileged to be able to offer this schedule of events," said president and CEO Mark Hough. "We are really challenging ourselves and spreading our wings in many genres, not the least of which is embodied in the addition of a new contemporary dance series. Bringing to our stage leading groups in the discipline—The Parsons Dance Project, Dance Theater of Harlem and Momix Dance Theater—is a daring step forward to increase the artistic value of our programming."

This season's combination of movement, music, and culture

produces one of the most diverse line-up of events available in the region. Along with a classic ballet series that includes Ballet Nacional de Cuba and Compa—"a Española de Anonio Marquez, the State Theater explores the dance of American Indians, Celtic dance in Gaelforce, the rhythms of African dance and music of WOFAL, the striking movement of China's Shaolin Warriors, plus a host of other dance events.

Concert programs during the 2001-2002 season also offer a cultural fanfare of heritage and tradition. Among the events is an ever-popular Irish Series that offers Irish tenor Ronan Tynan in concert, the greatest of acoustic groups The Chieftains, and the trendsetters in contemporary Irish bands Cherish the Ladies. More culturally rich entertainment is offered when BeauSoleil, the ambassadors of Cajun music, team up with Louisiana-blues piano player

Marcia Ball. The Yiddish-inspired jazz of the Klezmer Conservatory Band, forerunner in the rebirth of this 1940s genre of music, is ready to provide a swinging good time for one and all.

This superstar season is host to violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in concert with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and moves on to great performers such as legendary comedian Bill Cosby and the savvy Miracle-man Smokey Robinson. The Broadway voices of Mandy Patinkin, of Sunday in the Park with George fame, and Kristin Chenoweth, recent Tony Award-winner as Best Featured Actress in a Musical for You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, will both offer a concert of great Broadway infused music. Along with many others, The Smothers Brothers, John McDermott and Jackie Mason will each deliver a unique brand of entertainment during this fantastic season.

The State Theater is pre-

senting some of the most reputable, well-loved Broadway shows available including the 1997 multi-Tony Award-winning "Titanic," the turn-of-the-century musical "Ragtime" and perennial favorites "My Fair Lady" and "Annie Get Your Gun." Musical theater during the 2001-2002 season also includes Mary Wilson in Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Ladies," a tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes with "Our Sinatra," the national tour of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," and much more. In addition to all of this, the State Theater announced that it will provide an informative lecture at select Broadway events, as it does with most of its classical music, ballet and opera presentations.

Both parents and children can enjoy a playful and entertaining schedule of family entertainment. Imaginative new productions will be presented that mix special effects with great storytelling like "Goodnight Opus" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Quiet Cricket." Favorite stories like Maurice Sendak's Little Bear are incorporated in memorable productions. With instruction from veterans of the famous Moscow Circus, the program for the Russian American Kids Circus is performed entirely with children aged 6 to 16 years.

For subscriptions and single ticket information call the box office at (732) 246-7469, toll free at (877) STATE-11 or check out the State Theater online at www.StateTheatreNJ.org. Group sale discounts are available for groups of 20 or more to make those family reunions, corporate outings or annual social events memorable.

The State Theater is accessible for physically challenged patrons. The State Theater is equipped with an assistive listening system and the main floor is wheelchair accessible. Program notes are available in large print and audiotape format for many events. Patrons with special requests or accommodation needs may call the box office for instructions before placing their order.

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COMING UP

BLACK RIVER PLAYHOUSE
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• "Collected Stories" by Donald Margulies. 8 p.m. Sept. 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, Oct. 5, 6. Adults \$25 opening night, \$15 other shows; seniors and students \$12 (no discount Saturday).

Concerts

RAY ALEXANDER/RIO CLEMENTE
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;
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• Vibes player (former) and jazz pianist (latter). Admission \$15.

COFFEEHOUSE
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14
Kenilworth Public Library
548 Boulevard, Kenilworth
(908) 276-2451
• Jill Cagney (of Cranford), Stewart Brodian, Erik Balkey, Gerard Masella, Susan Shann and Gary O'Neill. Free admission.

DISCO BISCUITS
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(800) 766-6048;
www.statetheatrenj.org
• "Techno-jam" band that's not from Detroit. Admission \$22, \$20.

DICK HYMAN
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8
Somerset County Vo-Tech
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9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15
Cryan's
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(908) 722-1113
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BUCKY PIZZARELLI
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7
Somerset County Vo-Tech
Vogt Dr., Bridgewater
(908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219
• Jazz guitarist heard in the Woody Allen movie "Sweet and Lowdown." Admission \$15; combo with Dick Hyman concert (see above) \$25.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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• Folk singer of some note. Admission \$50-\$28.

Events

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• 29th annual outdoor art show, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 8. Free admission.

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Railroad station
North Ave., Fanwood
(908) 232-2831
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New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home
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(732) 340-0738
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Museums

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(732) 846-5777
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• "The Art of Baron Laszlo Mednyanszky in Context," to Sept. 16.

CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE/MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUSEUM
1225 River Rd., Piscataway
(732) 745-4177
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CRANE-PHILLIPS HOUSE MUSEUM
124 N. Union Ave., Cranford
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• "Peeling Potatoes, Painting Pictures: Women Artists from the Dodge Collection," Sept. 9-Nov. 4.
• "The Uncommon Vision of Sergei Kononov," to Nov. 14.
• "From Whistler to Warhol: A Century of American Printmaking," to Nov. 25.
• "Boxed In: Plane, Frame, Surfaces," to Dec. 2.
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• "Robert Motherwell: Abstraction as Emphasis," to Dec. 9.

Dance
DANCE-IN-THE-PARK
8 p.m. Sept. 6-8; Stephen J. Capestro Theater
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• Dance recital in a community theater setting. Rain date Sept. 9. Admission \$3.

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RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Sports

Devils host Cougars

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High football is determined to reach the playoffs for the second straight season, and will begin that quest tomorrow. Its opponent is determined to reach the playoffs for the first time in 25 years.

The Blue Devils host Cranford in the season opener 1 p.m. tomorrow and the game will be important to both teams' playoff aspirations. For Cranford, a program that has improved steadily since Chris Hull took over as head coach in 1999, a victory over an established program of Westfield's caliber would be an enormous confidence booster and could be the springboard to its first playoff berth since 1975.

"A victory would set the pace for them for the rest of the season," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina, who coached Hull at Cranford. "They've got a tremendous coach and they've

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Senior linebacker Matt Andzell will lead an aggressive, hard hitting Blue Devil defense into tomorrow's season opener with Cranford.

Devils relying on experience

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Coming off a 6-4 season and a berth in the state playoffs, the Westfield High football team returns a veteran squad eyeing a much deeper run in the postseason.

The Blue Devils return explosive players at key skill positions and several experienced players on a quick, aggressive, hard hitting defense. The biggest question mark for the team this season will be how well an undersized line can play on both sides of the ball.

Westfield hosts Cranford 1 p.m. tomorrow in the season opener. The Blue Devils knocked off Cranford 21-6 in last season's opener.

Always a dangerous team on the ground, Westfield returns three of its top runners from last season, led by senior and three-year starter Terrence Jenkins. Dianno Reavis will play the other tailback spot and Matt Daly will get the call at fullback. Both are also in their third year with the varsity.

"They are leaders on the team and players some of the younger kids look up to," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "They've worked hard to improve themselves and all three should be very productive for us this year."

Taking over under center for the Blue Devils will be senior Louis Mercer. At 5 foot 11 and 180 pounds, Mercer has the speed to run the option and the ability to throw on the run. In two scrimmages he's shown a greater maturity and understanding of the game.

"He's improved his speed and strength from last year," said Tranchina. "He's much quicker. He's making good decisions throwing the ball."

Senior Jay Cook returns to the wide receiver position and will also see some time at tight end. Cook is a phenomenal athlete with good size (6 foot 4) and is a big play threat. Mike Butts will share time at tight end with Cook, and Joe Hubbard and LaQuan McCoy will see time at receiver.

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Youthful Raiders have abundance of experience

By DANIEL MURPHY
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SCOTCH PLAINS — With just one senior in the starting lineup and two on the squad most teams would consider themselves in a rebuilding process.

But the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team doesn't rebuild, it reloads. When the Raiders take the field 4 p.m. today to face Rahway in the season opener plenty of baby faces will be on the pitch, but there will also be a lot of soccer experience and talent. Scotch Plains will start one freshman, four sophomores, five juniors and just one senior.

Scotch Plains graduated 10 seniors from last year's Union County championship team, but returns 10 varsity letterman. While most of the squad will

have to hitch a ride home, nobody sees their youth holding the Raiders back from making a drive towards another state championship.

"Although we're very young and don't have the most experience high school wise, we have a wealth of experience as soccer players," said Head Coach Tom Breznitsky. "Most of these kids play on quality club teams and are very experienced soccer players."

"With the exception of the one freshman, all of these guys have played with each other and it's really nothing new in that respect. We have no problems chemistry wise. It's just a matter of adapting to the system we play for some of the guys."

Last season the Raiders relied on an impenetrable defense, spearheaded by All-American keeper Brad Lowyns.

Lowyns has moved on to Rutgers University, but juniors Ray DiNizo returns to form the foundation of what should be another stingy defense.

Junior Dwight Simms will play in the center of the three-man defense, with DiNizo to his right and the lone senior in the lineup, Mike Kobliska to his left. Kobliska and DiNizo started last season, while Simms was in and out of the lineup battling injuries.

In net for the Raiders will be 5 foot 10 junior Rick Fleissner, and he'll be backed up by 5-11 junior Anthony Caruso. While Fleissner may not have the presence Lowyns had along the back line, Breznitsky is fully

confident he will be able to handle whatever comes his way.

"I feel he is a very capable keeper and could be in Union County," said Breznitsky. "He is a good high school keeper and we also have a lot of confidence in his backup."

In front of the defense, the Raiders will go with five midfielders and two forwards. Their strength will be up the middle, where sophomore Ryan Breznitsky will be the play maker, sophomore Ricardo Rocha will serve as a defensive midfielder and freshman Terrence Charles will attack from the middle of the field.

Out wide on the wings will be

sophomore Mike Hessmeir and junior Jeff Hensal. Hensal scored 10 goals last season, and Breznitsky will look for him to be a heavy contributor on offense this year.

Attacking up front will be junior Taylor Cole and sophomore Ed Zazzali. Cole will look to use his size and strength to find opportunities while Zazzali will rely more on speed and quickness.

Coming off the bench will be junior midfielders Tony Bruno and Joe Bartollota with sophomore Jaime Gomez and junior Dustin Jefferson backing up the defense and freshmen Casey Hoynes-O'Connor, Sean McNellis and Greg Leischer battling for time up front.

"We need to stay healthy," said Breznitsky. "One of my concerns is that we don't have the experienced depth that we've

had in the past. In the scrimmages we've missed a lot of opportunities to score goals and I'd like to see us convert more of our opportunities than we have. Our ability to score is something we're going to need to work on to reach the plateau we aim for, and that's the conference, county and state championships."

After winning two 7-on-7 summer leagues, the Raiders are confident their skills as players will make up for their lack of experience and make them one of the tougher teams in the state.

"We're very strong up the middle and the play makers we have are experienced players soccer wise and are as good as any players out there. DiNizo, Simms, Ryan (Breznitsky) are very knowledgeable players, they have good vision and a good feel for the game."



Schiller leads potent offense

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Brian Schiller has helped guide the Raiders to two highly successful seasons, a combined 17-5 record and two straight appearances in the sectional semifinals.

But as the senior captain prepares for his third season under center for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team, he knows there is some unfinished business to take care of.

With a veteran, senior laden squad returning, Schiller and the Raiders have plenty of weapons at their disposal and are focused on finally taking the next step of reaching the elusive state championship game.

"It was too much to have that happen two years in a row," said Schiller. "We definitely want to make it to the championship game this year. But we're not even worried about that right now. That's too far down the road. All we're focused on is Saturday."

"That's our goal. Our goal every year is to win a state championship," said Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "But our main focus is just trying to get better each day, and hopefully the rest will take care of itself. You can't look that far down the road."

The Raiders host Shabazz 1 p.m. tomorrow to open a season filled with promise. After an 8-3 campaign last season, the Raiders lost very little from its starting lineup, the key losses being running back/linebacker Clifton Freshwater, fullback/linebacker Gary Cousar, and linemen Tim Gander, Louis Schults and wideout David Larkin.

With Schiller leading the way, the Raiders return an explosive offense that will be able to move the ball along the ground and through the air. Junior Kyle Adams will get the call at tailback and captain Andrew Pavoni will move from tight end to fullback. Adams showed a wide array of moves as a kick returner and back up running back last season, and his elusiveness, speed and ability to catch the ball out of the backfield will make him a serious offensive threat.

"He's a slasher type," said Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "He makes you miss, you never get a full tackle on him. He's a good all around football player and knows how to make people miss."

"Pavoni has very good ability to run the ball, and the fullback position isn't all that different from the tight end position. He can catch the ball, and we throw to our fullback more than the tight end. I expect him to have an outstanding year."

"Schiller's our leader on offense. We're looking to do more things in the passing game with him, do more audibling. We're asking him to do more than last year, and we're confident he can do it."

Schiller's main targets will be Ray and Steve Williams (not related). Both are big targets with good speed, though Ray is a little faster than Steve. Mike Bufardi and Josh Wexler will play in the Raiders multiple wide-out sets.

"They are two of the better receivers around," said Ciccotelli. "They are both big targets for (Schiller) to throw to, they are tough to tackle and have got good



Scotch Plains senior quarterback Brian Schiller has the experience and the arm to lead an explosive Raider offense.

speed."

But the passing and running game will come down to how the offensive line plays. So far the line has played well in the scrimmages, and should only get better

over the season.

Brad Belford (6 foot 11, 220 pounds) is back at center. Rob Mattar (6-3, 245) returns to right guard after his battle with testicular cancer earlier this year and

is looking as strong as ever. Junior Chris Feighner (5-11, 250) will be at left guard, junior Chris Zidonick (5-11, 225) will be at left tackle and senior Wes Warchol (6-

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Raiders set for Shabazz

By DANIEL MURPHY
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SCOTCH PLAINS — Optimism, high expectations and dreams of December victories surround the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team this season, but the team's sole focus is its first September showdown with Shabazz.

As a young squad a year ago, Scotch Plains came out of the gate slow, losing two of their first three, including the opener to Shabazz. While it proved to be a valuable learning experience and led to six straight wins and a trip to the sectional semifinals, it is an experience nobody wants to go through again.

The Raiders host their conference rival 1 p.m. tomorrow, and know all the hype and aspirations don't mean a thing once the ball is kicked off.

"(The postseason) isn't on our minds at all," said third year starting quarterback Brian Schiller. "All we're thinking about is (tomorrow). Our focus is to go out there Saturday, play hard, play our best and let the rest happen. We can't worry about anything else."

"We want to start off the season in the right state of mind. Last season we lost to Shabazz because we didn't have our heads in the game. We came back to beat Cranford, but then got crushed by Westfield. It took the Westfield game to get us to realize we had to play hard. Everybody knows what to expect now."

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Inexperienced Devils will have to learn quickly

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Many question marks surround this year's Westfield High girls soccer team, but the Blue Devils hope a baptism under fire will pay dividends over the second half of the season. Westfield fields a lineup with limited varsity experience and lost several key players from last year's squad, but a tough schedule to open the season, which includes defending state champs

Cranford and New Providence, rival Scotch Plains and perennial power Chatham, should leave the Blue Devils battered. The Devils had their first scrimmage of the preseason Wednesday with Hunterdon Central, and scrimmaged Immaculata Thursday. They will open the season at home 4 p.m. Monday against Linden, before traveling to Cranford 4 p.m. Wednesday. Head Coach Pete Giordano still had several lineup questions

to work out heading into the scrimmages and knows their is a lot of work ahead for this squad. "We still have a lot of learning to do, a lot of work to do," said Giordano. "But this is a good bunch of girls and I think they'll catch on quick. "This may not be the strongest team I've had, but we've done well



with teams that aren't as strong because they are willing to work hard and listen to the coaches and what we're telling them. They're willing to work hard and good things usually happen when you work hard." Leading the squad this season will be tri-captains Jenny Hayes, Morgan Lang and Christen

Pollack. Pollack and Hayes will start in the midfield, with Lang slated to begin the season on defense. Giordano said Lang is extremely versatile and he has the option to move her around if need be. Taking over in goal will be junior Megan Connors. Taking care of the offense for the Blue Devils will be Staci Spas and Susan Williams. Both have started up front since their freshman season and will look to have a big year and lead the attack this season.

"We may take our lumps a little bit early, but I think by playing tough competition the kids will learn and see what it takes," said Giordano. "We told them to be ready to play every game like it's your last game. Don't go into a game thinking you're definitely going to win or going to lose. If you take every game like it's your last it will work out in the end. "If you take a positive attitude into every game and play hard, it should work out in the long run."

Blue Devils host Cougars tomorrow

(Continued from page C-1) been improving every year. "This game is real important," said Hull. "We've got a lot of kids that believe in themselves and believe in each other, but they don't have enough evidence yet. "To get a win verse Westfield could get things going in the right direction and set the stage for the rest of the year." Westfield defeated the Cougars 21-6 last season behind the running of Terrence Jenkins. Jenkins scored two touchdowns and carried the ball for 74 yards on nine carries. The Cougars will be focused on stopping him, and the other

Westfield play makers, Diano Reavis, Louis Mercer, Matt Daly and Jay Cook. "They've got some game breakers and we need to keep it out of their hands," said Hull. "We need to control the ball on offense, and win the time of possession." Both teams feature Wing-T offenses and, like last season, the game will come down to ball possession, field position and turnovers. The Blue Devils took advantage of a muffed Cranford punt in Westfield territory to tack on a touchdown in the closing minutes of the first half and build a 14-0 lead, sending the Cougars reeling into the locker

room. "It's so early it's hard to tell what they have and what they're looking to do," said Tranchina. "It's one of those games that's going to come down to mistakes and the kicking game." What Cranford does have is a few explosive game breakers of their own. Chaz Curtis returns to the tailback position, bringing with him lightning quick speed and more maturity. Hanif Davis, a 6 foot 4 very athletic split end, has had a tremendous preseason, scoring five touchdowns in three scrimmages. The Cougars will start a rookie quarterback in junior

Mike Dollard, who will be joined in the backfield by Curtis, small but tough running back Pat Daly and bruising fullback Brandon Small. The Cougars Achilles heel last season was their defense, which will be the key for them again tomorrow, and for the whole season. "The first game is key," said Tranchina. "You have to get off to a good start. In this conference, every game is like World War III. You've got to get off to a good start if you're going to have a great season. "We have to be patient. Work the kinks out and stay with our game plan. We can't get too excited."

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted) FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 Boys Soccer Scotch Plains vs. Rahway, 4 Girls Soccer Scotch Plains at Pingry, 3:30 Field Hockey Westfield at East Brunswick, 4	Westfield vs. East Brunswick, 4 Girls Tennis Westfield at Cranford, 4
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MONDAY, SEPT. 10 Boys Soccer Scotch Plains at Cranford, 4 Westfield at Linden, 4 Girls Soccer Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4 Westfield vs. Linden, 4 Girls Tennis Scotch Plains at Bridgewater-Raritan, 4 Field Hockey Westfield at Voorhees, 4	THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 Gymnastics Scotch Plains at Somerville, 6:30 Westfield vs. Bridgewater, 4:30 Girls Tennis Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 4 Westfield vs. Linden, 4 Volleyball Westfield at East Brunswick, 4
TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 Gymnastics Scotch Plains vs. North Brunswick, 4:30	

Blue Devils are relying on experience

(Continued from page C-1) Taking care of the dirty work on the line of scrimmage is fairly young and slightly undersized line, averaging about 215 pounds. Chris McKay is the only returning starter at the line, and will play tackle along with Mike Charmatz. Matt Andzell and Matt Brinkman will man the guard positions, with Mike Stanley playing center. "We're not big on the line,"

said Tranchina. "It's important that we play well up front so they have to make up for it with hustle." Tranchina expects the defense to be very strong, based on their speed, athleticism, aggressiveness and propensity to lay the big hit. The line will be anchored by Charmatz and Brinkman at the ends with McKay and sophomore Montel Glasow playing the tackle positions. Daly and Andzell will start at

inside linebacker, with Reavis, Jenkins and Brian Butts rotating at the outside linebacking spots. The secondary will be made up of Cook, McCoy, Pedro Ruiz and Mike DeFazio. Jimmy McKeon is out the next three to four weeks, still recovering from shoulder surgery, but once he returns will see time at wide out and in the secondary. Cook will be the team's punter again this season, with Andrew

Lessner handling the place kicking duties. "We expect the defense to be very good," said Tranchina. "They have a lot of athletes. They're quick, they can hit, and they're good kids. "There are a lot of seniors on this team and they're all pretty mature and understand what they have to do. They know what to expect. We should be a playoff team again. That's what we're aiming to be."

Scotch Plains Raiders set for Shabazz

(Continued from page C-1) "Every year we play it's a great game," said Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "They're usually well coached, have very good athletes and I expect them to be ready to play. "Last year we made some mistakes and gave up some big plays. They've got their running back

back and we'll have to be ready for him." The runner Ciccotelli is concerned about bruising fullback Charles Burnett. He scored on touchdown runs of 83 and 72 yards in last year's contest, finishing the game with 187 yards on 10 carries, including 167 in the second half.

Burnett's two big runs, and a 49 yard fumble recovery and return for touchdown proved too much for the Raiders to overcome. Schiller completed just nine of 23 passes for 140 yards and one touchdown. Scotch Plains will try to spread out a quality Bulldog defense with multiple receiver sets.

Ciccotelli would like to have a 50-50 balance between pass and run, but will follow the flow of the game and take whatever is there. "We want to be balanced, but we'll see what they are giving us and what we can do," he said. "They have a lot of good athletes on defense and kids that can get to the ball."

Schiller leads potent offense for Raiders

(Continued from page C-1) 11, 220) is at right tackle. Josh Finklestein will be at tight end. "Offensively, we are going to be very balanced," said Ciccotelli. "We tried to be balanced last year and had a 1300 yard passer and 1400 yard rusher. We've got two receivers that can get it done. A

quarterback, fullback and running back that can all get it done. We'll take whatever the defense is giving us." On defense, Belford, Matt Loomis, Feighner and Warchol will play along the line, with Pavoni and Finklestein at inside linebacker. Adam Bendick and

Matt Richards will man the outside linebacking spots, with Ray and Steve Williams and Wexler in the secondary. Schiller will punt and Bufardi will handle the place kicking duties. "The goal is not just to get (to the playoffs) but to go all the

way," said Pavoni. "We want to get to the championship game and win it all. But we can't worry about the states this week. We have to take care of the first team in our way."

Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

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The 12th annual Lightning 5K race/walk and one-mile fun run, sponsored by the 78th U.S. Army Reserve Division, based at the Sgt. Joyce Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center in Edison, is Sunday. The race, which raises money to sponsor a holiday party for physically challenged children and adults, will begin 9:30 a.m. at 91 Truman Drive in Edison.

Runners will leave the center and continue through the scenic section of the Rutgers University, Livingston Campus, finishing at the Kilmer Center. The one-mile fun run will start at 9 a.m. The fee on race day will be \$20. The first 500 entrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Awards will be given the top civilian female and male finishers, the top male female and male military finishers, and the top civilian, military, high school and coed teams. There will also be various age group awards. Every participant will receive a finisher's medal. Complimentary refreshments will be available. The racecourse is certified by USATF and the race is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix series. Applications and information are available on the web at <http://www.78div.army.mil/5k> or at the 78th Division, Sgt. Joyce Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center, Edison, NJ 08817-2487. Runners can contact SFC Nolan at 732-867-2006 or Karl Chigas at 732-867-2046.

SHIPPEN TOURNEY
Registration has begun for the 11th annual John Shippen Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is to be held Oct. 6 at Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. The rain date for the event is Sunday, Oct. 7. There will

be two shotgun starts, at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. A luncheon, including barbecue ribs, chicken, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, salads and beverages will be held for all golfers at 12:30 p.m. Non-golfers may attend the luncheon only. Prior reservations are required for \$25. Individuals can register at \$100 each, foursomes \$400 and corporations \$600. A hole sponsor is \$250 (tee and green) and tee sponsor is \$100. A donation to the scholarship fund of the foundation will also be welcome. Registration is limited to the first 100 golfers. For further information, please call Thurman Simmons, Sr. at 322-2986 or James McCauley, representing Jerseyland Park Community Center, which is contributing to the event at 233-8578.

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There's nothing retiring about retirement homes

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
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Older Americans are changing their views of an ideal retirement home.

Today's oldsters are more healthy, more financially secure and more socially oriented than was the case with previous generations. They now look for a retirement home that not only will reduce their maintenance responsibilities, but will enhance a continuing active lifestyle, perhaps opening the door to new activities and challenges.

Whether seniors are considering a

smaller single-family residence or a unit within a development designed specifically for seniors, they generally look for comfort, independence, companionship, security and freedom from responsibility. They want a home environment that offers a selection of senior-friendly activities, and enough independence to allow them to travel with a feeling of security about their home.

Builders and developers are watching this evolving niche in the housing market carefully. The population of people age 55 to 69 will increase by more than 6 million by year 2005, according to a study by the develop-

ment firm Del Webb Corporation. The national demand for new active adult housing is expected to rise to 700,000 units next year, compared with 400,000 units in 1999.

The senior market is the most rapidly growing segment of the residential real estate market.

In some cases, today's seniors want the security and amenities of a major residential development, but not that "big box" look of many past projects.

"I don't want to live in a box," one senior commented. "But I do like some of the goodies offered in some of those boxes."

One new architectural style that's

now surfacing attempts to satisfy that special need. Large developments with many residential units are designed in a way that they look like single-family residences.

One such development is in Southern Nevada - a project of OneCap, a real estate and financial services company. It's a new residential complex designed as large single-family homes.

"Next to high-rises, these complexes are among the most sophisticated multifamily product you can build," said Vince Hesser, president of OneCap. "Given that people would rather live in homes than complexes,

on both ends, complete with enclosed front entrances, fireplaces and direct-access garages. It's somewhat similar to the garden apartment style introduced about 25 years ago.

Some amenities include pools, media center, fitness center, spacious clubhouse, community room and a conference business center.

Q. Are there any new laws in the works that would give a break to homeowners?

A. Several pending bills, now being considered by Congress, will give homeowners significant tax relief if and when they are enacted.

One proposed piece of legislation would raise the current \$250,000 and \$500,000 federal limits on tax-free home sale gains to a flat \$1 million. In other words, taxpayers could exclude up to \$1 million in net profit on a home sale once every two years.

The current system restricts single-filing home sellers to just half (\$250,000) of the tax-free exclusion limit for married joint-filers (\$500,000). The newly proposed bill would treat all taxpayers the same.

Another proposed bill would raise the write-off limit for capital losses against ordinary income when the taxpayer has no capital gains to offset the loss.

The limit would be raised from \$3,000 to \$10,000 per year.

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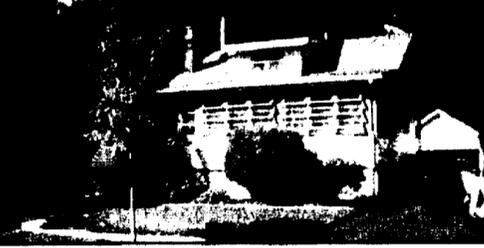


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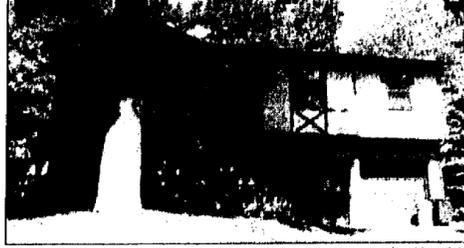
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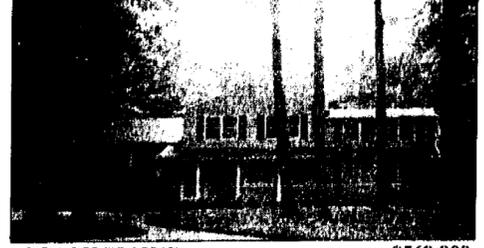
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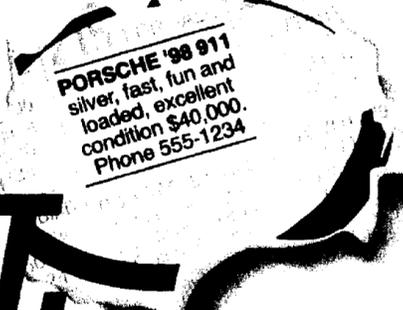
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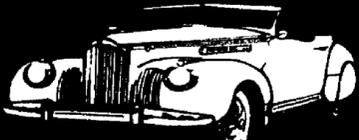
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Pontiac Aztek weighs in with all-wheel-drive option

BY MARK MAYNARD
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The Pontiac Aztek might just have had its 15 minutes of fame - and it could emerge as a survivor.

I recently spent a week in a yellow all-wheel-drive Aztek GT and it was an experience quite unlike the one I had about a year ago when this so-called Sport Recreation Vehicle was just going on sale.

It took thick skin to drive the awkward-looking Aztek before its debut on this season's "Survivor: The Australian Outback." People made rude comments and saluted it with the finger-down-the-throat gesture.

This time around, it was almost a hero's welcome. People walked up to it and said things like, "Tight!" or "Hey, it's Colby's car" and "Cool, an Aztek."

Colby Donaldson, 26, a custom auto designer from Dallas, was the runner-up in this season's show, but in Episode 13 he won a night in an Aztek with the tent and air-bed option.

The praise for the Aztek was totally unexpected. The car doesn't look any different now than when it debuted, but the sight of it has become more familiar and, perhaps, more acceptable.

Aztek's styling helps disguise its origins in the standard Montana minivan, which is 1 1/2 inches wider, 5 inches longer and weighs 15 pounds more than a front-wheel-drive Aztek.

Adding Versatrak all-wheel drive is a good idea, but pricey at \$2,300 extra.

Versatrak is an on-demand four-wheel-drive system that powers the front wheels until they lose grip and power is piped to the rear tires. It's mostly for improved traction in inclement conditions, not climbing mountains. In fact, Pontiac recommends not taking Aztek off the



Pontiac's new Aztek is drawing a more positive reaction than its predecessor.

highway.

All-wheel drive helps trim the two-wheel-drive Aztek's noticeable understeer, meaning that in sharp turns or enthusiastic cornering the front tires tend to slide. That's not too scary when the driver is expecting it, but the fear factor increases dramatically when understeer is combined with panic braking.

All-wheel drive seemed to better balance the tall shape

and allowed the front tires to get a better grip through sharp turns.

The added weight of Versatrak also may have given Aztek more poise in evasive maneuvers. With the weight low in the body, sudden moves at highway speeds could be made without frightening consequences. The front-wheel-drive model feels more top-heavy and squiggly in evasive actions.

Weight gain can be an issue for Aztek. With Versatrak, the top-line GT model weighs 4,043 pounds, or 265 pounds more than the already full-bodied two-wheel-drive model. Pontiac boasts of Aztek's 185 horsepower, but it takes at least that to carry passengers and all their stuff.

Consequently, the five-passenger Aztek isn't as sporty to drive as a Pontiac should be, but

the performance will be acceptable for most users. The standard and only driveline is a 3.4-liter V-6 and 4-speed automatic transmission. Fuel mileage of the all-wheel-drive GT is 18 mpg around town and 25 on the highway or 1 mpg less than the two-wheel-drive version.

Pricing for a two-wheel-drive Aztek starts at just under \$22,000 for an entry-level model and goes up to \$24,000 for the

up-level GT with all the power conveniences.

The GT with Versatrak starts at \$27,315, including a \$550 destination charge. The test truck came with one beefy option package for \$2,265 that boosted the sticker to \$29,580.

That's a lot of money for an Aztek, at least for the young, outdoorsy buyer Pontiac hopes to reach.

The ISC option pack included leather seating surfaces, a dual playback cassette and CD with equalizer, power driver's seat, head-up display (for speed, radio, etc. beamed onto the lower edge of the windshield) and the sliding rear cargo tray.

The cargo tray seems like a nifty idea - a bin with flip-up doors that can be rolled in and out of the cargo area. The bin has mesh separators for grocery bags or other stuff, but loading groceries into the bin took extra effort to slip the bags into the compartments.

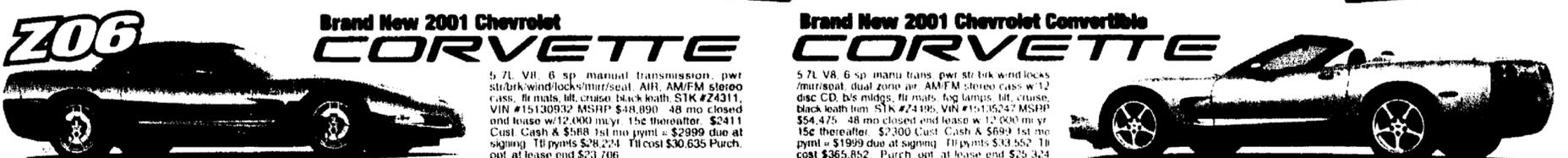
Note to dog owners: the flat-top bin is a skating rink for your pet unless covered with some kind of carpeted mat. Also, the cargo area could turn into an easy-bake oven when exposed to sunlight through the expansive glass in the sloped tailgate.

Built in to the base price of the GT are many standard features, including 4-wheel disc brakes, tinted glass, roof rack, split folding back seat, air conditioning with dual zone controls, power mirrors/windows/locks, 6-speaker AM-FM-CD, remote locking, utility packs in the front door slots and a removable front console cooler.

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Despite its car-by-committee design, Aztek embodies many good ideas and innovations, but it took a corporate investment in "Survivor" to throw it a lifeline.

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Brand New 2001 Chevrolet Z06 CORVETTE
5.7L V8, 6 spd manual transmission, pwr str/brk/wind/locks/mirr/seal, AIR, AM/FM stereo, cassette, 16 mats, tilt, cruise, black leather, STK #24311, VIN #15120932 MSRP \$48,890. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr. 15c thereafter. \$2411 Cust. Cash & \$588 1st mo pymt = \$2999 due at signing. TI pymts \$31,274. TI cost \$30,635. Purch. opt. at lease end \$23,706.

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5.7L V8, 6 spd manu trans, pwr str/brk/wind/locks/mirr/seal, dual zone air, AM/FM stereo, cassette w/12 disc CD, b/s mtdgs, 16 mats, fog lamps, tilt, cruise, black leather trim, STK #24195, VIN #15115247 MSRP \$54,475. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr. 15c thereafter. \$2,700 Cust. Cash & \$699 1st mo pymt = \$1999 due at signing. TI pymts \$33,552. TI cost \$365,852. Purch. opt. at lease end \$29,324.

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Brand New 2000 Chevrolet CAMARO Z28
V8, 4 spd auto trans, pwr str/brks/locks/wind/6-way driver seat, AIR, AM/FM stereo, CD, removable roof panels w/locks, r/del, cruise, fog lamps, rem keyless entry, alarm sys, b/s mtdgs, STK #Y2261, VIN #Y2157985, MSRP \$26,340. Price incl. \$400 Coll. Grad Reb. if qual. To qual. must be a grad (1 yr prior or 2 yrs after) of a 2 or 4 yr accredited college.

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6 cyl, auto trans w/OD, pwr str/brk/wind/locks/mirr, AIR, AM/FM stereo, cassette w/CD, tilt, cruise, r/del, 16 mats, b/s mtdgs, tint, all seas tires, locking diff, isc peg, STK #25282, VIN #22164409, MSRP \$29,530 incl. \$500 GM Blazer loyalty rebate, \$650 Chevrolet lease loyalty rebate & \$400 GM college grad reb., if qual. To qual. must be a grad (1 yr prior or 2 yrs after). 36 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr. 20c thereafter. \$910 Cust. Cash & \$319 1st mo pymt = \$1228 due at signing. TI pymts \$11,484. TI cost \$12,394. Purch. opt. at lease end \$18,241.50.

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