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Council approves town-wide mailing on deck

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council decided Tuesday to send a mailing providing information about the proposed redevelopment project at Prospect and Elm streets to all local residents, despite the objections of some council members and members of the public.

The council also learned that the Downtown Westfield Corporation is not prepared to

make a \$50,000 annual contribution, which had been included in the town's financial model, to help pay for the project.

The mailing should be arriving in residents' mailboxes shortly, prior to the Nov. 2 non-binding referendum on the project, which calls for the town to issue \$10 million in bonds to fund a municipal parking deck at the site. The project would also include 19 residential units and a modest amount of retail space.

The brief brochure, a draft

version of which was made available at Tuesday's meeting, outlines the objectives behind the project, the town's plan and financial strategy, and the anticipated result, along with the text of the referendum question.

Tuesday's discussion centered around the fact that one of the objectives in the brochure declares "Parking improvements will not impose any burden on taxpayers," and that the brochure does not explicitly address concerns or potential

risks.

The draft of the brochure also states that as a result of the project, there will be "no anticipated increase in property taxes."

Though the council has endorsed a financial plan for the project that does not call for a direct property tax subsidy, tax revenue might have to be used to pay for the work if other revenue sources fall short.

"The bottom line is, if we don't meet our (revenue) objectives, property taxes are at risk," said

Sal Caruana, the most vocal opponent of the project on the council. "... And we're going out of our way not to explain that."

Supporters of the mailing noted the referendum question itself says the deck would be paid for by "if necessary, the levy of ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town of Westfield."

That prompted this response from Councilman Jim Foerst:

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Making history

Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys soccer head coach Tom Breznitsky is on the verge of his 500th career win. Breznitsky has been the coach of the Raiders since 1975. See Sports, Page C-1.



Pedaling

for progress

The Rotary Club of Westfield and non-profit organization Pedals for Progress collected about 150 used bicycles to benefit underdeveloped countries Saturday. For the pictures, see page B-1.



Memorial to be dedicated Nov. 11

Westfield's new Korean War Memorial, created by Boy Scout Kevin Devaney, will be dedicated on Veterans Day. See the story on Page B-1.

REMINDER

Art auction at All Saints'

The Resolve Community Counseling Center will host a fine art auction tonight at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains. Doors open at 7 p.m., sales begin at 8.

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A good breakfast, for a good cause

Susan Pink of Westfield and her son Drew share some pancakes and a good laugh at the pancake breakfast fundraiser held Saturday at the National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Proceeds from the event will benefit a support group dedicated to the families of the members of the 250th Signal Battalion, which is based at the armory and is now deployed overseas.

Test scores remain strong in Scotch Plains schools

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Students in the school district continued to perform well above state and national averages on standardized tests, according to a report presented to the Board of Education by Margaret Hayes, assistant superintendent of instruction.

At the board's agenda meeting Oct. 14, Hayes presented results on the 2003-2004 statewide exams, including the NJASK 3 and 4, Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA), and the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA). The tests results are a key component of No Child Left Behind guidelines, which require all students to be proficient by 2014.

The NJASK4 test was taken by fourth-

grade students in the spring. Nearly 90 percent of general education students scored proficient or better in mathematics, and roughly 98 percent achieved proficiency in language arts.

About 43 percent of students scored advanced proficient in math, and almost 8 percent scored advanced proficient in language arts.

The tests will be used to determine the so-called "adequate yearly progress" benchmark of the No Child Left Behind rules; all five elementary schools met the 40 separate indicators of progress called for by the federal legislation. These indicators track the performance of disaggregated groups such as special education students or students from varying racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Data about the performance of other

schools in the same socioeconomic category was not yet available, but will be published at a later day.

General education students scored well on the GEPA, also, with approximately 93 percent proficient in math and 91 percent meeting standards in language arts. Hayes was particularly pleased by the improvement in math scores at Terrill Middle School, which she said had flagged in recent years.

"The scores had gone down, but now they're on their way back up," Hayes said.

Forty-five percent of general education students scored advanced proficient on the math portion of the GEPA, and 5 percent scored advanced proficient in language arts. Hayes said students in other districts with similar socioeconomic populations were seeing the same pattern of

higher advanced proficiency in math than language arts.

Nearly 91 percent of general education eighth-graders scored proficient or better in science, with just more than 40 percent scoring "advanced proficient."

On the HSPA exam, 90 percent of 11th-grade general education students scored proficient or better in math and almost 97 percent scored proficient or better in language arts. Forty-seven percent were rated advanced proficient in math and 22 percent achieved the advanced rating in language arts.

However, performance at the high school showed adequate progress on only 38 of 40 indicators; the school came up short with respect to the language arts

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Racist graffiti found at SP-F High School

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the Black Student Union say a series of racially hostile incidents is undermining their perception of safety at the high school.

A delegation of African-American students addressed the issue publicly at a Board of Education meeting Oct. 14, asserting that the student body and community should immediately be made aware of racially hostile incidents.

But they also praised school and district officials for working quickly to eradicate racist rhetoric that has appeared over the course of the last month.

According to Principal David Heisey, a racially hostile statement was posted in mid-September on a privately-run website that is well known to students. Not long afterward, a racially inflammatory word was written on a posted notice advertising a Black Student Union meeting. And in a third incident, students and school officials discovered a swastika drawn on a hallway wall.

When the website was drawn to his attention, Heisey said servers were immediately

adjusted to prevent students from accessing the site on the school network. But since the website had a remote host, it remained accessible from home computers. It took the district some time to get the site shut down, he explained.

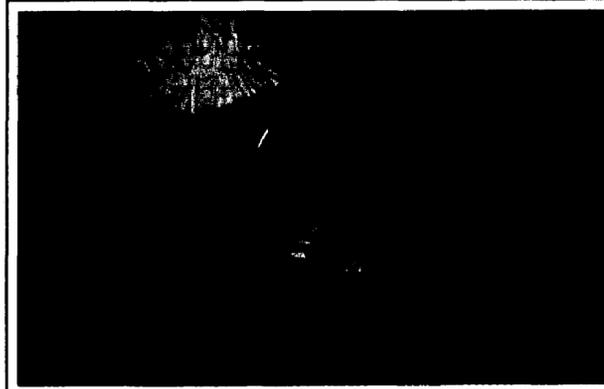
"There was a great deal of inappropriate information on the website," Heisey said. But "setting up a website is a simple procedure — all you have to have is an Internet connection...and you can download the (required) software on the Internet or just purchase it at Office Max," he continued. "It has become very simple and I'm sure it will become even more simple."

The vandalized notice — an 8½-by-11 inch piece of paper — was quickly removed and the graffiti was scrubbed from the walls, Heisey said. School officials questioned students to find out who was responsible for all three incidents; police and the county prosecutor's office were also summoned, and an investigation is ongoing.

Scotch Plains police did not return several calls seeking comment on the investigation.

Superintendent Carol Choye said she had met with the Black

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A trip back in time at Miller-Cory

Under the watchful eye of Sherry Lang, Paige Crandall of Westfield tries her hand at grinding corn at the Miller-Cory House Saturday. Paige was visiting the house as part of Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program, during which all the county's notable historic sites open their doors.

Council candidates make their case

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — For nearly an hour Monday night, candidates for Borough Council haggled over redevelopment, property taxes and spending, presenting their vision of the borough's future to voters.

Democratic incumbents Joe Higgins and Kathy Mitchell touted their efforts to secure a miniscule property tax increase for homeowners in 2004, and outlined what they characterize as a steady, inclusive redevelopment process.

Their opponents, Republicans Joel Stroz and Maureen Mawby, said Democrats haven't made

enough of an effort to trim spending and urged a more deliberate pace on redevelopment.

The debate was sponsored by the League of Women Voters and moderated by Fred Rossi, a reporter for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times.

Mitchell defended the Democratic-led council's decision to pursue extraordinary aid to balance the borough's 2004 operating budget. The council received \$250,000 in extraordinary state aid in June, fortuitous revenue that reduced the average tax increase on borough homeowners to \$15.

"These grants don't fall into your lap," Mitchell said. "You have to go out and look for them."

Stroz countered that the extraordinary aid process was pursued at a time when Gov. James E. McGreevey was still building his case for re-election. He was skeptical that extraordinary aid funds would be available for Fanwood in 2005, particularly with a ballooning state budget that was balanced by an expensive borrowing plan.

Mawby and Stroz said they would make cuts to the operating budget instead of focusing on fattening the revenue side of the ledger.

"Once we get on the council, we're going to go through the budget line-by-line and squeeze

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out what we can," Stroz explained. Higgins, who was not a member of the council during the 2004 budget process, defended the Democrats' record on cutting expenses and pointed out that most cost increases are fixed either by contract or mandate. He said cuts to the police department would be off-limits. "After 9/11, that's really not an option," Higgins said.

Mawby declared her support for a faster pace on redevelopment, arguing the borough needs more commercial ratables to offset the residential property tax burden. She said an environmental study must be conducted at the former Dean Oil and Ponzio sites.

"If we do it right, we will have good ratable revenue coming from the downtown block," she said.

"We don't differ a lot on what we're doing down there, the issue is how we get there," replied Higgins, touting this year's efforts to re-open the process to residents and downtown stakeholders. "We had to go back in there and regain the trust of downtown property owners and merchants before we could begin again."

The debate became heated when Stroz accused Democrats of misleading downtown property owners over the course of last year's mayoral campaign. He said many feared their properties would be seized through eminent domain, a tactic not actually included in the existing redevelopment plan.

"This kind of Boss Hague, rough Hudson

County type of politics has no place here," Stroz said, evoking the ghost of the Jersey City mayor. Mitchell said it was not Democrats who misled property owners about this issue; rather, the fear of eminent domain was spread by a former municipal employee, she explained. Mitchell added the redevelopment process, however, should be driven by the governing body.

Candidates also sparred over high school parking, traffic, youth and senior issues. The most contentious secondary issue, however, arose during a series of exchanges over safety hazards at LaGrande Park.

Mawby decried the council's inaction in reconfiguring the fields at the park, particularly when capital funds have been in place to start the project; baseballs hit from the field are a danger to children using the playground, she said.

"I don't understand why nobody has taken the ball and run with it," she said.

Higgins said the borough has applied for a \$200,000 state Department of Environmental Protection grant to fix the problem and said the council currently has only \$50,000 for the project, half of which is earmarked for engineering work to reconfigure the fields and replace tennis courts.

"The tennis courts are abominable," Higgins said. "If anyone thinks that \$50,000 is going to cure LaGrande Park, they have another think coming," he said.

The debate was broadcast live on TV-35. It will re-air 7 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Council approves town-wide mailing

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"Did we define 'ad valorem' in here? It certainly isn't part of my daily vocabulary." The term means that properties would be taxed according to their relative value.

Councilman Peter Echausse recommended that a "Concerns" section be added to the brochure, citing the potential for property tax liability and the chance that the project could worsen traffic in what is already a congested area.

His recommendation drew support from Foerst, Caruana and Joanne Neylan, but failed to garner a majority. The full council did agree to note that positive cash flow from a re-organized parking system is only an "expected" result, however.

Despite the dissension on the

council, only Caruana opposed the mailing, which will likely cost \$5,000-6,000. Foerst, Echausse and Neylan all said that though the brochure could be more balanced, they ultimately supported its distribution.

On another element of the discussion, the council is more united — but it faces opposition from the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

The council had been anticipating a \$50,000 annual contribution from the DWC to the project's funding, but that organization has never publicly pledged the money. Following Echausse's visit to the DWC meeting Monday, the group released a statement that endorses the project and the town's financial model but pointedly fails to offer the

funds, which would come from a special assessment on downtown businesses.

The DWC statement argues that the deck and revised parking system should run a surplus even without the contribution and states, "Taxing any constituency simply to store money in surplus is not good policy."

But Echausse, and others on the council, said a more conservative view of the potential revenues was appropriate. "I think (the contribution) is necessary," he said, though it could be reduced in later years if other revenue sources exceed expectations.

Left unsaid in Tuesday's discussion was the fact that the Town Council sets the DWC's annual budget. Both the council and the DWC offered to continue dialogue on the subject.

Racist graffiti found at SP-F High

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Student Union to share information and listen to their concerns; another meeting was set for this week, and board President Linda Nelson planned to attend.

"None of us are very happy about this," Choye said. "What we need to do is get the facts and get to the bottom of this."

School officials were responsive to the problem, but evidence of racism needs to be addressed in the open rather than behind closed doors, said Andrea Hall Sizemore, whose daughter also addressed the board.

"When I hear my daughter tell me she doesn't feel safe in school, that's a concern for me," Sizemore told the board.

"The administration was notified, but the student body was not notified... It seems like it's being tolerated, because nobody knows it's going on," senior Janee Easley

said at the meeting. "The graffiti" was taken off the walls, but it wasn't addressed that (the incidents) happened."

"We went to school, and then we left school angry and hurt," said senior Denise Horn. "We feel threatened, and we want to know how this is going to be addressed."

At the meeting, Heisey said school administrators were reluctant to make a public pronouncement about the incidents because they were afraid it might encourage those responsible to repeat their actions.

Almost 12 percent of the student body in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools was African-American in 2003, according to Dr. Choye's office; Heisey estimated the high school's black population stood at a similar figure.

Heisey said he would be communicating with teachers and staff, finding ways to incorporate positive messages about diversity

into the curriculum. And the school may hold an assembly on the topic in the future, though officials are still deciding how to broach the topic with the student body.

"We need to, as a school and a community, address that everyday race relations are an important issue at a national level and also an issue in Scotch Plains and Fanwood," Heisey said.

Establishing more authority figures from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds is the key to eliminating racial bias, resident Leyland McGee said at the meeting. He pressed the board to hire more minorities for instructional and administrative positions in the district.

"When we get together as black people and talk about race relations, it's a totally different thing than talking about it with white people," McGee said. "If there is never an exchange between the races, you'll never break down the barriers — it's just us against them."

Nelson said the board was "deeply saddened" that the incident took place and pledged to continue the district's efforts to find out who was involved and pro-actively address racial issues within the student body.

"It just takes one very twisted person to undo the good intentions and actions of so many," Nelson said.

Test scores

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and math scores for students with disabilities.

Only 33 percent of these students scored proficient in math, below the benchmark of 55 percent; in language arts, 54 percent scored proficient when adequate yearly progress guidelines require 73 percent proficiency.

"We're continuing to work with these sub-groups," Hayes said. "We're putting together a group of people to see how we can best support these students."

On the NJASK 3 exam, given to third grade students, nearly 97 percent of general education students scored proficient or better in mathematics, and about 94 percent achieved the same distinction in language arts. Since the NJASK 3 is in its inaugural year, scores are not yet included in adequate yearly progress calculations.

Hayes also presented standardized test scores taken at other grade levels. In virtually all of these tests, students scored above both New Jersey and national standards.

On the SAT II subject tests, English and history scores were below state and national averages, but Hayes cautioned that small test samples skewed district scores in these areas.

Board members were enthusiastic about the results, though there was little discussion of test scores at the conclusion of Hayes' presentation.

"Great scores like these makes the tax bite each month a little easier to take," said board member Craig Nowlin.

Road work in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The State of New Jersey has tentatively scheduled the milling and paving of the Route 28 traffic circle, weather permitting, from Oct. 27-29.

According to a release from the Westfield Police Department, there will be total closure at times of both North Avenue from Central Avenue to Tuttle Parkway, and South Avenue from Tuttle Parkway to Central Avenue. At no time will both roads be closed simul-

aneously. East Broad Street from Elm Street and the roadway between North and South avenues will also be closed for a period of time.

Road closing will be in effect from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.; lane closings and alternate traffic procedures will occur from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Heavy traffic is anticipated, and motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes during the construction.

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Congressional race heads to home stretch

By BRAD BISHOP
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Though waist-high navy blue signs bearing Westfield resident Steve Brozak's name are ubiquitous on lawns throughout Union County, the Democrat is still trying to tune voters into his campaign to win a seat in the Seventh Congressional District.

Brozak is battling the odds to unseat incumbent Republican Mike Ferguson in New Jersey's most highly publicized congressional race. Like most incumbents nationwide, Ferguson's district skews strongly toward his party; Ferguson defeated his challenger Tim Carden by 17 points in 2002.

Boasting an impressive military background and carrying experience in the pharmaceutical industry on his resume, Brozak has been viewed by many as a plausible challenger to an incumbent who has been fined for fundraising misconduct.

But despite being featured as a speaker at the Democratic National Convention and on a CNN program, and appearing on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, Brozak has

not come close to keeping pace with respect to fundraising.

As of Sept. 30, his campaign had raised about \$671,000 and had only \$195,000 cash on hand. Ferguson, by contrast, had raised nearly \$2.7 million and had \$638,000 available, funds crucial to pay for advertising and mobilizing campaign staff in the last weeks before Nov. 2.

Carden raised \$957,000 for his unsuccessful 2002 campaign, well short of Ferguson's \$2.2 million in receipts in that cycle.

This week, Brozak's campaign continued to press Ferguson to participate in debates. The two candidates are currently scheduled for a debate at Raritan Valley Community College on Sunday, and will meet today for a taping of "On The Record," a television show airing on NJN.

But at press time Ferguson's campaign had yet to agree to Brozak's request to debate three times at Rutgers University.

According to Amanda Woloshen, Ferguson's campaign manager, the upcoming debates will illustrate why Ferguson has made his case for another term.

"The congressman will stress his

strong record in cutting taxes and supporting our troops and veterans," she said. "And he will increase homeland security funding for New Jersey."

Brozak had criticized Ferguson in a television commercial for failing to bring more federal money to the state to protect ports and other targets. The incumbent recently voted for the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, which adjusts the formula to bring more funds to New Jersey.

Brozak staffer Julie Roginsky said Brozak would be "an independent voice" for the Seventh District, and connected the challenger's fundraising differential to Ferguson's \$210,000 fine by the Federal Election Commission for an illegal loan obtained from the congressman's parents.

"Brozak is trying to trump up issues where there are none and is just trying to distract voters from his failing campaign," Woloshen countered.

During the campaign, Brozak has declared his support for stem cell research, advocated "real" prescription drug coverage for seniors, and advocated fiscal responsibility

and opposition to the growing national debt.

Brozak advocates rolling back the Bush Administration's tax cuts for those households earning more than \$500,000, a smaller rollback than has been proposed by Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

Ferguson's campaign is drawing voters' attention to his record as a teacher and his support for tax cuts, an attractive position in a district with among the highest median incomes in New Jersey. He has run television ads connecting tax cuts with strengthening business and creating jobs.

Roginsky scoffed at Ferguson's assertion that the Bush tax policy could generate new jobs for New Jersey's unemployed.

"Ferguson has presided over the worst job creation record in 72 years, since Herbert Hoover," Roginsky said.

The district consists of portions of Middlesex, Union, Hunterdon, and Somerset Counties. For more on the candidates platforms, visit www.stevebrozakforcongress.com or www.fergusonforcongress.com.

Freeholder resigns, will stay on ballot

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

Last week's last-minute resignation by Union County Freeholder John Wohlrab could bring one of November's least visible campaigns out of the shadows and under the garish spotlight of the political stage.

Wohlrab, who was arrested Oct. 7 on charges of domestic assault, resigned his appointed position on the county's Board of Chosen Freeholders one week later, on Oct. 14. He had been appointed to the board following the resignation of State Sen. Nicholas Scutari and was a candidate for election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

In a prepared statement, the 44-year old Wohlrab said he is innocent of any wrongdoing. Most details pertaining to the arrest have not been disclosed to the press. Wohlrab serves as director of government and municipal relations for Waste Management, Inc., as freeholder, he was a member of the board's homeland security and open space committees.

Wohlrab came to the seat due to the troubles of another Linden politician. Last September, State Sen. Joseph Suliga resigned his seat after making drunken, lewd comments to a woman in Atlantic City and scrapping with casino police. He was replaced on the ballot at the last minute by Scutari, then a freeholder.

Wohlrab was subsequently appointed to fill Scutari's seat on the freeholder board in March. Despite his resignation, he remains on the Nov. 2 ballot opposite Republican candidate and Garwood native Bruce Patterson.

According to Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Wohlrab's resignation came too late for his name to be removed from the ballot. Rajoppi said 10,000 absentee ballots were mailed out by Sept. 23, and pointed out that a required public inspection of ballot machines was due at the end of this week. The ballots could not have been changed in time for the inspection, she said.

She estimated the cost of removing Wohlrab's name from the ballot would have run to \$300,000, but declined to speculate how much time the process would take. The five ballots used in elections — official ballots, absentee ballots, provisional ballots, emergency ballots, and sample ballots — all require their own formatting and special paper, and would be difficult to replace, she said.

"It's not logical or possible to print new ballots before (Oct. 21)," Rajoppi explained.

County Democratic Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo made a similar point in a prepared statement, saying "There is no administrative or legal mechanism to substitute another candidate on the ballot at this late date."

Union County Republicans, who have not held a seat on the nine-member county governing body since 1996, expressed disgust at the turn of events and accused Democrats of "disenfranchising the voters of Union County." They drew a connection between the Wohlrab case and corruption allegations plaguing well-known Democrats such as former Sen. Robert Torricelli and Gov. James McGreevey.

GOP Chairman Phil Morin said he believed Wohlrab's announcement was coaxed by county Democrats, who he charged delayed the resignation for a week to ensure his name would remain on the ballot.

"It was held off, in my mind, in a deliberate attempt to play a game with the electoral system," Morin said.

Republicans said Wohlrab should have withdrawn immediately and added his seat should remain vacant until after the general election. Democrats were expected to appoint Linden attorney Nancy Ward to the open spot Tuesday night, and the party said in a statement Wohlrab's replacement would serve in his place if the freeholder wins the unexpired seat on Election Day.

Though he pledged county Republicans will press their campaign up until Election Day — including holding a rally in Scotch Plains on Monday — Morin said the GOP does not plan to involve itself with legal squabbling over the ballot flap.

"We're not going to waste money going to court to do what Wohlrab should have done in the first place," Morin said. "We look forward to voters seeing Wohlrab's name on the ballot and choosing to cast a vote against the Union County Democrats."

DeFilippo did not return numerous calls seeking comment on Wohlrab's resignation.

YMCA makes case for proposed use of church

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD

Representatives from the Westfield Area YMCA presented the organization's plans to establish a child care center at an East Broad Street church before the Board of Adjustment Monday.

The non-profit organization hopes to renovate the building and reconfigure the parking lot at the former church, which was sold to the YMCA by the First Church of Christ, Scientists in May. The proposal requires numerous variances from the board, although most non-conforming conditions at the site are the result of only slight modifications to existing conditions.

Attorney John Schmidt said the building will be converted to a child

care center during the day and will support teen activities after school. The YMCA plans to add a computer center to the classroom, to be used for homework by younger members and computer classes for seniors.

The child care program will include about 60 children during the day, while the building would accommodate 25 to 35 teens during the afternoon and evening hours, Mark Elsassner, executive director of the YMCA, told the board.

Pick-up and drop-off times would be staggered to prevent parking conflicts with the nearby St. Paul's church, which accommodates about 155 children in its child care program. The YMCA has coordinated a schedule with St. Paul's that will not create a conflict, Elsassner said.

YMCA officials said the parking

lot would not be physically changed in any substantial degree, but will be restriped to create a safer pick-up and drop-off system, which would also prevent traffic stacking. The reconfiguration, however, reduces available parking spaces from 52 to 45.

The church's steeple is proposed for demolition, though a memo submitted by Planning Board member Richard Ellbert bemoans the loss of the 77-foot tall tower.

"We're trying to diminish the appearance of it being a church," Schmidt said.

The project will be partially funded through a \$4 million loan from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), an agency that helps non-profit organizations secure low-interest loans. The organization will enable the

YMCA to borrow money at a much lower interest rate than would be available in the private sector.

Traffic engineer Joseph Staigar said traffic backups caused by the St. Paul's program last about 10 minutes during drop-off and pick-up periods. He said the plan would not have a detrimental effect on the state Department of Transportation's rating of the intersection between East Broad Street and South Euclid Avenue because of the schedule coordination between St. Paul's and YMCA officials.

Staigar added the parking lot plan would allow vehicles to queue within the parking lot, preventing backups onto East Broad Street.

The board will deliberate over the application Nov. 8. A final vote on the project is likely during that meeting, which is open to the public.

Apartments are sought atop PNC building

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ing spaces are also shallow and narrow; the developer is planning eight-foot wide spaces of 15 to 17 feet in length, while the code calls for nine-foot wide spaces of 20 feet in length.

The PNC parking lot configuration accounted for most of the discussion at Tuesday's board meeting, as several board members say the facility's parking lot is already functioning poorly, particularly on Saturdays.

Board member Robert Newell said he had "serious issues" with the parking lot configuration. "I don't see any way it could be worse than it is now," Newell said. He said the parking lot configuration doesn't provide adequate

pedestrian access and the under-sized parking spaces would cause new problems for cars parking on the lot.

The town's many SUV drivers, others suggested, would have great difficulty fitting their 6 1/2-foot wide vehicles into the unusually narrow parking spaces proposed.

Board members acknowledged that while the parking lot is privately owned, it is frequently used by downtown shoppers as a public lot. They asked the developer to conduct a traffic study of the parking lot to determine the impact of allocating parking spaces to the anticipated 15 new residents.

"The question is, are we creating more of a parking problem

because of the application?" asked board Chairman Jay Boyle. He noted that on Saturdays, the bank's awkward parking lot backs up, preventing cars from entering and exiting the site.

Ackerman's attorney Arthur Attenasio said the developer shouldn't be penalized for being one of the few property owners in the central business district to provide on-site parking. He said under the current designation of office space use, the potential exists for a much more severe parking crunch at the facility.

"If we left it the way it was, it would be the worst system we could have for the property — and we're (proposing to) ameliorate it," he said.

The developer's planner and engineer said the lot could be patrolled by police who could ticket unauthorized motorists. They suggested residents could be

given permit stickers so authorities could determine who is parked inside the lot illegally.

Attenasio pointed out that the board frequently grants parking variances in the central business district. He noted that within the last five years variances were granted for Blockbuster Video and Wolfgang Puck on North Avenue.

Although the board has concerns about the parking lot configuration, Boyle said the application represents "a good use of the site."

"But we need to be very clear, especially in an atmosphere that's contentious... that we make the absolutely appropriate decision," Boyle cautioned.

The board scheduled a special meeting Nov. 15 to continue the PNC Bank application, and to possibly begin testimony for the mixed-use proposal on the north side of East Broad Street.

Police Log

WESTFIELD
Officers arrested Timothy Kaufman of Westfield for driving while intoxicated on Saturday. Breath tests revealed a blood-alcohol content of .15 percent, according to police.

Kaufman also had outstanding warrants out of Ridgewood and Bridgewater totaling \$690; he was released to a responsible adult.

Officers arrested Elizabeth Bukuvilas of Roselle Park for driving while intoxicated on Saturday. Breath tests revealed a blood-alcohol content of .10 percent. Bukuvilas was released to a responsible adult.

Harsha Anjaria, 69, of Fanwood

was arrested Saturday on charges of shoplifting \$148 of merchandise from a store on North Avenue. Anjaria was released after processing.

Officers arrested Ronald Naschuk, 58, of Bayonne at the intersection of North Avenue and East Broad Street for driving while intoxicated Monday.

Breath tests revealed his blood-alcohol content was .23 percent, police said.

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SCOTCH PLAINS CANDIDATES CORNER: MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

On Nov. 2, Scotch Plains voters will select a new mayor and one member of the Township Council to serve four-year terms. Republican incumbents Mayor Martin Marks and Councilwoman Paulette Coronato face challenges from Democrats Andy Baron and Barbara Baldesarre. The Record-Press asked the candidates to discuss their qualifications and platforms.

Andy Baron
(D-Mayor)

Though I am the challenger in this race, I have decades of experience in government dating to 1979. My experience includes work as a legislative intern to Senator Bill Bradley; time as a law intern for the Port Authority and as a law clerk for the Honorable Edwin H. Stern; service as the assistant prosecutor for Middlesex County and the prosecutor for Fanwood and Plainfield; and time as the attorney and deputy attorney for the Township of Scotch Plains. I have also worked as counsel to Union County and as an adjunct professor of government for Union County College.

Within our town, I have contributed my time as a coach for the youth soccer, basketball and baseball programs, and I am a board member for the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.

My priorities as mayor of Scotch Plains will include:

Property Taxes. During last year's record high tax increase, my opponent failed to apply for and obtain extraordinary aid, which our neighbor Fanwood successfully received this year. With the appointment of our non-partisan budget and finance task force, my running mate and I have already identified at least \$200,000 worth of

savings through a more cost effective way of handling the annual spring clean-up and the creation of a joint fire district with Fanwood.

Downtown Enhancement. After several years of saying we need to do something, my opponent backed away from his election-year proposal for a Special Improvement District and said it's now a problem for the business and property owners to solve. Our plan incorporates the use of marketing students from area colleges and universities working side-by-side with retired marketing executives to improve the image of the downtown. The sale and relocation of Town Hall, using that site as the primary focus of re-energizing our downtown and bringing in new tax ratables, is a viable long-range planning option.

Volunteer Citizens Advocates. With a desk in the mayor's office, these retired individuals would assist citizens with their problems and complaints, serving a similar role to a customer service department in private business, and then follow up to see if the issue was addressed.

Strategic Planning. We need to eliminate "crisis management," which is what we faced



ANDY BARON
Length of residency: N/A
Occupation: Attorney

last year with a record high tax increase and what we are facing now with \$1.3 million of repairs to Town Hall, the library and the public works building and \$1.7 million dollars of equipment rehabilitation and repairs and special assessment next year for Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. Long-range planning similar to what is used by private business will be incorporated into all areas of local government.

Martin Marks
(R-Mayor)

The number one issue facing all mayors across the state is the desperate need for property tax reform for New Jersey. New Jersey has the dubious distinction of having the highest property taxes in the nation and the crisis is forcing many, especially those living on fixed incomes, out of our communities and out of New Jersey.

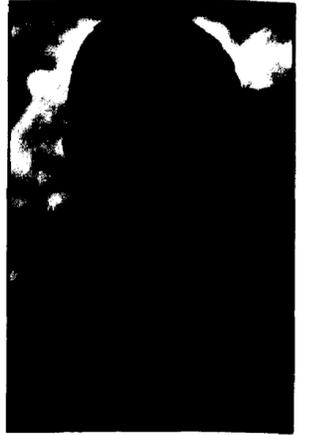
Because of my advocacy for reform I have been asked to represent the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and travel the state in an effort to get our state government to change the system. If our state leaders fail to lead, then our next best option for property tax reform is via a Constitutional Convention. It does a great disservice to our residents to lead them to believe that the property tax crisis is just a Scotch Plains issue. It is time for Democrats and Republicans in Scotch Plains and across the state to rally for change in a bipartisan manner.

We have made great strides in providing new and improved ball fields and parks for the youth of our community. New fields have been built and existing ones have been renovated to provide our kids a safe and fun

place to play. This effort will continue, as we still plan to upgrade and expand existing sites. In addition, our Recreation Department and Commission have been given the charge to establish a community/senior center for Scotch Plains. This is something I would like to see completed in a new term.

The local government should help build a consensus among Towne Centre businesses and property owners on how best to improve our business district and make it a regional destination for commerce and culture. As with any worthwhile project, it will take financial resources to do this appropriately. It is foolhardy to think that any quality effort can be done exclusively with volunteers or by waiting for the next grant program to emerge. The financial burden for improving our downtown should not be placed on the backs of Scotch Plains residential property taxpayers. Those that stand to gain the most, business merchants and landlords, need to step to the plate and invest in their own betterment.

Scotch Plains continues to be a desirable community in which to live and raise a family. The



MARTIN MARKS
Length of residency: 14 years
Occupation: Dentist

fact that our property values have accelerated faster than any other Union County town is evidence of this. As mayor, it has always been my focus to perpetuate this trend, and it will continue to be my goal in a new term.

Marks has served as mayor since 2000, and from 1997-99 was a member of the Township Council. He was also served on the local Planning Board and Environmental Commission.

Barbara Baldesarre
(D-Township Council)

As the Democratic candidate for Township Council, I can offer voters my knowledge about local government, bolstered by my time studying public management at Kean University and municipal budgeting and planning and zoning issues at Rutgers University.

I have assumed leadership positions within my profession. I am the past director and past president of the National Orthopedic Nurses Association and the founder and past chairwoman of the Associate Nurse Administrators of New Jersey.

My professional experience has also prepared me for the responsibilities of serving on the council. I have held top-level positions in health care administration for the past 25 years in New Jersey and Delaware, and I am currently administrative director of professional/support services at Rumlens Specialized Hospital, where I manage an \$8 million budget which includes several contracted services.

Within our community, I am a member of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains.

The following are the top issues in my campaign:

1. Tax stabilization: Last year there was an 18-point increase in

municipal taxes. If elected, I would make efforts in the area of long-range planning to anticipate needs which will prevent the frequent use of crisis management, which is more costly. I would identify non-payroll expenses included in the budget and seek alternate ways to finance them. This would include applying for all public and private grants that might be available to decrease tax burden.

2. Lack of taxpayer input: My running mate for mayor, Andy Baron, and I have already initiated a panel of citizens with financial/business backgrounds to review the budget and offer recommendations. We also expect to work closely with the business association to make improvement in all business sections of town. Another goal will be to hold town meetings throughout the township on a regular basis, which will give us the opportunity to meet with the citizens and hear their concerns.

3. Senior services: There are several issues facing our seniors — one is the ever increasing tax burden, with most seniors on fixed incomes, the other is access to services. I will work to find relief for the tax burden they carry.

We have removed many of our



BARBARA BALDESARRE
Length of residency: 8 years
Occupation: Registered Nurse/
Hospital Administration

seniors from the downtown area by building senior housing in the outermost limits of Scotch Plains. I will encourage the local merchants to bring our seniors back to the downtown by offering special "senior days" and will ensure transportation is available to accommodate them.

Paulette Coronato
(R-Township Council)

My platform revolves around protecting and enhancing the quality of life that Scotch Plains residents currently enjoy. In this area, the greatest concern is reforming the property tax system at the state level. At present, the only resource available to fund our schools and municipal services is through the property tax. Our mayor and Township Council have been actively petitioning Trenton for a Constitutional Convention to address statewide reform.

Mayor Marks has testified on many occasions before the Legislature and the Governor's Task Force about the crisis that faces the property taxpayer. We are beginning to see some slow progress and we will continue to pursue real tax reform.

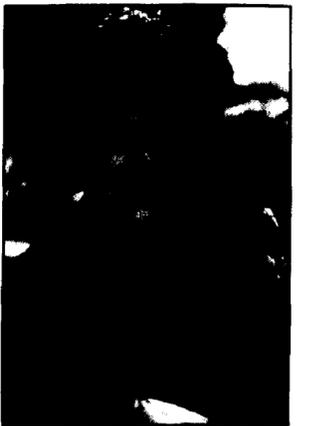
Prudent land use has been an objective of mine since 1985, when I joined the township's Planning Board. I have worked to eliminate zoning that is deleterious to preserving the residential character of our neighborhoods. I have been proactive with the mayor in seeking land to place in our Conservation Zone inventory. This type of land use preserves our land values and protects our biggest investments, our homes.

Since I was elected to the Township Council in 2000, I have been fortunate to serve on the Shared Services Coordinating Council with Councilman Frank Rossi. Through our work, we have saved taxpayers significant amounts of tax dollars by pooling our resources with Fanwood and the regional Board of Education.

Our Coordinating Council has been recognized statewide as a model for Shared Services. We are continuously exploring new ways to save tax dollars while delivering services more efficiently.

During my tenure on council, we have fulfilled a promise to build new and renovate old ball fields and parks to better provide for the recreational needs of all our residents. There is still more work to be accomplished along with exploring the opportunity to build a community/senior center. Our seniors are the backbone of our town. They deserve a quality place for their recreational and meeting needs, and at the same time we need to provide for indoor activity needs of our youth.

We have instituted three opportunities during our live telecast council meetings for our residents to address us on any matter. We will



PAULETTE CORONATO
Length of residency: 27 years
Occupation: Homemaker

continue to do this, because we believe that an informed and open government is more responsive to the needs of its citizens.

Prior to her one term on the Township Council, Coronato served on the local Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Environmental Commission and Health Advisory Board.

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SCOTCH PLAINS — The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is sponsoring a trip to the training ground of future chefs, The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., on Nov. 17.

The Culinary Institute is

located on the grounds of the former Jesuit seminary, St. Andrew-on-the-Hudson. The Institute purchased the property and in 1972 was granted a charter to confer an associate degree (Michael Clamper of the Stage House restaurant is

a graduate). There are now four different restaurants at the site, and trip participants will sample the cuisine of the Ristorante Caterina de Medici.

The visit will feature a set menu. The appetizer will be crepes rings au gratin with spinach and ricotta, followed by roasted pork with rosemary; the dessert will be hazelnut chocolate cake. Individuals should note dietary restrictions when they register; there is a \$10 per person surcharge for changes to the menu. After lunch, visitors will receive a guided tour of the school.

The bus will leave the municipal building at 9:45 a.m. Registration is now open for local residents and opens Monday for non-residents in Room 113 of the municipal building. The cost is \$37, \$38 for non-residents; the cost of bus transportation is being covered by the township.

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FANWOOD CANDIDATES CORNER: BOROUGH COUNCIL

On Nov. 2, Fanwood voters will select two members of the Borough Council to serve three-year terms. Democratic incumbents Kathleen Mitchell and Joseph Higgins face challenges from Republicans Joel Stroz and Maureen Mawby. The Record-Press asked the candidates to discuss their qualifications and platforms.

Joel Stroz
(R-Borough Council)

My wife and I purchased a home in Fanwood six years ago because we found this community to be an ideal place to raise our family. I am an attorney in private practice here in New Jersey and I hold both a law degree and an M.B.A. from Rutgers. While raising my family here in Fanwood I have been active in community matters as a member of the Fanwood Strategic Plan Advisory Committee and the Fanwood Republican Club.

My family's future is tied to the future of Fanwood, and I have grown increasingly concerned over the direction this community has taken. The tax burden on Fanwood residents is very high and spending has been going up. We must revitalize our downtown to bring in much-needed commercial tax revenue and provide a town center we can all enjoy. We also need to make sure Fanwood is using its resources wisely to improve our parks and services.

I pledge to bring true fiscal responsibility and a sense of urgency to Fanwood's Borough Council. Spending must be controlled to keep Fanwood an affordable and desirable community. For the first time in recent memory, Fanwood's Council this year petitioned for extraordinary aid from

Trenton in order to avoid an 11.3 percent tax increase. Despite the fiscal emergency, the council has expanded local expenditures in this year's budget by almost 6.2 percent over last year's budget. A continued reliance on extraordinary aid and failure to go through the budget line-by-line to minimize spending will promote an unrealistic and dangerous dependency on Trenton.

Over the years, Fanwood politicians, including those in the present administration, have made many promises to improve downtown. The process needs to be open to the public, especially those most likely to be impacted by any development plan. The process also needs to be moved along efficiently — I will not allow downtown redevelopment to stagnate! The lack of a prominent downtown to enhance our commercial property tax revenue and provide residents with the best possible shopping experience in our own town is a critical matter.

As a member of the council, I will act to put previously allocated funds to use in our streets and parks. The present council has not made a diligent effort to repair our storm sewers before additional flooding impacted our community, repair sidewalks damaged by borough trees, or re-align the ball field at La



JOEL STROZ
Length of residency: 6 years
Occupation: Attorney

Grande Park — despite the fact that these projects were funded last year! As your councilman I will also explore new ideas like providing Fanwood residents with access to our park restrooms through a pass key or card program.

I am asking for your vote for Fanwood Borough Council on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Kathleen Mitchell
(D-Borough Council)

Fanwood has been my home for more than 50 years, and I care deeply about what happens in my community.

I graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Westfield and the Elizabeth General School of Nursing. Prior to serving on the Borough Council, I was a founding member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association, and I served on the Fanwood Memorial Library board and the board of directors of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County.

Since my first election to the Fanwood Borough Council in 1998, and re-election in 2001, I've worked to control spending and taxes. This past year, with the leadership of Mayor Colleen Mahr and a Democratic majority on the council, I worked to obtain available grants from Trenton to control property taxes without reducing services. We succeeded at bringing our tax dollars back home to work for Fanwood.

We will continue to seek alternative sources of revenue and coordinate shared services with Scotch Plains and the regional Board of

Education to eliminate duplication of services while we maintain our unique quality of life.

As a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association for many years and now at Runnells Specialized Hospital, I am acutely aware of the needs of our seniors, children and families. As a senior citizen, I feel it is important that we do all that is possible to control property taxes and encourage our seniors to remain here.

I am particularly concerned about the completion of the downtown revitalization that is so vital to our economy. Working with the merchants, downtown property owners, residents and the Downtown Advisory Board, we are making progress toward a consensus that will include issues such as density, parking and traffic congestion.

I also want to seek grants to further rehabilitate the Carriage House, also known as the Patricia Kuran Cultural Arts Center. Utilizing our new Historic Preservation status, we can encourage more family entertainment at the center and historical events



KATHLEEN MITCHELL
Length of residency: 50+ years
Occupation: Registered Nurse

that focus on our unique community.

I urge you to vote on Nov. 2 for me and my running mate, Councilman Joe Higgins. Together we will continue working to keep Fanwood a great place to live.

Maureen Mawby
(R-Borough Council)

One of my goals is to bring a new perspective to what it will take to keep Fanwood the family-friendly community it has always been. As I walk through town and hand out a three-question postcard survey, it's enlightening to share discussion about the issues with my neighbors.

I have a very special feeling for our community. As a resident of more than 30 years, and as someone who raised three children who graduated from local public schools, I want to work hard to preserve Fanwood's future.

The responsibility of the Borough Council is to control spending. When you exclude "flow-through" federal grant monies from the 2003 budget, this council has increased spending by 6.2 percent over last year. We received extraordinary aid from the state to counteract a proposed 11.3 percent tax increase. It is unlikely that we will again receive emergency aid. When elected, I will be committed to controlling spending and examining the capital budget line-by-line.

The downtown redevelopment plan is stagnant; I pledge to move quickly to scrutinize the proposals. An environmental study of the downtown block must be completed now. Redevelopment will bring

our ratable revenue up to a potential \$500,000 per year, over our present revenue of \$168,000. Time is wasting; we are actually losing money every day! When elected, I will support a redevelopment plan that will add tax revenue and create a more attractive community.

It is imperative to improve Fanwood's streets, parks and sidewalks. The borough has allocated funds, but nothing has been done. The LaGrande Park ballfield needs a fast-track replacement. We need to create a resident "key-card" program for use of restrooms, repair dangerous sidewalks, and resurface the tennis courts and provide new nets. When elected, I will work to complete these improvements.

I feel for the homeowners in Fanwood's many flooding areas. The present council has not pushed forward with the storm sewer improvements, though monies have been previously allocated. I discovered how critical this is when I heard residents speak about their streets, basements and backyards flooding, with water splashing through doorways. When elected, I will work quickly to rectify flooding problems.

For the betterment of all residents, the Borough Council needs



MAUREEN MAWBY
Length of residency: 30+ years
Occupation: Office Manager Marketing

to have a more balanced representation of Republicans and Democrats, providing much-improved dialogue and camaraderie. I am a new face with new ideas. If I am elected, I pledge to work energetically, diligently and quickly to get issues resolved and preserve Fanwood's future.

Joseph Higgins
(D-Borough Council)

Using my professional background and my sports experience, I believe I can make a significant and positive contribution to Fanwood, particularly in planning and redevelopment, finance and budgets, and parks and recreation.

I graduated from Rutgers University with a master's degree in City and Regional Planning and an M.B.A. Along the way, I also served in the U.S. Army, Military Police, from 1970 to 1972.

I've been involved in athletics, particularly baseball, for most of my life. I played baseball at Rutgers and later played minor league baseball in the San Francisco Giants organization. In 1992, I was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

I've organized camps and clinics for youth baseball players and I was a Little League manager for 15 years, serving on the executive board for four years. My son, Joe Jr., currently teaches in our high school and is the assistant varsity baseball coach.

My 32 years of public sector experience includes land use and transportation planning, public finance and real estate. I retired from NJ Transit after a 22-year career and currently work for the NJ Schools Construction Corporation. When Mayor Colleen Mahr asked me to serve as the chairman of the Fanwood Downtown Advisory Committee, I

was delighted to accept the offer.

Downtown revitalization is high on everyone's list of priorities for Fanwood's future. Our community is making real progress toward a revitalized downtown because the mayor and our committee are working with the merchants, the downtown property owners, and all borough residents toward a consensus plan. The borough received a \$50,000 State grant in March, and the mayor appointed the advisory committee immediately thereafter in early April. During the past six months, the committee has followed a carefully designed plan to receive as much public input as possible. Unfortunately, a great deal of this time was spent undoing the mistrust and apprehension instilled in the property owners and merchants by the former administration.

The mayor and council have been successful this year in securing property tax relief for Fanwood homeowners. They applied for and received grants from the state and county, which resulted in the lowest municipal tax increase in the past six years. It should be noted that the Republicans did not vote in favor of securing these grants. I will work with the Democratic team to secure more grants to control property taxes, improve our parks and maintain vital emergency services while we strengthen our local economy.

I am extremely proud to be part of a dedicated Democratic team



JOSEPH HIGGINS
Length of residency: 2 years
Occupation: Team leader, property acquisition for New Jersey, Schools Construction Corporation;

that offers more open government, and that produces results not rhetoric. If elected to a full term on the council, I will pay particular attention to downtown revitalization and borough financial concerns, while we provide the services and facilities that our senior citizens, children and families need and deserve. To accomplish this, I need your vote, and also your vote for Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell. Vote Column "A" on Nov. 2.

Book drop-off is Saturday

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, who will be conducting their annual book sale April 5-9, 2005 are seeking book donations 9 a.m.-noon Saturday as part of "Operation Book Drop-Off." Books of non-fiction, fiction, paperbacks, children's books, rare books and encyclopedias in good condition can be deposited at the library arcade. Text books and technical manuals are excluded.

The Friends, in existence for over 30 years, are dedicated to creating public interest in the library, promoting increased knowledge and understanding of the library's services and needs, and fostering support for the library.

The book sale and membership has resulted in over \$600,000 being donated specifically to those needs during the Friends existence, and the organization has plans to make the forthcoming book sale event one of the biggest ever.

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Commentary

Tell the whole story

A confident debater is not afraid of evidence that runs contrary to his argument. Armed with material to support his claims and convinced of the rightness of his position, he comes prepared to take on counter-evidence, acknowledging it when it has merit but demonstrating the ways in which it is weak or flawed. The confident debater knows by treating counter-evidence judiciously he can strengthen his own argument, revealing its complexity and its ability to stand up to a challenge.

The Westfield Town Council does not seem confident about its proposal for a parking deck and mixed use project between Elm and Prospect streets.

At its Tuesday meeting, the council agreed to send out a town-wide mailing to residents providing details about the proposed project. This was an appropriate step for the council to take. While the project has been the subject of lengthy public discussion and intense local media coverage, direct communication with residents is the best way to help them become educated. And while no pamphlet could give a full accounting of so ambitious a project, the mailing will direct residents to the town's website, www.westfieldredevelopmentproject.com, which is a veritable treasure trove of information about the proposal.

The problem is with the mailing's content. A draft version of the brochure made available at the meeting states that one of the town's objectives is to provide parking improvements that "will not impose any burden on taxpayers."

That is indeed the town's objective, but it will not necessarily be the result of this project. Should revenues from other sources come up short, Westfield taxpayers would be on the hook for the balance. That may not happen, but it's a risk. And you'd have to read the mailing awfully closely — and have a passing familiarity with Latin — to know it.

At the meeting Councilman Peter Echausse proposed adding a section to the mailing titled "Concerns," noting the risk of financial exposure and the possibility of worsened traffic in an already congested neighborhood. These are not guarantees, but they are legitimate concerns, rooted in the studies the town has commissioned. They are a part of the counter-evidence that supporters of the deck must consider. And they should be stated clearly to residents.

Echausse's position drew some support, but not a majority. Another councilman, Rafael Betancourt, even suggested the traffic concern could be stated as an objective: the deck is part of a plan to improve traffic by creating more parking. That is the hope, but it's precisely the opposite of what Echausse meant.

There were two explanations offered for refusing to include a "Concerns" section in the mailing: the brochure should be kept "simple," and Echausse's worries are reflected in the rest of the mailing. These points are unpersuasive. None of the bullet points in the draft of the mailing, with the exception of a modest permit fee increase, would give a typical voter pause about the project.

The unwillingness to admit counter-evidence on the part of the project's supporters is odd. There are many good arguments to be made in its favor — there is a parking problem that the deck should help alleviate, and the retail and residential units could be an attractive addition to the community.

But these potential benefits are joined to risks and costs. When residents go to the polls Nov. 2, thousands of voters will make that risk-reward calculation. The town should provide them with the information they need to do so.

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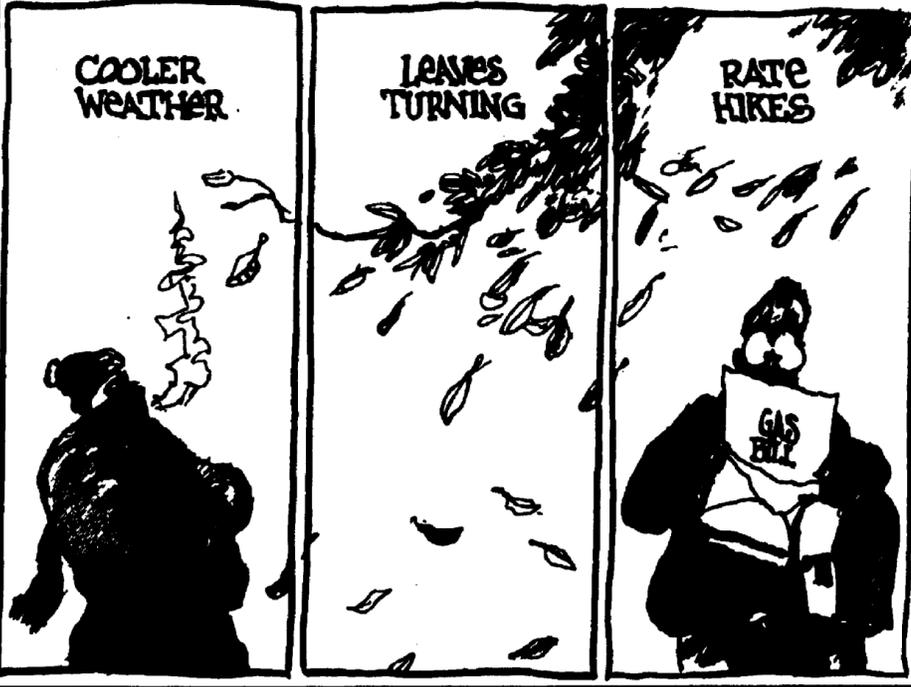
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SURE SIGNS THAT WINTERS ON THE WAY:



Letters to the editor

Project would make roads less safe

To The Record-Press:

On Sept. 14, the following neighborhood and school impact survey was presented to the Westfield Mayor and Town Council at their public meeting. This survey was completed the week before to demonstrate the number of residences and students who would be affected by a Redevelopment Project at Prospect and Elm Streets.

Numbers were compiled by reviewing zoning maps, counting the number of residences on the street, and speaking to building owners and to the Westfield post office to obtain accurate numbers for multi-unit dwellings. In obtaining the number of school-aged students, the Westfield Board of Education was consulted, as well as directors of the other school-based programs in the immediate area.

There are a total of 233 residences in the immediate area of the proposed parking garage. Residences from East Broad Street to Dudley Avenue include: Prospect St., 129; Elm St., 16; Clark St., 26, plus the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School; Ludlow and Nelson Place, 15; Cowperthwaite Place, 20; Ferris Place, 7 plus two YMCA buildings; East Broad Street from Elm to Prospect, 20.

There are a total of 1,920 school aged children who enter this area of town each weekday to attend a school based program, including: Franklin Elementary School, 593; Roosevelt Middle School, 750; Redeemer Lutheran Church School, 90; Methodist Church Wesley Hall Preschool, 200; and the YMCA-based programs, which between the Elm Street and Clark Street facilities total 287.

The location of the proposed parking garage will only exacerbate the current traffic and safety problems already existing in this area. According to the Edwards and Kelsey traffic

study, Prospect Street is rated as one of the worst streets in our town, with the intersection of East Broad and Prospect receiving a failed rating of "F." The study also indicated the intersection at Prospect and East Dudley is currently "at capacity" with a rating of "E" and will be downgraded to an "F" following the construction of a parking garage located on Prospect and Elm.

On Oct. 6, Walk to School Day, a friend of mine was struck by a car at the intersection of Prospect and Dudley while crossing in the middle of the unmanned crosswalk. She was able to throw her son to the side of the road to avoid being hit. She sustained a sprained arm and broken wrist, needing a full arm cast. The next day, I was the third car involved in an accident at the intersection of Cowperthwaite and Prospect, on my way to afternoon pick-up at Franklin School. While waiting my turn at the stop sign, two cars collided in the intersection in front of me and then hit my car following their impact.

According to the accident reports I obtained from the police department there have been 43 accidents on Dudley in the last 22 months. There have also been 16 accidents on Cowperthwaite in the last 22 months.

Traffic and safety issues should be a top priority in evaluating the appropriateness of a redevelopment project at the Prospect and Elm location. Clearly, as seen by the numbers of residences and school students that this plan would impact on a daily basis, and given the existing traffic and safety issues, this project is the wrong priority, the wrong plan and the wrong place. For these reasons and other concerns, I will be voting no on the referendum question Nov. 2.

SHARON STOCKWELL
Westfield

Dems can lead boro to better future

To The Record-Press:

I feel that I must respond to the false and misleading statements being made by the Fanwood Republicans who are running against Democratic Council President Kathy Mitchell and Councilman Joe Higgins.

The first false statement concerns municipal spending under the 2004 operating budget, the first year of Mayor Colleen Mahr's term. Spending did not go up as is being claimed by the Republican candidates. In fact, Mayor Mahr, with the help of Council President Kathy Mitchell, reduced Fanwood's spending by about \$50,000, according to the borough's finance officer.

The second statement has the Republican candidates touting the previous plan for Fanwood's downtown redevelopment as a good one. Wasn't that the plan that called for up to 120 housing units while having no discussion about how to deal with the traffic impact? It was not what the people of Fanwood wanted, and we said so last year by voting out those officials who supported it. I thought that at least the Republican council candidates would have realized that and would now be listening to the people — I guess they are not.

I for one do not want someone on the Borough Council who is not listening to us or acting in our best interest.

The third misleading statement is about La

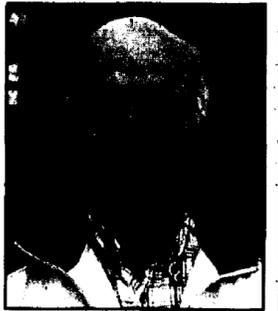
Grande Park. They are complaining that the field realignment has "been on ice" even though the funds have been available for several years. Let's remember that before 2004, the town's government was controlled by the Republicans for four years, and they failed to do anything about the park. This year, Democratic Councilman Joe Higgins and Council President Kathy Mitchell are taking the lead by actually presenting a good plan for the realignment and finding additional money for this project.

The last false statement the Republican candidates make is that not enough money was cut from this year's budget. They conveniently forget that for four years when they controlled the council, the Republicans did nothing to reduce the budget. The two Republicans on the council this year made no public suggestions about where the town budget could be reduced, and they opposed the mayor when she successfully sought property tax relief from Trenton. I guess the Republican candidates want fewer police? Or maybe no annual bulk trash pick-up?

We need experienced leaders like Council President Kathy Mitchell and professional land use planners like Councilman Joe Higgins on the Fanwood Borough Council, not newcomers with no experience who only offer the failed past as our future.

DONNA ZUCKER
Fanwood

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE FLU VACCINE SHORTAGE?



JERRY CANEVARI
Cranford

I'm surprised people are having problems getting it — it seems like a lot of people are relying on other commercial distribution (for the vaccine).



MARIETTA HORNE
Cranford

In the elderly population, I do have concerns people won't be able to get the vaccine. It should be reserved for the elderly and people with chronic health issues.



MIKE YOTNAKPARIAN
Cranford

I've never gotten a flu shot...but every year I think about it, although I'm not going to be thinking about it this year. I have concerns about the elderly in Florida, and I think they should get a larger allocation.



ROB BARKER
Garwood

At my age, I've never gotten a flu shot — I've heard you wind up getting symptoms of the flu just by (trying to) avoid it.



CONNETTE DIZON
Cranford

Because I'm a health care provider, they provide us with (the vaccine), although this year it's being scaled back. I'm concerned about the (effect of the shortage on) vulnerable people in the community like the elderly and the young.

Correction

Last week, in an article titled "Deck Opponents Assail Westfield Council," Richard Fromkin was incorrectly identified as a downtown property owner.

Mr. Fromkin is actually the owner of Westfield Interiors, which is located on South Avenue in Westfield.

Letters to the editor

REDEVELOPMENT REFERENDUM IN WESTFIELD: HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

GOP: Council has moved slowly on redevelopment

To The Record-Press:
With elections around the corner, the current Fanwood Borough Council has been busy creating enough smoke on the issue of downtown redevelopment to make everyone think that the downtown caught fire again.

Downtown redevelopment is vital to the long-term prosperity and independence of Fanwood. The fact that the mayor and Borough Council found it necessary to petition Trenton for extraordinary aid to make ends meet this year should serve as a wake-up call to all of Fanwood that we need more commercial tax revenue. The council must energetically pursue an enhanced downtown.

Unfortunately, Fanwood's present council has failed to live up to promises of public meetings early in the year and showed little urgency in moving forward to a consensus on downtown redevelopment — at least until the election season approached. Fanwood deserves better!

The first public meeting by the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Committee was held on Sept. 30, months after the Schoor DePalma consultant hired by the council prepared his survey on public opinion concerning downtown redevelopment. Common sense dictates that the consultant should have had the benefit of these public hearings prior to preparing his survey.

Meanwhile, another year has passed with no meaningful progress toward an improved downtown. The council appears to just be going through the motions and providing Fanwood residents with nothing more than false hope during this election season.

The current administration has stated repeatedly that it is not a question of if we will move forward with a downtown redevelopment plan, but merely when. With that policy and

Fanwood's current financial difficulties, we need a council that will move the downtown redevelopment effort forward with diligence and efficiency. The current council is creeping along at an anemic pace despite the more than \$300,000 in potential additional yearly revenue that an enhanced downtown may be able to provide Fanwood. This council has not even attempted to have necessary environmental studies conducted at the developer's expense so that we do not lose any additional time on these tests once a final plan is in place.

Another important concern for Fanwood residents is the fact that the current plan being reviewed by the Schoor DePalma consultant still includes a multi-family apartment building as a possible use for the former Dean Oil site on the corner of Second and La Grande avenues. This option would be a disaster for Fanwood. A high-density apartment building would only serve to increase traffic and the number of school-age children, without adding sufficient revenue to justify such a project. Five years ago, before some in the current administration had even moved into Fanwood, many residents in the surrounding area, including Joel Stroz, mobilized to squash just such a plan.

We, Maureen Mawby and Joel Stroz, support a downtown redevelopment effort that will add revenue to Fanwood, create a more attractive shopping destination and add to our business community. We are seeking seats on the Fanwood Borough Council to accomplish these goals and ask for your vote in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

**MAUREEN A. MAWBY
JOEL D. STROZ**
Fanwood

The authors are Republican candidates for the Fanwood Borough Council in the Nov. 2 election.

By SAL CARUANA

FOR THE RECORD-PRESS

Our parking problems in Westfield need solutions, including identifying and/or creating additional capacity for commuters, shoppers and downtown employees. However, I do believe cheaper and more strategic options have not been fully explored or exhausted, and that government can do better than the flawed deck plan that is currently before the voters.

I urge voters to vote "no" on the proposed \$10 million bond issue because the Prospect/Elm deck will in fact have immediate financial consequences for every taxpayer from day one. On top of that, already high traffic volumes at and near the proposed site will increase and create additional safety issues for drivers, pedestrians and area residents alike.

Under the council's financial plan, Westfielders will wind up paying more than \$500,000 annually for the next 25 years. What happened to yesterday's rosy promises that "the decks will pay for themselves"? Is that burden worth 244 additional parking spaces to be gained through this project? Those who support the project by claiming, "It will improve parking without any burden on property taxes" are misleading the voters. In fact, the proposed general obligation bond financing, by legal definition, guarantees to our lenders that the town will repay the \$10 million debt with increases in property taxes if they are needed. But there is more.

Take a closer look at the council's financial plan. The project's annual expense, including debt repayment, is \$930,200. The project's annual income is projected to be only \$452,350, or just 49 percent of the deck's costs. To close the gap of \$474,000, the council will be diverting \$267,000 of 2004 budget surpluses and raising rates on existing parking by \$207,000. The council will also be asking the Downtown Westfield Corporation to contribute \$50,000 annually from its special tax on downtown property owners.

Funds from these current budget surpluses and potential higher parking fees could be rightly used instead to reduce \$477,000 of potential property tax increases each year. In this manner the deck clearly impacts Westfield property tax rates, though deck supporters would like you to believe otherwise. Aren't municipal taxes high enough? These potential tax-saving revenue sources are being used to further a flawed, last-ditch attempt to salvage a formerly two-deck plan that would have presented even greater tax consequences for voters.

By the way, if anyone tries to tell you that we are "building" 493 parking spaces, I hope they are also making clear that 210 already exist in that location today. Of the 283 new (additional) spaces, 39 will be reserved for the project's private residential and retail needs. As a result, the net parking gain from this \$10 million project is only 244 additional spaces for public use.

It is important for you to know that all of the town's professional studies in connection with this proposed project have yielded very negative results — request them from Town Hall and see for yourself. The financial study projects negative cash flow in excess of half a million dollars a year; the environmental study of the proposed site identified toxic contamination in more than one location and no funds have been reserved in the financial plan to cover these potentially costly remediation expenses; finally, the traffic analysis identified the major intersections adjacent to the proposed deck (Prospect/Broad and Prospect/Dudley) as the worst in terms of current traffic volume of the 26 intersections that were studied.

Despite these fatal flaws, our pro-deck mayor and Town Council have insisted on pushing this agenda forward. Thankfully, Election Day will deliver the critical element that's been absent from this long and sometimes rancorous debate — the collective voice of Westfield's electorate. I look forward to hearing what our residents think about the wisdom of this plan.

Yes, our parking problems need solutions, but not at the risk of building a deck in the wrong location, one that carries the baggage of large financial risk, annual deficits of nearly \$500,000 funded with potential tax-saving revenues, and increased traffic and safety issues in an area that the town's own experts have rated as very poor. On Nov. 2, I will be voting "no" and I urge you to join me. Government can, and should, do better.

By MARK CIARROCCA

FOR THE RECORD-PRESS

On Nov. 2, Westfield voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote on an issue that has faced local residents for more than three decades. The question that will be put before the voters in the form of a non-binding referendum will be whether to erect a new parking structure. Over the years, our town has undertaken exhaustive studies and held countless meetings to obtain the input necessary to finally address this issue.

The product of this effort has been a plan which includes the construction of a parking structure at a site adjacent to Trader Joe's between Prospect and Elm streets. This new structure would not only provide new parking spaces, but would also allow for a re-allocation of existing spaces. The full implementation of this new parking strategy would result in greater parking availability for our downtown shoppers, our commuters, and employees. I believe that the plan being put forth to

Westfield residents for their consideration provides a responsible and financially-sound solution to a decades-old parking problem.

The plan, as presented by the mayor, is fiscally sound in that the structure will not be funded by any increase in property taxes. The development will be paid for through the modest number of residences (19 condominiums) and retail space (3,000 square feet) that will be included in the structure, modest increases in parking fees and an assessment to the downtown property owners.

Some have argued that the town could increase parking fees without building a structure, and these funds could be used to decrease property taxes. Parking fees, which were increased by past councils, were done so explicitly under the condition that parking revenues would be used solely to improve parking. Under the mayor's plan, parking improvements will be funded by those who park here, not by an increase in property taxes.

Equally important, conservative financial models show the parking system providing

substantially increased future revenue to the town. This will enable future parking improvements, such as improved pay stations or maintenance of existing lots, to be funded by the parking system. Again, property taxes will not be used to sustain the system.

The mayor's plan will also increase commuter parking by using part of the present employee lot behind UBS on North Avenue for commuters. New commuter space on the north side will provide enhanced convenience to north side commuters and ease train station traffic for south side commuters.

The mayor's parking plan is fiscally responsible in that it does not rely upon increasing property taxes in Westfield. It relies on those who most use our parking, including many people from out of town, and our downtown businesses to contribute to the construction and the ongoing maintenance and improvement of a comprehensive parking system. In return, better, smarter, more convenient parking will be available for shoppers, commuters, and employees.

By LARRY GOLDMAN

FOR THE RECORD-PRESS

On Nov. 2, I will be voting "yes" on the question of whether Westfield should construct a parking deck between Prospect and Elm Streets. I believe that the proposed parking deck is an element of a well-developed and fiscally-responsible comprehensive plan that will alleviate a long-standing chronic problem and complement our downtown. If you believe that after years of talk and studies it is finally time to add more parking capacity to downtown Westfield, I urge you to join me in this vote and support a pro-active approach to the future of our town.

The downtown is part of the social fabric of Westfield. A vibrant downtown increases everyone's property values. Ask yourself, what is one of the most attractive features of Westfield? Why did you choose to reside in Westfield? For many, the quality of our downtown is a leading factor. Maintaining this quality requires a commitment by residents to provide the necessary infrastructure.

Residents should not be influenced by the argument that the proposed deck will benefit only downtown property owners and merchants. Sure, they may be the direct beneficiaries if increased parking capacity enhances business, but good business for our merchants is good news for all of us. Profitability encourages re-investment and property improvements, which, in turn, result in higher commercial property tax rates. This lessens the burden on residential property owners.

Investment in our community is just as important as investment in our individual homes.

Similarly, in my view, acquiring an existing commercial property and bulldozing it into a new surface lot, as some have suggested, would be counterproductive in terms of enhancing commercial property tax rates.

Parking revenues will pay for the parking structure. Again, do not be misled by those who argue that the town will be paying an exorbitant price for the number of new parking spaces added. The proposed parking deck is only one element of a comprehensive plan that will make our entire commuter and downtown employee/shopper parking system more rational and efficient. We will be able to re-allocate parking spaces adjacent to the train station on North Avenue to commuter parking, thereby shortening the commuter permit waiting list. Longer-term downtown parkers will be forced into the new deck, freeing up prime surface lot spots for shoppers. The revamped parking system, coupled with periodic parking fee increases and new parking meter technology, are the foundation of financial projections that demonstrate that the new parking system may pay for itself, and may actually be profitable! I agree with several of my council colleagues that certain elements of the financial plan warrant further discussion; however, I am satisfied that the assumptions underlying the financial projections were developed very conservatively and are sound.

The new parking deck is responsible development. The proposed parking deck is the result of exhaustive analyses of parking needs, potential solutions and public comment over a period of many years. In developing the plan that includes the parking deck, the mayor and Town Council have listened to criticisms and myriad suggestions made by residents. The choices that have been made in terms of location, size, number of additional parking spaces, ancillary development and potential traffic impact are the product of deliberations by citizens' advisory groups, advice from professionals and probably hundreds of hours of discussion among council members and residents.

New residential condominiums on Prospect Street intended to appeal to empty-nesters and new retail space on Elm Street will mask the parking structure in a manner that will enhance the aesthetic appearance of downtown and provide an ancillary source of construction funding.

In addition, the restructuring of our parking system around a new deck should alleviate the traffic congestion caused by individuals circling the streets downtown in search of parking spaces. Sure, there will always be traffic jams at peak hours. However, that is a small price to pay in order to maintain a robust downtown. Moreover, I do not believe that a robust downtown sacrifices child safety in nearby residential neighborhoods.

Let's end the decades' old debate about parking in Westfield and finally do something.

Departed councilman endorses his successor

To The Record-Press:

As many of you know, I chose to resign from the Fanwood Borough Council earlier this year due to professional obligations. I am, however, still concerned with the future of Fanwood. For this reason I ask you to join me in supporting my replacement, Joe Higgins, for a three-year term as councilman.

For those of you who don't know Joe, I can assure you that he is an honest, hardworking individual. He served on the Planning Board and currently is chairman of the Downtown Advisory Committee.

His professional credentials as a New Jersey land use and site planner for 32 years, and his work for NJ Transit, speak for themselves. I cannot imagine a more qualified leader to help guide Fanwood through the redevelopment process.

Joe Higgins is also dedicated to recreation. He was a minor

league baseball player and was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame. His son, Joe Jr., is the assistant baseball coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Joe and I have discussed strengthening the recreation programs in Fanwood to continue the positive work that the Recreation Commission does.

The Democratic majority on the council has held this year's taxes to a 1 percent increase, the lowest increase in recent memory. They have opened the downtown redevelopment project to the public with meaningful dialogues. The citizens of Fanwood — not an outside developer — will ultimately decide how they want the downtown to look.

Please join me in voting for Democrats Councilman Joe Higgins and Council President Kathy Mitchell on Nov. 2.

MICHAEL J. BRENNAN
Fanwood

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Just as pretty as a picture

Artist Stephen D'Amato sketches out a portrait of Caitlin Conroy, a Scotch Plains resident, on a sidewalk in Westfield Oct. 9. D'Amato was one of the many artists in town as part of the Westfield Art Association's Sidewalk Art Show and Sale.

Scotch Plains remains interested in TV upgrade

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council and the Board of Education remain interested in a joint upgrade to TV-34, local officials said.

In January, the Telvue Corporation presented a remotely-accessed online system to the council, and last month the school board received a similar demonstration. The company runs the system with automatically updating information such as weather reports or emergency information.

TV-34 is the township's community access channel and provides billboards advertising community-related events and other locally-produced content. The township and school board jointly

broadcast content on the cable-access channel.

According to Councilwoman Carolyn Sorge, school district officials expressed interest in the system after viewing the company's presentation. Currently, much of the content broadcast on TV-34 is generated on antiquated equipment such as a Commodore Amiga, which dates back to 1990.

Telvue officials said the visually enhanced multimedia system carries a startup cost of about \$12,000 and would have a monthly operating cost of between \$250 and \$1,000, depending on the level of sophistication the township might choose.

While Sorge said both govern-

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— Carolyn Sorge

ing bodies are interested in collaborating on the upgrade, she said no formal decision on the issue has been made and no immediate meetings are scheduled on the matter.

"Right now we have many other issues pending, and we're just in the discussion phase,"

Sorge said. "We're waiting for the board to get back to us."

Sorge added that Bob Merkle, who heads TV-34's all-volunteer crew, will also be involved in evaluating the Telvue system.

"The TV station is a resource we should enhance because so many people use it," she said.

"There's so much more that could be done (with the station)," she continued. "We're hoping by the end of the year we can make a decision as to whether to go forward or not."

This spring, the council allocated \$25,000 to upgrade equipment for TV-34. The township's 2004 operating budget does not include funding for the Telvue system.

Y hosts talk on environmental issues

WESTFIELD — As the second program in a year-long environmental education series, Laurel Kearns, associate professor of religion and environmental studies at Drew University, offered tips on being environmentally aware at a Lunch & Learn presentation Oct. 13 at the Westfield Area YMCA.

Kearns spoke about the issue of global warming and environmental awareness and the small things individuals can do to preserve the earth for future generations. She spoke about switching standard watt bulbs to compact fluorescents, buying energy-efficient appliances and the harmful effects of SUVs compared to energy-efficient new hybrid cars.

The Y's monthly Lunch &

Learn events are designed for adults to meet others and participate in stimulating discussion at lunchtime. All Lunch & Learns are free and open to the public. Participants bring their own bag lunch and enough dessert for about 5 people.

The third event in the environmental education series is a three-day trip to the Catskill Mountains from Nov. 10-12. Participants will be involved in both classroom and outdoor environmental education projects at the Straus Center for Adult Education.

For more information on the environmental education series, or for details about the trip, call MaryAnn McCormick at (908) 966-9344.



LAUREL KEARNS

This week

FRIDAY

OCT. 22

FINE ART AUCTION — to benefit the Resolve Community Counseling Center. 7 p.m., sales begin at 8. All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-9180.

CANDIDATES FORUM — the candidates for county office square off, as do candidates for Scotch Plains Township Council. County forum is 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford municipal building, 8 Springfield Ave. Scotch Plains is 8 p.m. at the Scotch Plains municipal building on Park Avenue.

SATURDAY

OCT. 23

RED RIBBON DRUG AWARENESS DAY — commemorating the lives of those lost fighting drug abuse, featuring wide array of kids' entertainment. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nomahegan Park, Cranford. (732) 381-4100.

ECUMENICAL TRAINING EVENT — presented by church leaders and hosted by the First United Methodist Church. First of two workshops begins at 9:30 a.m. 1 East Broad St., Westfield. \$12. More information available at the church.

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION — county residents can dispose of household waste and car tires. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot at Warinanco Park skating center, off Thompson Avenue in Roselle. (908) 654-9889.

STOP THE TRAIN RALLY — opponents of the re-activation of the Rahway Valley and Staten Island railroads plan a demonstration. Noon. Mountain Avenue in Springfield, outside the firehouse. For more, e-mail stopthetrain@comcast.net.

HALLOWEEN PARTY — for kids, hosted by All Saints' Episcopal Church. 7-9:30 p.m. 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. \$3 adults, \$2 children. (908) 322-8047.

SUNDAY

OCT. 24

TRICKY TRAY GIFT AUCTION — third annual event to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League. Donations are now being accepted; call Melissa Taveras at (908) 709-1800, ext. 115.

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER — Cranford Clergy Council's 30th annual event begins 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at Walnut and Lincoln avenues. For more information, contact a local house of worship.

MONDAY

OCT. 25

OPERATION BOOK DROP-OFF — Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will collect book donations for next April's sale. 9 a.m.-noon at the library, East Broad Street.

TUESDAY

OCT. 26

TZFAF — a lecture on the Jewish holy city, at the Union County Torah Center. 8 p.m. 418 Central Ave., Westfield. \$10. To register, call (908) 789-5252.

WEDNESDAY

OCT. 27

PRESENTATION ON THE REEVE HOUSE — Historic

preservation architect Margaret Westfield present her report to the Westfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, East Broad Street.

THURSDAY

OCT. 28

NETWORKING BREAKFAST — hosted by the United Way of Greater Union County's Women's Leadership Initiative. 8-10 a.m. Galloping Hill Inn, Union. \$30. (908) 353-7171, ext. 117.

SATURDAY

OCT. 30

ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE — to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by St. Anne's Church, Garwood. \$30 per person includes box meal and bus transportation. (908) 789-0414.

SUNDAY

OCT. 31

FALL FEST — free family fun at Terrill Road Baptist Church. 3-6 p.m. 1340 Terrill Rd., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-7151.

MEET-AND-EAT BRUNCH — hosted by the Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+. 11:30 a.m. Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard and South 31st Street, Kenilworth.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST — annual event of the Westfield Y Men's Club. Begins 12:45 p.m. Elm Street Field, Westfield. For more, contact the Westfield Area YMCA.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC BOOK SALE — annual event at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad St., Westfield. Begins 1 p.m. Oct. 31, continues through Nov. 2. Donations accepted Oct. 22-30 at the Parish Hall on Euclid Avenue. 908-232-8506, ext. 10.

COVENANT PLAYERS — a performance by the Christian drama group at First Baptist Church during morning services. 170 Elm St., Westfield. (908) 233-2278.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — hosted by the Scotch Plains Lions Club. 8 a.m.-noon. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains. \$5. (908) 753-8218.

COMING UP

FAITH IN WESTFIELD AWARDS DINNER — annual event presented by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Nov. 1. For more information, (908) 233-3021.

MARLENE ROTH YOUNG CAMPAIGN DINNER — hosted by the Roselle-Cranford Chapter of Hadassah. 6:15 p.m. Nov. 9. Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. \$40.

UMBRELLA GALA — black-tie event to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital. Nov. 13. Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, New York City. Sponsorships and tickets available, call (908) 301-5463.

JEWISH PRESENCE ON BROADWAY — a program led by Herbert Golub about some of Broadway's great composers. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. \$10, \$5 over age 60. Register by Nov. 5 at (908) 889-8800, ext. 207.

VENDOR SALE — sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 27. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. Tables available for \$35; contact Jessi@worldnet.att.net by Oct. 25.

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Community Life

Briefs

Lions Club breakfast is set at Scotch Hills

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Lions Club will host its "More Than a Lion's Pancake Breakfast" 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 31 at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue.

The menu will feature pancakes, sausage, ham and eggs, juice and coffee.

Admission is \$5 for adults; children under 6 admitted free of charge.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from a Lions Club member. For more information, contact the pancake breakfast chairman Ron Kelly at (908) 753-8218.

Halloween party at All Saints' Church

SCOTCH PLAINS — All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Ave., will host a Halloween party for area children and the young at heart at 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

There will be refreshments and prizes awarded for costumes in various categories, plus plenty of Halloween fun and games.

For more information call the church office at (908) 322-8047. The event is open to the public.

Talk focuses on Jewish presence on Broadway

SCOTCH PLAINS — What do *Carousel*, *Gypsy*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Annie Get Your Gun* have in common? What do Leonard Bernstein, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Irving Berlin and Stephen Sondheim have in common?

Come to "The Jewish Presence on Broadway" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., to find out. This educational program will focus on the influences and contributions of Jewish composers and lyricists on the Broadway stage.

The evening will be moderated by Herbert Golub and will include a lively discussion, musical examples, anecdotes and more.

Golub has been active in the New Jersey musical community for more than 40 years. He recently retired after a 38-year tenure at Kean University. He formed the music major program at Kean, where he served as department chairman, developed a classical concert series and was selected "Teacher of the Year" by his students.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music education at New York University and completed post-graduate work at Indiana University.

Coffee and dessert will be served. The program is designed for adults of all ages.

Registration is required by Nov. 5. For more information, contact Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800, ext. 207. The fee is \$10, or \$5 for those over age 60.

Covenant Players headed to local church

WESTFIELD — On Oct. 31, the Christian drama group Covenant Players will perform a number of plays at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St.

Two of the players will lead the middle school and high school Sunday school classes at 9:15 a.m. During the 10:20 a.m. worship service, the group will present a sermon in drama, focusing on stewardship of resources. After worship, they will present on the theme of masks and true identity at a church-wide luncheon.

During the luncheon, grade school children will make a Halloween craft and adults will hear from Rev. Dee Dee Turlington on "Halloween Unmasked," a look at the history and meaning of the holiday.

The Covenant Players is a repertory company founded by playwright Charles M. Tanner in 1963. Players draw on more than 3,000 original plays to add the excitement of drama to church settings.

More than 60 touring units perform throughout the world, each of them challenging people to take a closer look at the practice of their faith.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the church office at (908) 233-2278 or firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Korean War Memorial to be dedicated Nov. 11

WESTFIELD — The dedication of the town's new Korean War Memorial will be held at noon on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, at the intersection of North Avenue and East Broad Street.

"It makes me very proud to be able to complete this tribute to the 'forgotten' heroes of the Korean War as the culmination of my Boy Scout Eagle Service Project," said Kevin Devaney, the driving force behind the memorial. "Since I was 12 years old, I have been an ardent student of our nation's military history. My dream is to be able to join the ranks of soldiers who have dedicated their lives to service of their country by earning an appointment to the Military Academy at West Point."

Devaney is a junior at Westfield High School and a Boy Scout with Westfield Presbyterian Church's Troop 72. Part of the requirement to attain Eagle rank is to select and complete a project that will benefit the community and provide an opportunity to show leadership and organizational skills. Devaney chose to build a memorial.

One of the most challenging aspects of the project was developing the list of names of soldiers from Westfield who gave their lives in the Korean War. No level of government has ever compiled a complete list.

Devaney found three Westfield men

who died in Korea: Army Pfc. Richard R. Wilson was reported missing on Dec. 15, 1950, and was later announced to have died; Marine Pfc. Griswold M. Hill was killed in action on March 1, 1951; and Army Lt. Charles A. Lipphardt was killed in action on Jan. 13, 1951. All three men are memorialized on the monument.

The centerpiece to the memorial is the monument, which includes an inscription honoring all those who served, in addition to the list of the names of the Westfield residents who died. Devaney's design for the granite stone also includes a cutout in the shape of the Korean peninsula.

The monument stands six feet tall, three feet wide and one foot deep, and is surrounded by a bluestone terrace and garden area, with seating. A multi-tiered pathway will be used to approach from the street level, also bordered with gardens. The entire site will be lit from dusk to dawn.

According to Devaney, "One of the highlights of the project has been to be able to meet and talk with veterans. With the assistance of my brother, Sean, a film student at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, we have created a documentary that features some of the veterans' memories and personal experiences of this

period." The film is due to air on Westfield's TV-36.

Many local businesses and organizations have helped make this project a reality; a full list is available at www.westfieldtoday.com/devaney or www.westfieldnj.net.

The Westfield Historical Society has established an account to accept tax-deductible donations toward building the memorial. To date, local businesses and the town government have donated more than \$30,000 in goods and services. Family, friends, and community members have contributed more than \$5,500. With an additional \$1,500, payment for the site will be complete.

The Westfield Historical Society is also in the process of moving into a permanent location and will be adding information about Korean veterans' lives to their collection. The information that has been shared with Devaney will be contributed to the society to assist in establishing a legacy in honor and memory of local heroes.

"I am attempting to learn about the current location of family members of the three men from Westfield who died in the war," added Devaney. "It would be wonderful if I could let them know of the memorial and have the United States Office of Veterans Affairs Korean War Medal presented to them."



The Korean War Memorial created by Westfield Boy Scout Kevin Devaney will be dedicated on Veterans Day.

Pedaling towards progress

The Rotary Club of Westfield on Saturday hosted its annual collection to used bicycles to benefit Pedals for Progress at the Board of Education offices. Residents donated bicycles, along with funds and their volunteer labor, so that the bikes might be retrofitted and distributed in developing countries. In places such as Latin America, Africa and the South Pacific where cars are less common, a bicycle can provide reliable transportation and open up new employment and trade opportunities. At right, two volunteers work to make sure a bike is in usable condition. Below, Christopher Swingle pulls out his wrench to make sure a bike is in tip-top shape.



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Kolterjahn named recipient of Rotary's Humanitarian Award

WESTFIELD — The Rotary Club of Westfield has named Marilyn Kolterjahn, a 50-year town resident and community volunteer, as its recipient of the 18th annual Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian Award.

Referring to Kolterjahn in his announcement, club President Douglas M. Fasciale said, "She is a model volunteer who, through her numerous and tireless service, has nurtured the quality of life in Westfield and furthered the cause of rehabilitation medicine for children throughout the state."

Kolterjahn will be presented with the Humanitarian Award by Fasciale at a black-tie dinner hosted by Westfield Rotary Nov. 10 at Echo Lake Country Club.

Kenneth Ciarrocca, President of Westfield Rotary Foundation, will convey to her a Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary International. The award memorializes Charles Bailey, who was a Rotarian and a mayor of Westfield.

Tributes to Kolterjahn during the dinner will be delivered by Rev. Victoria Ney, associate pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield; Carol Ann Wilson, assistant director of Westfield Memorial Library; Amy Mansue, president/CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital; and the Rev. Elmer A. Talcott.

Born in Derry, Pa., Kolterjahn, who goes by the name Lynn, received her bachelor's degree in music from Westminster College, where she met husband, Paul Kolterjahn. The couple moved to Westfield in 1954 and raised two sons here.

Kolterjahn's first experience with volunteerism in Westfield was as a member of the Newcomer's Club. She soon became

active in the Jefferson School PTO and was elected its president. She eventually progressed to town-wide involvement as president of the Parent-Teacher Council. She also boosted her sons' activities as a Cub Scout den mother and was an active volunteer for youth basketball, baseball and football leagues.

She was a founder of Westfield's Youth Employment Service (YES) and was president of the now-defunct Westfield Hospital Association, which raised funds through direct mail solicitation for Overlook, Rahway and Muhlenberg Hospitals.

As a member of the Presbyterian Church, Kolterjahn became involved as a Sunday School teacher and used her music training as director of the adult and young people's Handbell Choirs. She is currently an elder at the Presbyterian Church and a member of its Session Board. She volunteers in the church office and is a co-moderator of the Session Worship Commission, a wedding hostess and a co-facilitator of the Parkinson's Disease Support Group.

Kolterjahn was a charter member of the Friends of Westfield Memorial Library in 1974. As president of the library's board, her late husband was instrumental in getting a public referendum passed to build the new library and organized the associated fund raising effort. She was also integrally involved in these initiatives and currently remains a member of the library board as well as the Friends' board.

In 1976 Kolterjahn was invited to join the auxiliary to the board of trustees of Children's Specialized Hospital and began volunteering as a pre-school recreation assistant and member of the Motor Corps. She has now completed more than 30 years as a volunteer in the hospital's Linen Room, stocking carts with bed linen to be transported daily to patients' rooms.

She was elected to the hospital's board of trustees and served a term as its vice president and co-chaired the annual Umbrella Ball with her husband. Currently she is an honorary hospital trustee and an active trustee of the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, the hospital's fundraising entity. She continues to be an active member of the auxiliary board.

The Kolterjahns instilled in their children a strong commitment to volunteerism. Sons Paul and Donald and their children are heavily involved in the various initiatives of Children's Specialized Hospital and other community-based organizations.

According to Rotary vice president Nancy Jackson, "Lynn Kolterjahn typifies so many women in Westfield who volunteer at all levels to the great benefit of our community. She is highly effective in every role she assumes. Anyone who ever worked with her has the deepest admiration and respect for her. She is always willing to cheerfully pass along her knowledge, is receptive to new ideas and is a trusted advisor and champion for the efforts of others."

Residents wishing to attend the Humanitarian Award Dinner should call the office of Douglas Fasciale at (908) 232-9944.

"Anyone who ever worked with (Lynn Kolterjahn) has the deepest admiration and respect for her."

— Nancy Jackson

Two authors visit local book store

WESTFIELD — This weekend, The Town Book Store of Westfield will host a pair of book signings.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, local author Karl Heinze will be in the store to promote his book, *Baltic Sagas: Events and Personalities That Changed the World*. Marauding Vikings, armored knights, tears and empresses, rockets and Communism are all part of the heritage of the Baltic. The book includes tales of strong-willed men and women,

courage, love, murder, greed, seduction and intrigue — every human vice and virtue.

Then, from 2 - 4 p.m., New Jersey author Lisa Hamilton will be in the store to sign copies of her new book, *Down Boy! A Girl's Guide to Housebreaking a Man*. This tongue-in-cheek guide to breaking in a new boyfriend is a comprehensive manual that covers the finer points of finding a boyfriend, the major boyfriend groups and breeds (sporting, hound, working, terrier, toy); how to identify them

and choose the one that best fits your needs and lifestyle; and guidelines for first dates and bonding with a new boyfriend. It also explores the types of training behavior and how to determine when he's ready to go "off-leash," with tips for taking him out. The book is enhanced with quizzes, charts, and (fictitious) advice from Elizabeth Taylor, the only woman known to have married a man from each "breed."

For more information, call the Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.

'Movie Palace' series continues at County Arts Center

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway will celebrate the Halloween weekend with a series of classic horror movies.

At 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29, the Arts Center presents a double feature movie event featuring MGM's "Forbidden Planet" and "Earth vs. The Flying Saucers."

"Forbidden Planet" (1956) stars Leslie Nielsen, Walter Pidgeon and Anne Francis and is presented in CinemaScope wide screen.

"Earth vs. The Flying Saucers" (1956) stars Hugh Marlowe and Joan Taylor and will start at approximately 9:40 p.m.

In 1933, New Jersey became host to the first ever drive-in in the country. This show will honor the memory of the drive-in theatre by recreating the "drive-in experience" with vintage drive-in intermission reels, movie trailers and cartoons shown throughout the evening. On display in the lobby for the weekend will be movie memorabilia including rare, one-of-a-kind movie posters of "Forbidden Planet."

Then, at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 30, the Arts Center and co-sponsor Garden State Theatre Organ Society will present F.W. Murnau's "Nosferatu" (1922), a silent film with music accompaniment by Bernie Anderson Jr. on the Art Center's original Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ.

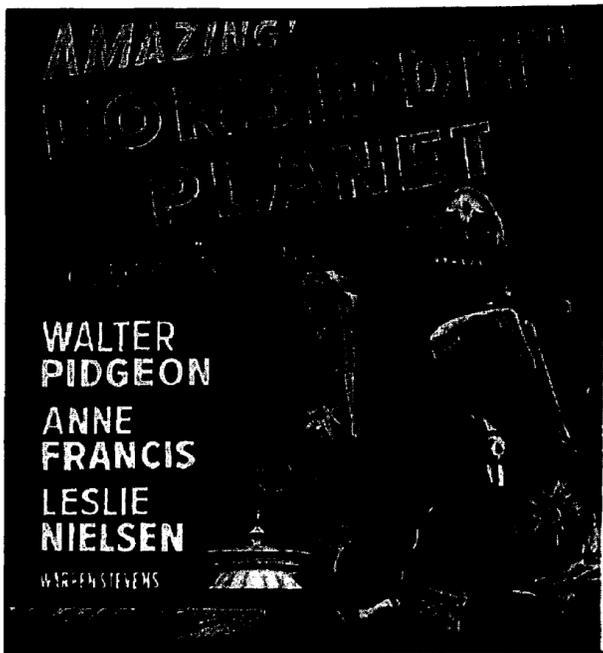
At 8 p.m. Oct. 30, the screen will feature a true Halloween treat with the showing of "Abbott & Costello meet Frankenstein" (1948) starring Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Lon Chaney Jr. as the Wolfman, Bela Lugosi as Dracula and Glen Strange as Frankenstein. The show will fea-

ture a Three Stooges comedy short and vintage movie trailers. Audience members are encouraged to arrive early to hear the Wurlitzer pipe organ played a half hour before the show.

These films are all part of The Union County Arts Center's Movie Palace Experience Film Series, a recreation of the movie going experience that Americans grew up with from the 1920s through the 1950s. From the restored auditorium to the restored Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ played before each movie, The Union County Arts Center is the only theatre in New Jersey that recreates every detail of a bygone era. Included in each program are vintage movie trailers and short subjects, some that audiences haven't seen in 50 to 60 years. All films are in 35-mm format and are presented in their original aspect ratio.

Tickets prices are \$5 for all seats and may be purchased by phone at (732) 499-8226, on-line by visiting www.uac.org/MoviePalace, or in person at the Union County Arts Center box office, located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. Group discounts are available, as is handicapped accessible seating.

The Union County Arts Center is located two blocks from the New Jersey Transit train station and is in walking distance of local restaurants. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, RSI and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts/Department of State.



"Forbidden Planet" will be screened as part of an Oct. 29 double bill at the Union County Arts Center. "Abbott & Costello meet Frankenstein" will be shown the following night.



Diane Moser Trio is headed to Rahway Arts Guild Nov. 12

The Seventh Season Jazz Series at the Arts Guild of Rahway continues Nov. 12 with composer/pianist Diane Moser. Tickets are now on sale daily at the Guild. Advance sale tickets are \$14; the admission fee at the door will be \$16.

Moser has been a featured performer and composer throughout the U.S. since 1972 with jazz ensembles, big bands, orchestras, chamber groups, dance and theater companies. Since 1997 she has been the musical director/contributing composer and pianist for Diane Moser's Composers Big Band. She also leads a quintet and was recently awarded a grant to compose a piece for her quintet based on James Thurber's children's book, "The Last Flower."

Moser has performed with Gerry Hemingway, Charles McPherson, Jim French, Yale Strom's Hot Pastrami, and many others.

The Diane Moser Trio made its debut at the Towaco Jazz and Blues Festival (2002) and as featured artists for the 2002 birthday celebration of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Most recently the trio has appeared at the Spring Jazz Series at the Baird Center in South Orange and Trumpets Jazz Club in Montclair.

Andy Elau (bass) holds a master's in doublebass performance from North Texas University and has performed with Ron Affif, the Village Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Ray Barretto, Bill Charlap, and others.

Scott Neumann (drums) brings a wide range of music experiences to this trio. His touring credits include Tony Trishka's Jazz Mandolin Project, Brother Jack McDuff, the Woody Hermann Orchestra, the Jazz Composers Collective and more.

There are three concerts to follow in the series in February, April and May; multiple concert ticket prices are also available at special rates.

Call (732) 381-7511 for tickets. For further information visit www.rahwayartsguild.org or e-mail the Guild at artsguild16702earthlink.net.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit multidisciplinary center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. Besides the jazz series, the Guild presents an on-going series of art exhibits, multi-week sessions of art classes for adults and children, special one-day workshops and a variety of other arts related activities.

Moser has been a featured performer and composer throughout the U.S. since 1972 with jazz ensembles, big bands, orchestras, chamber groups, dance and theater companies.

New exhibit opens Sunday at Diversity

Longenbach, Sternesky featured again at Clark gallery

Diversity Art Gallery in Clark presents a new exhibit, "Water Escapes," with a welcome reception from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

"Water Escapes" presents artists who seek to visually portray the beauty of water environments and how people enjoy water's tranquility. More than 60 artworks are featured in the exhibit.

"Water Escapes" is artist Burton W. Longenbach's fourth exhibit at Diversity Art Gallery — he was previously shown for "Watercolor Styles," "Flora & Fauna" and "Vacation Dreams". Longenbach, a Clark resident, has undertaken a full painting schedule and professional exhibition participation since 1989He

has been the recipient of more than 100 awards and commendations, including the Nummie Warga Memorial Best in Show Award; Kaytes Memorial Award; Charles Austin Memorial Award; Gibbons Memorial Award; and Artists Magazine Award. Longenbach is a member of the N.J. Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, Hudson Valley Art Association, Westfield Art Association and the Millburn-Short Hills Arts Center, among others.

Artist Ray Sternesky, being shown for the third time at Diversity, maintains studios in Asbury Park and Englewood. He is trained in both advertising and fine art, having studied at

the Brooklyn Museum School of Art, Salmagundi Club in New York City, and the Ridgewood Barn Art in Ridgewood. He focuses on watercolors and light in his current paintings.

Sternesky has won several "Best in Show" for his works, one of which has been published in the Bergen Record Travel Section. Sternesky has given the rights to the Asbury Historical Society for the use of his painting of the Asbury Carousel for fund-raising purposes. His work now concentrates on the Jersey Shore, where he currently resides.

Ralph Garafola, who is new to Diversity Art Gallery, is originally from the Brooklyn area and now paints in his Warren studio. Garafola's talent was discovered when he was a young child and he began sketching his grandfather's navy stories from the 1890s. With his talent recognized at an early age, he received mentoring throughout his school years, which led to a decision to become an artist. He began studies at Education Alliance for Artists in Manhattan, and continued at the Art Students League of NY, where he served

as assistant of the instructor and commissioner of art for New York City.

Garafola has more than 40 years experience as an artist, and frequently travels throughout Italy and France researching potential painting scenes and studying the works of the old masters.

Jan Bogdanski is a photographer from Colonia. His interest in the medium began when he was 14 years old; his education in art came from home through his father, an able instructor. Jan later graduated from Clark University at Worcester, Mass. He likes to focus his work within Rahway Park, where he is able to capture many inspiring subjects.

"Water Escapes" will run through Dec. 26. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Regular gallery hours are Sundays from 1-3 p.m., with special tours for individuals, schools and organizations also available by appointment.

Diversity Art Gallery is located on the Clark circle off Exit 135 of Garden State Parkway. The address is 4 Valley Rd., Clark. Call (732) 574-1479, email diversityart@aol.com or visit www.ucbc.net for more information.



Dr. Thomas Connors is the new maestro of the Westfield Community Band.

Connors takes over at head of Wf. band

Barry Rosenberg, president of the Westfield Community Band, recently announced the beginning of a new era with the Westfield Community Band. "After 25 years of dedication to the Westfield Community, Elias J. Zareva has stepped down from his post as maestro of the Westfield Community Band," Rosenberg said.

The band has selected Dr. Thomas Connors, director of instrumental music studies and assistant professor of music education at Kean University for the past five years, to pick up the baton as maestro of the Westfield Community Band.

Connors, a husband and father with four children, is a resident of Washington, N.J. He holds a master's in conducting and wind literature from the New England Conservatory and a Ph.D. in music education from Florida State University.

Connors learned of the opening from members he has performed with in other ensembles. He noted the appeal of working with the group is the dedication of its performers. "Members of this band are coming off planes from business trips, trains from

the city and balancing the needs of their job and family, yet they choose to come to rehearsal every week for their love of music."

Connors said he hopes to "continue to challenge the band both musically and intellectually and to stretch the ears of its musicians and audience members in the music we perform."

Moving forward, he hopes to create different venues over time for the band to perform in addition to their traditional holiday concert and summer concerts in the park. As part of the band's dedication to music, he hopes to do further outreach with music in the schools in Westfield.

The Westfield Community Band is seeking members of the community with experience in performing on the oboe and bassoon as well as alternates for other positions within the band.

The Westfield Community Band is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, which is directed by Bruce Kaufmann. For further information about the band, please contact the department (908) 789-4080.

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The Discontented Housewife premieres Sunday in Plainfield

The world premiere of *The Discontented Housewife*, by New Jersey composer James Holland, will be presented by the New Jersey Concert Opera at 3 p.m. Sunday at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield.

The concert is the first of the 2004-2005 Crescent Concert Series. It will also include the one-act opera *Suor Angelica* by Giacomo Puccini.

It was in June that the New Jersey Concert Opera expressed interest in Holland's one-act operatic farce, *The Discontented Housewife*, according to Olive Lynch, founder of the group. Coloratura Colleen McGrath was chosen to premiere the leading role of Margaret, the oppressed housewife, and baritone Charles Schneider was cast in the role of Harold, her overbearing husband.

"*The Discontented Housewife* is total mayhem between two people whose

worlds are very small," says Holland. "What else does one do when taken for granted in a relationship that has grown routine?" It's a battle of the sexes, he said — "It's more like power, domination and the pure thrill of ordering others around."

Composer James Nathaniel Holland, a resident of Bloomfield, originally hails from rural Indiana. At age 10, Holland composed his first musical piece, and at age 11, he was published in a regional literary journal, beginning a life-long love affair with music and the arts.

After attending the Interlochen National Music Camp in Michigan, Holland entered DePauw University's music program. There he performed, wrote, directed, and produced works for piano, choir, voice, and the stage. In 1986, his first musical play was selected for main stage production at DePauw. His studies concluded with

music instruction in Vienna and Indiana University.

After his formal education, he went on to perform in two off-Broadway productions in New York. Then it was off to Los Angeles to pursue a film career, then Miami and back to L.A. Eventually, he went as far as Haiti, where he became enchanted with Haitian music and culture. At other times he was a lounge singer, a professional choral conductor, a soloist, an actor, and at the other end of the spectrum, a fundraiser, refugee volunteer, and Peace Corps trainee.

"No matter what I was doing then, composition was always in the picture. This was a time of exploration for me."

In 2002, Holland was one of the first composers selected to participate in an innovative project sponsored by the American Music Center, NewMusicJukebox. This new website is a virtual on-line library where the gen-

eral public can peruse the works of contemporary composers such as Holland.

In May 2004 a collection of his "Shakespeare Sonnets" for baritone was featured at the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus fundraising extravaganza at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

Planting his feet in the New York City area for now, Holland spends his time busily writing new operas, recording his music with notable artists, and writing incidental music for theatrical productions, produced here and in other cities. He has just completed his second full-length work, "Menkaure," an opera buffa about a woman who falls madly in love with a statue at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The second work to be presented on Sunday's program will be Puccini's "Suor Angelica," a tragic tale of a noblewoman sent to a convent after

bearing an illegitimate son, who, hearing that he has died, commits suicide. The featured artist will be Plainfield soprano Sheila Jackson.

Jackson studied at The Curtis Institute with Todd Duncan, the original Porgy in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. She has appeared with the Houston Grand Opera and New York City Opera. Recently, she was a guest artist for the United Nations and performed with jazz artists Barry Harris and Philip Bingham at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Jackson just finished a tour and recording session in California.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors and \$5 for students) and may be purchased at the door. There is ample parking adjacent to the church. The Sanctuary is handicapped-accessible. For concert information, call the Crescent Avenue Church office at (908) 756-2468 daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Music and the Mind conference is tonight

"If I ever need psychiatric help," famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma once said to a concert audience at the Harvard Club in New York, "Ricky's the one." Ma was speaking about Dr. Richard Kogan, a friend of the cellist who makes up one-third of an informal musical trio that has performed together since the members' undergraduate days.

Kogan, a pianist and psychiatrist, will be featured at an interactive day-long conference in Elizabeth for mental health and social service providers, educators, caregivers, and artists.

"Music and the Mind: An Arts & Well-Being Initiative" will take place 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. tonight at the Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Spring St. (Route 1), Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the Union County Board of Freeholders.

Pre-registration is required. Students should send a copy of their school I.D. and pay \$45 per person, which includes Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. Registration on the day of the conference is \$75.

"Leaders from Artgenesis, Music for All Seasons, and the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will demonstrate ways

to use music as a wellness tool," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Rick Proctor. "When words fail, music communicates."

The morning keynote presenter is Kathleen Gaffney, winner of the first U.S. Department of Education John Stanford Education Heroes Award. She is a respected leader in the field of arts education. A co-founder of Artgenesis, an arts-in-education organization that ignites creativity and accelerates learning, Gaffney speaks nationally on the role of arts and healing, multiple intelligences, and differentiated learning.

The afternoon keynote presenter, Kogan, has a distinguished career as both a psychiatrist and concert pianist. He has been praised for his "exquisite, eloquent and compelling playing" by the New York Times. The *Boston Globe* wrote, "Kogan has somehow managed to excel at the world's two most demanding professions."

Kogan has been a frequent chamber music collaborator with Yo-Yo Ma. His lecture/performance will explore how the relationship between the medical and psychiatric issues of George Gershwin influenced his creative output.

The conference features five workshop sessions: "Music and Aging," "Music Healing Trauma," "Music Reaching Special Needs



Dr. Richard Kogan, a collaborator of the cellist Yo-Yo Ma, will be the keynote speaker at tonight's conference on the arts and well-being.

Children," "Music and Schools," and "Music Enhancing Counseling."

There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in music and healing moderated by Robert Perry of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The panelists are: Michael J. Bzdak, director of corporate contributions at Johnson & Johnson; Nancy Marie Bride, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Union County; Daniela Mendelsohn, executive director of Artworks, the Naomi Cohain Foundation; and Robert

Morrison, founder and chairman of the Music for All Foundation.

Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the statewide arts and healing community. Attendees are encouraged to bring flyers and brochures to share at the resource table.

To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711. The e-mail address is culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Assistive services are available on request.

Ori's photographs on display in Union

Nancy Ori, an award-winning photographer and teacher, will hold her second show of photographs, "A Garden Journal," in the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Library on Morris Avenue.

The exhibit will include photos of Union County public and private gardens. A public reception will be held in the gallery from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 6.

Ori has received a number of Union County HEART grants for photographic and video projects during her worldwide travels with her camera over the last six years, but has discovered that there are wonderful sites and images to share in her own backyard. The previous subjects covered by the Union County grants included an exhibit of the Union County Park System, a historic book of Union County, an exhibit of historic photographs of Union County, an exhibit of women in history of Union County, and now Union County gardens.

Ansel Adams was Ori's long-time mentor and teacher. Now she expertly expresses her own interpretation of landscape and architecture. Her newer photos include historical sites in Europe; Frederick Law Olmstead's park designs in New Jersey; black and white panoramic photos of landscapes and architecture in the Southwest; and scenes of Cape May, using various innovative photographic techniques in black and white and color.

She is a video producer for the New Jersey Media Center in Berkeley Heights and teaches workshops each year throughout the U.S. and Europe. She is also on the faculty of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Peters Valley Craft Education Center, The Morris Museum; and the



NANCY ORI

Watching Adult School. Each spring she holds photography workshops in Cape May.

Ori has published and exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the United States and Europe. Some of her many exhibits include: Palmer Museum, Springfield; Westminster Art Gallery, Bloomfield; Paper Mill Playhouse Gallery; Trenton City Museum; Newark Museum; Monmouth Museum; Bergen Museum of Art & Science; Liberty Science Center; Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, N.Y.; Salmagundi, New York City; Southern Light Gallery, Amarillo, Texas; Photo Gallery 2D, Chicago Heights, Ill; and the Sacramento Valley Photographic Art Center, Sacramento. She is also in many permanent art collections.

The gallery is open during regular library hours, Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library at (908) 851-5450.

Kean announces a new theater initiative

Kean University recently announced the creation of Premiere Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association (AEA) theatre program. Premiere Stages is also intended to serve a culturally diverse audience, children-at-risk, and a broad pool of artists.

"President Daewood Farahi has made the arts at Kean University a high priority and is committed to making the campus 'the cultural hub for the region,'" said John Wooten, producing artistic director of Premiere Stages, who recently resigned from his post as artistic director of TheatreFest at Montclair State University to

lead the new program at Kean. "The University features five theatre spaces that are ideal for the initiatives Premiere Stages will implement. I look forward to working with the administration, faculty, students, and staff at Kean University to support President Farahi's inspired commitment to the arts experience."

Premiere Stages features four projects designed to nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts, attract high profile artists to the institution and provide a forum for the development of new plays.

The Premiere Stages Play

Festival will present the work of emerging dramatists living in the area through readings, workshops, and fully produced world-premiere productions. The remaining initiatives include Premiere Artists, featuring high-profile, celebrity artists who will participate in a one-day residency on campus; the Premiere Play Factory, which offers various school and summer initiatives for children K-12; and the Premiere Intern Program, which will partner Kean students with professional actors, writers, directors, and designers.

For the first time in Kean's history, students will have full

access to an AEA theatre program on campus. "The theatre faculty, students, and I couldn't be more delighted to welcome John Wooten and Premiere Stages to Kean University," said Holly Logue, chair of the Department of Theatre.

Kean students should also benefit from the contacts and partnerships Premiere Stages cultivates as a full member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, school officials said.

For more information on Premiere Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call (908) 737-6397, ext. 4-4103 or send an email to jwooten@kean.edu.

'Little Foxes' is still at WCP

Lillian Hellman's drama "The Little Foxes" continues at the Westfield Community Players theater, located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield.

The show runs this Friday and Saturday and again Oct. 29-30, with single tickets at \$15 available from the box office at (908) 232-1221.

Directed by Joann Scanlon, Hellman's best-known play presents the Hubbard family of 1900 Alabama, who publicly display Southern gentility while hiding their cunning, unscrupulous nature. When \$80,000 in bearer bonds is found missing from the dying Horace's strong box, suspicion falls on his wife's family — Oscar, Leo and Ben.

As his wife Regina swears their innocence, she blackmails them into silence, or she will expose them for the thieves they are. As each member of the family attempts to out-wit the others, the lies and deceit poison the family homestead.

The show features Tom Hodge as the crusty Horace, Mark Szabo as Oscar, Paul Bettys as Leo, David Hoffman as Ben and Fred Cuozzo as Marshall. Their counterparts are Catherine Rowe as Regina, Lynn Langone as Birdie, Nena Jenkins as Addie and Megan Guinan as daughter Alexandra.

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George G. Woody III; Coca-Cola executive

SCOTCH PLAINS — George G. Woody III, a longtime executive with the Coca-Cola Co., died Oct. 14 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., at age 52.

He joined Coca-Cola in 1985 as vice president of marketing for its foods division in Houston, Texas. Mr. Woody later was vice president and general manager for the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of North Texas; area vice president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of New York; and vice president of community marketing for Coca-Cola Enterprises, Eastern Group.

Most recently he was group director of local operations and community marketing for Coca-Cola North America, based in Atlanta.

Mr. Woody was a marketing executive with General Foods Corp. and American Home Products Co. before joining Coca-Cola. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Brown University in 1974 and a master of business administration degree from Columbia University in 1976.

President of the Cascade Falls Homeowners Association in Atlanta, Mr. Woody was a director of the Apollo Theater

Foundation in Manhattan. He was active with Boy Scout Troop 58 in Roselle plus the Rev. Kelsey Boys Club and the Junior Choir at the Second Baptist Church, also in Roselle.

He was an elder of the Salem Bible Church in Atlanta and a former elder of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Woody was born in Rahway. He lived in Roselle Scotch Plains, New York City, Houston, Texas, Dallas, Texas, and Armonk, N.Y., before moving to Atlanta in 2001.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Michelle Oliver Woody; his father, George G. Jr.; two daughters, Lindsey and Kelsey; a son, Jason; two sisters, Carla Riemer and Leslie; two nieces and a nephew.

Services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church, Linden, and Wednesday at the Salem Bible Church.

Arrangements were by the Willie A. Watkins Funeral Home in Atlanta and, locally, by the G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle. Donations may be sent to E.K. Bailey Ministries Inc., P.O. Box 764679, Dallas, TX 75376-4679.

Edwin Aaron

FANWOOD — Edwin Aaron, 87, died Oct. 11, 2004 at the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System, East Orange Campus.

He was born in Elizabeth and had lived for more than 50 years in Cranford.

Mr. Aaron owned the Fanwood Pharmacy for more than 50 years until his retirement in 1998. A past president of the Union County Branch of the New Jersey Pharmacy Association, he also was a volunteer pharmacist at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

He was also a physics and chemistry instructor at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers

University. Mr. Aaron received a bachelor's degree from the Rutgers College of Pharmacy in 1939.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Clara; two sons, Dr. Richard and wife Francine of New York state and Dr. Mark and wife Hope of New York state; a daughter, Debra and husband Dr. Reed Moskowitz of New York state; a sister, Hannah Marcus; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Oct. 12 at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge. Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Michael Oliver

WESTFIELD — Michael J. Oliver, 59, died Oct. 14, 2004 at University Hospital in Newark.

Born Dec. 13, 1944 in Elizabeth, he was a son of the late Edward and Beatrice Cook Oliver.

Mr. Oliver lived in Westfield, Manasquan, High Bridge and Easton, Pa., before moving to Pohatcong in 1996. A general contractor, he owned the Asphalt and Sealing Co. in Pohatcong since 1984.

Surviving are his wife, Gina Broad Oliver; two sons, Blair of Fort Collins, Colo., and Mark of

Farmingdale; a daughter, Kristen Holmes of Farmingdale; a stepson, Joseph of Pohatcong; two brothers, Richard of Asbury and Samuel of Pattenburg; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. today at the Stanton Reformed Church, Route 629, Stanton.

Arrangements are by the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington. Donations may be sent to Nazareth Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 326, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Obituaries

Zane Gaut; physician, medical researcher

WESTFIELD — Zane N. Gaut, a physician, medical researcher and medical school professor, died Oct. 10, 2004 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan at age 75.

He was the former director of clinical research in endocrinology metabolism for Hoffman-La Roche Inc. in Nutley. Dr. Gaut spent 19 years with Hoffman-La Roche until he left the company in the mid-1980s.

He also was an assistant clinical professor at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; an assistant professor at the Tulane University medical school; and an assistant attending physician at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. He once was associated with hospitals in Newark and East Orange.

Dr. Gaut was a longtime referee editor for the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine. Most recently he was a consultant in the biomedical-pharmaceutical field.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics from Birmingham-Southern College in 1950, he earned his medical degree from the Tulane medical school in 1954 and a doctorate in biochemistry from Tulane in 1964. At Tulane he held a fellowship in internal medicine with a specialty in human nutrition and metabolism. He completed a rotating internship at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

The physician completed basic research courses in the use of

radioisotopes at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies in 1966. After graduating from the U.S. Naval School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Fla., he worked as a flight surgeon for General Dynamics Corp. in Fort Worth, Texas. He held the rank of lieutenant in the Navy.

Dr. Gaut was a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and a fellow of the Scientific Council of the International College of Angiology. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Diabetes Association, American Federation for Clinical Research, New Jersey Academy of Medicine and New York Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Gaut was born in Nauvoo, Ala. He lived in Hueytown, Ala., New Orleans, La., Nashville, Pensacola, Fort Worth and Westfield before moving to Warren in 1990.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Tarence Gaut; a daughter, Julie Gaut Boynton and husband Eric of Meadville, Pa.; two sons, Douglas T. of Dunellen and David N. and wife Linda of Bernardville; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Echo Lake Church of Christ.

Arrangements were by the Valley Memorial Funeral Home in Gillette. Donations may be sent to Leukemia Research, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27106, New York, NY 10087 or Timothy Hill Children's Ranch, 298 Middle Road, Riverhead, NY 11901.

Gary Sobov

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gary Edward Sobov, 43, died Oct. 13, 2004 at his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Sobov was born in Passaic. He lived in Scotch Plains, Englewood Cliffs and Florida before moving to Philadelphia in 1994.

Irene Felmy

FANWOOD — Irene Hannis Felmy, 82, died Oct. 17, 2004 at the Potomac Homes in Chester.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mrs. Felmy lived in Great Meadows and Fanwood before moving to Chester in 2000.

Her husband, William, died in 1999.

Surviving are a son, Bruce; a daughter, Gayle Urfer; a brother, William Hannis; two sisters,

He was in the real estate business for many years.

Surviving are his mother, Bryna; and a brother, Nathan.

Graveside services were held Sunday at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge. Arrangements were by the Goldstein Funeral Chapel in Edison.

Mary Knauer and Ruth Franz; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, where services will be 10 a.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge.

Donations may be sent to Trinity United Methodist Church Bell Choir, 213 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

United Way mourns loss of Dell Raudelunas

The United Way of Greater Union County is mourning the loss of Dell Raudelunas, who lost her battle with cancer on Oct. 12 at her home, surrounded by family and loved ones.

Raudelunas, whose name is synonymous with the United Way, was recognized throughout the state for her pioneering leadership in social services.

Raudelunas began her career at a time when there were few women in the workplace. She quickly became a respected leader and role model for promising women and United Way professionals. Those who knew her describe her as dynamic, professional, insightful and determined.

While her professional accomplishments were many, Raudelunas's heart was in her commitment to family. Despite her professional obligations, her family responsibilities always came first, and, as a result, they are the foundation from which she received strength and support.

For more than 30 years, Raudelunas led the United Way of Union County as its chief executive officer. She helped launch United Way organizations in Hunterdon and Sussex counties. She also served on United Way's National Task Force for Development of Women and the National Professional Advisory Council. For being an exemplary role model, she was honored by the Boy Scouts in their first annual Tribute to Women.

Raudelunas was also a strong supporter of education. As a member of the Union County College Board of Governors, she chaired the nominating and audit committees.

One of her most significant contributions was her leadership in the creation of a strategic long-term vision for the economic and social development of Union



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County during her time as a founding member and chairperson of the Union County Alliance. She also served as the first chairperson of the State Human Services Advisory Council and was an active member of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council and the Union County Workforce Investment Board.

Her efforts did not end when she retired in 2000. For the last four years, Raudelunas remained active on the boards of Trinitas Hospital, Union County College, the Union County Alliance and United Way of America's Retiree Association.

She also worked on special projects for United Way, most notably, with United Way of New York City's September 11th Fund.

Raudelunas is survived by her husband Frank of 44 years, her children, Lisa and Gregory, her grandchildren, Peers, Matthew, Jane and Austin, her sister, Joan, and her brothers, Raymond, Andrew and Richard.

Donations may be sent to The Raudelunas Family Scholarship, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016.



Joseph Farella, left, and Councilman James Foerst.

Farella is appointed to Housing Commission

WESTFIELD — Councilman James Foerst recently welcomed Joseph Farella as a member of the municipality's Housing Commission.

Farella, executive vice president of the Mountainside-based American United Mortgage and a Westfield resident, brings with him 17 years of mortgage banking and real estate experience.

"Joe's many years of experience and insight in the local housing market is matched by his commitment to building

strong communities where families can pursue their dreams," said Foerst.

"He brings with him the vision and energy to tackle the current housing dilemmas facing Westfield's diverse population."

Farella is also a keynote speaker for New Jersey's longest-running first-time homebuyer educational event, Homeownership Now, sponsored by the non-profit organization MyWayHome.

Through the Homeownership Now program, Farella has been responsible for educating more than 10,000 state residents towards a successful path to homeownership.

"Westfield is a wonderfully dynamic place to live and work. I look forward to contributing to its continued success for all residents," said Farella.

With a degree in economics from the University of Maryland, Farella lives in town with his wife and two daughters. He has been a guest industry expert and housing consultant on CNN, and will be a keynote speaker at the next Homeownership Now event on Nov. 6 at the Woodbridge Hilton.

More information on these events can be obtained by calling (888) 422-6292 or by visiting www.homeownershipnow.com.

"With housing prices and property taxes skyrocketing, the town has an increased legal and moral obligation to preserve housing opportunities for our aging and lower-income population," noted Foerst. "I am confident that Joe will be a valuable resource for the residents of the Town of Westfield in tackling these obstacles."

Leaf collection will begin shortly in Westfield neighborhoods

WESTFIELD — The Department of Public Works is preparing for the town's annual leaf collection program. Westfield is divided into two leaf collection areas: Areas 1-6 on the north side, and Areas 7-10 on the south side. Collection will begin simultaneously on the north and south sides on Nov. 8 and will continue through Dec. 10 or longer, based on need. Two full passes of the town will be made, with additional passes as necessary.

No leaves are permitted in the streets until Nov. 1. Collection will begin in Area 1 on the north side and Area 7 on the south side and proceed in numerical order.

Before raking leaves to the street, residents should check the

town map to determine their area and call the Leaf Hotline at (908) 789-4120 to find out when crews will be there.

Residents employing landscapers are required to inform them of the collection schedule. Residents must complete the coupon on the back of the town's flyer so that landscapers may enter the Conservation Center. The permit may be used until Dec. 30.

Tree branches, grass, other debris and piles containing anything other than leaves will not be picked up. Leaves should be placed in narrow rows along the street, leaving a space along the gutter for drainage. Do not pile leaves on or near drainage inlets, which can lead to local flooding.

Keep vehicles off the streets during collection days to avoid interference with leaf collection crews. Do not park cars over leaf piles. Hot exhaust systems can ignite leaves and cause a car fire. Also, leaves can not be picked up if a car is in the way.

Residents must have all leaves out for final pickup before Dec. 1.

As in past years, residents will be allowed to place their leaves in bags at the curb for on-demand pickup. This year, only paper bags will be permitted. Residents may obtain them at no charge at the Conservation Center, open Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Filled bags will be picked up at curbside by the DPW within 24 hours of a

request made in person or through the Leaf Hotline.

Through Dec. 30, weather permitting, the Conservation Center will be open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for residents who wish to dispose of leaves either loose or in the paper bags.

Landscapers serving Westfield residents may haul leaves to the center provided they have the required coupon signed by the resident. The Conservation Center will be closed Nov. 11, 25 and 26, Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.

From January to March, the center will be open, weather permitting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Jan. 8 and 22, Feb. 5 and 19, and March 5 and 19.

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A worthwhile discovery

Three Westfield High School freshmen discovered that writing skills and knowledge of history made for a winning combination in the Westfield UNICO Columbus Day essay contest. The essays were required to discuss accomplishments of famous Italians. Contest winners Katie Goellner wrote about Leonardo DaVinci, Annie O'Neill's essay featured Giovanni da Verrazano, and Rebecca Reyman researched the contributions of electric battery inventor Alessandro Volta. The winners (from left, Reyman, Goellner and O'Neill) received a \$100 savings bond from Robert Tarte, Chairman of the UNICO contest, and Angelo Bonnano, District Governor of UNICO (far right). Board of Education President Anne Riegel attended the UNICO dinner to thank the organization for sponsoring the contest and congratulate the winning students.

County spends \$8 mil to preserve land

County news

In a joint venture, Union County and the Township of Berkeley Heights have partnered to preserve 17 acres of land off Snyder Avenue from development, for a purchase price of \$13 million.

According to Berkeley Heights Mayor Michael Chait, the property at one time was slated for a development of 259 residential units, but will now remain largely in a natural state.

Township Commissioner David Cohen added that the property, a former industrial site which is currently contaminated and vacant, would be cleaned up and brought back to productive usage.

The acquisition is one of the largest pieces of open space still available in Union County, and the largest in Berkeley Heights.

Approximately \$8 million of the \$13 million purchase price is being paid for by the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, and \$5 million is being paid for by the township.

Under the agreement, Berkeley Heights will retain four acres for a senior citizen center, and the county will begin to develop plans for playing fields and a recreation area. The township will be responsible for the maintenance of the playing fields and recreation area on the county portion of the property.

The Snyder Avenue property currently contains two vacant industrial buildings, which housed Shaw Plastics and the former Barry Oil Service/Duffy Fuels facility. Part of the property is contaminated by asbestos and oil. As a condition of sale, the current owner of the property has agreed to clean up the property.

The property is bordered on the east by Snyder Avenue, on the north by single family dwellings, on the east by a township-owned Green Acre tract totaling another 17 acres, and on the south by NJ Transit rail lines.

In the past four years, Union

County has preserved more than 121 acres of open space, according to a statement released by the county.

The Open Space Trust Fund was approved by taxpayers in November 2000, and is financed by a 1.5-cent per \$100 of assessed property value surtax.

Recycle household waste and tires at Warinanco

The county will sponsor the final Household Special Waste Collection Day of 2004 this Saturday, so residents can get rid of unwanted household special waste and automobile tires in an environmentally proper manner.

The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the skating center parking lot in Warinanco Park, off Thompson Ave. in Roselle, near the Elizabeth border.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost.

Pre-registration is not required for this special collection. All residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste and old automobile tires. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

There is a limit of eight tires (no rims) per household. Businesses will not be permitted to participate.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and motor oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), and mercury switches.

Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted.

Latex (water-based) paint and

empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added.

A complete list of the household materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services website at: www.ucnj.org/oem.

The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

Memorabilia from courthouse is sought

The indictment is still damning in its tone and wording almost a hundred years later. The document states that Peter Cron of Elizabeth, "Being then and there in a certain vehicle commonly known and designated as an automobile... unlawfully and maliciously, and with great speed, force and violence, ride, direct and guide the said automobile... against, upon and over the body of the said Minnie L. Whedon."

The indictment against Cron was handed down in 1905, and is just one of the historic gems recently discovered during a search for artifacts to be used in next year's centennial celebration of the Union County Courthouse.

About the same time Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi found the stack of indictments from 1905, Lorraine Dolan, the record retention coordinator of Union County Vicinage, was searching through the public record archives housed at the Elizabeth Armory. There she discovered two dusty books of courtroom minutes dated 1902-05 and 1903-05.

"These are fantastic finds," said Bill Lee, facilities manager of the

Union County Vicinage and a member of the Centennial Committee, as he examined the time-stained documents with Rajoppi in her office. "We are holding history in our hands."

"Through this amazing opportunity we are able to read about actual cases from a hundred years ago and visualize our county legal system at the time," Rajoppi added.

Lee noted that many pages in the books of minutes featured the signature of Supreme Court Justice Bennett Van Syckel, whose refurbished portrait, which was recently discovered in another county, now hangs in Room 201 in the Union County Courthouse. Judge Van Syckel served Union County from 1869 until his retirement in 1903. In a stroke of coincidence, the Van Syckel portrait was originally presented the day the courthouse officially opened to the public in 1905.

The Union County Courthouse marks the 100th anniversary of its dedication in May 2005. A year-long celebration is planned with exhibits and events to showcase the courthouse as the center of law, justice and county business, said Rajoppi, who serves as chairwoman of the Centennial Committee.

The committee hopes to continue to add documents and other items, dating from 1903 to the present day, to its exhibits immediately.

All loaned objects will be catalogued and securely stored. Original articles and documents will be housed in locked exhibit cases when on display. Receipts will be provided for each loaned item.

If you have items to lend, or questions about the project, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as soon as possible at (908) 558-2550. NJ Relay users can call 711. Or, e-mail culturalinfo@ucnj.org.



Tom Cusimano, campaign chairman, and Linda Maggio, executive director of the United Fund of Westfield, are hoping that the response to the fund's annual campaign drive reaches a "feverish" pace.

Westfield United Fund hopes to raise \$700,000

WESTFIELD — The United Fund of Westfield's fundraising drive is in full swing, with Tom Cusimano at the helm of the volunteer effort.

Every year more than 300 Westfield residents volunteer hundreds of hours of their time to help the United Fund of Westfield, the umbrella agency that provides financial support to 20 local human service organizations.

This year, United Fund volunteers are calling on Westfield residents to meet the \$700,000 goal of the campaign. "I have lived in this town a long time," said Cusimano, "and I have been part of many volunteer efforts. Certainly, the energy and compassion that I see at the United Fund is a credit to this town."

Linda Maggio, executive director of the United Fund of Westfield, added, "There are 20 human care agencies that will be supported through the campaign's fundraising efforts. The United Fund helps two out of three Westfielders every day, and that's not only significant, but also a most worthwhile accomplishment."

Some of the agencies include Mobile Meals of Westfield, Westfield Community Center, the American Red Cross Westfield-Mountainside chapter, and Youth and Family Counseling Services.

For more information about the United Fund of Westfield, call (908) 233-2113 or e-mail contact@unitedfundwestfield.org.

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Union Catholic plans Casino Night Nov. 12

CLARK — On Friday, Nov. 12, Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains will host a Casino Night at the Gran Centurions, located at 440 Madison Hill RD. Union Catholic has contract-

ed with Tumbling Dice Entertainment, licensed by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and the Casino Control Commission of New Jersey, to run the event. A leader in the production of Casino Night theme parties for non-profit, private and corporate sectors, the professional staff of Tumbling Dice will make both the novice and the experienced player feel right at home.

The environment will be similar to a real casino, and the majority of the croupiers currently work as dealers in one or more of the casinos in Atlantic City.

Guests at Casino Night will purchase a "money card", which will be exchanged for chips at the gaming tables. A variety of games, including poker, carib poker, blackjack, roulette and a big six wheel will be open to players.

The ticket price of \$35 per person covers admission, hot hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. A cash bar will be available for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

The evening begins at 7 p.m., and guests will have a chance to learn how to play the various games during the first half hour. At 7:30, the games will officially begin.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests can exchange chips for raffle tickets to be used towards a variety of prizes.

For additional information or to purchase tickets for Casino Night, contact Betsy Thornton at (908) 889-1600, ext. 302.

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Sports

Coach Breznitsky to join 500-win club

By DAVID LAZARUS
THE RECORD-PRESS

It was September 1975 when Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys soccer coach Tom Breznitsky first took the field and guided his team to a 5-0 win over Roselle Catholic.

Twenty-nine years later, Breznitsky is still coaching and winning and was line to notch his 500th victory Wednesday when the Raiders took on Cranford, a team they previously shutout this season.

The accomplishment has been achieved by only four other New Jersey high school soccer coaches.

"Five hundred wins tells you have had some longevity and you've been lucky enough to have had some great players," Breznitsky said modestly.

Ironically, "Brez" started at Scotch Plains-Fanwood with the goal of becoming the school's varsity baseball coach. He took over for longtime soccer coach Al Formicella when health problems forced him to retire but

Breznitsky always thought he would only coach soccer until he could become the baseball coach.

"I figured I would keep coaching junior varsity baseball and eventually take over as head coach, but the coach never left," Breznitsky chuckled.

One would never believe Breznitsky once knew little about soccer. From the sideline, he can be seen screaming directions at his players and engaging in a sometimes comical banter with the game's officials, most of which he knows personally. It is

clear "Brez" has become a respected teacher of the game. The instruction never ends as he points out good and bad plays on the field to his bench players. When he speaks, his team listens.

"I yell but I'm fair," Breznitsky said before his team's 2-0 win over Union on Monday. "I think I know what I'm talking about at this point. I just want to get the best out of the kids. They know that. They know the tradition here and they want to uphold it." Breznitsky won the first soccer game he coached thanks to four goals by Alphonse Checchio, but Breznitsky remembers little about that game. Checchio would become the first in a long list of Raiders to gain All-Union County and All-State honors. Checchio, who lives around the corner from his former coach, has vivid memories of that first year when the Raiders went 10-5-2.

"He didn't have a clue how to coach and I didn't have a clue how to play but we both wanted to win, so we put up with each other," said Checchio.

The most memorable win of that first season came in the Union County Tournament when the Raiders, who had snuck into the Union County Tournament as the eighth and final seed, stunned top seed Governor Livingston 1-0 on their home field on a goal by Checchio off a pass from John Appezzato, who would become Breznitsky's second big star, and was Union County Player of the Year in 1977.

Appezzato and teammate Ed Zazzali stayed in town. Their sons also ended up playing for the Raiders.

"Brez told me my job was to chase the player with the ball on the other team and when I got it, to pass it to Al Checchio and stay out of his way," recalled Zazzali.

His son Eddie played for Breznitsky from 2001-2003 and is now playing at Rowan University.

Appezzato gave his son A.J. some advice heading into his senior year and it resulted in a key goal in one of Scotch Plains-Fanwood's biggest wins of the year, a 4-2 road win at West Orange.

"(My father) told me he yells a lot but he knows what he's talking about so I should pay close attention," said A.J. "It's very interesting playing for him after spending my early life watching them and being a ball boy."

because of what he expected out of me. We knew we were both under the microscope because of who he was. Anytime I messed up would be big news, but we accepted that."

"Coaching my son was a great treat. We had a unique relationship," said Breznitsky. "I miss him not being here."

It took Breznitsky some time to build the soccer program into a dynasty. He credits an exceptional group of players led by three-time All-State player Lino DiCuollo, whom Breznitsky considers his best player.

In addition to DiCuollo, who was an All-American at Rutgers, other key members of his first state finalist team in 1985 were Vic and Alex Passucci as well as current Raider assistant coach Joe Mortarulo.

In their first game of the 1985 season they made a major statement by winning 3-1 at Wall, one of the state's top soccer powers, before a packed house.

"Coach told us that we had nothing to fear and we played with a lot of confidence," recalled Mortarulo.

Breznitsky considers the 1986 team perhaps his best but that team was upset by Randolph in the sectional finals. Finally in 1987, Breznitsky broke through defeating Wall, 4-0, for the first of his seven group championships.

The Raiders in 1991-92 gave him his first back-to-back titles and in 1995-98, led by four-year starter Todd Moser, the Raiders went to four straight state championship games and won three.

"He was pretty tough on me (my senior) year," recalled Moser. "We had a very young team and he wanted me to set an example. He set the bar for me at a very high level and I wasn't always able to reach it but it made me a

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Head soccer coach Tom Breznitsky instructs his team with assistant coach and former player Joe Mortarulo during the intermission of a 2-0 win over Union on Monday.

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"It makes me feel old," said Breznitsky when asked about coaching the sons of his early players.

Breznitsky also coached his own son, Ryan, a two-time First Team All-State selection now at Rutgers. Ryan's final two games in 2003 were memorable, leading the Raiders to the section title in a melodramatic double-overtime battle with Middletown South. That gave his father his 11th section title and the first since 1998. "He never let me get off easy," said Ryan. "He probably pushed me harder than other players

Westfield falls to Cougars, 30-7

By CHAD HENNINGWAY
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Blue Devils certainly didn't look like they were a 0-5 football team heading into rainy Cranford Friday night.

Westfield jumped out in front 7-0 by cashing in on their first possession and limited the Cougars (4-1) offensively in the opening half as the teams entered the locker rooms tied at 7-7.

But in the second half a strong Cranford team rolled, 30-7. Still, head coach Ed Tranchina was proud of his boys.

"I really think we played our butts off tonight," he said. "We have to learn to finish what we start. In the first half I was very happy with how we played. We

were actually able to come out and set the tone early but we let them drive the ball in the second half."

Westfield's faithful caught glimpses of an efficient offense. With the ball starting at their own 28 yard line, Westfield embarked on a 12-play, 6-minute scoring drive. Quarterback Mike Patella completed an 11-yard pass to fullback Rich Stewart and added 23 yards rushing to guide the offense. Stewart also rushed for 11 yards during the possession.

Junior halfback Jayshawn King ended the drive with a 15-yard scamper, following the block of center Marc Harbaugh, to give Westfield a 7-0 lead.

Cranford would immediately answer with a touchdown drive to even the score but Westfield's

defense came up big throughout the rest of the first half to limit the Cougars' powerful offense. Linebacker Marc Dowling had eight tackles and sophomore linebacker William Harbaugh contributed seven tackles. Defensive end Jake Brandman added five tackles.

"Dowling never gives up," Tranchina said. "He's got a great heart. If I had 11 players like him, we'd be all right."

The defense forced Cranford to punt with about eight minutes to go in the first half. Then the Blue Devils' offense was forced to punt as well. Cranford then started to drive the ball once again, threatening to score before halftime. But Tom DeDuca forced a fumble off Cranford's quarterback and the ball was recovered by Harbaugh, ending the threat.



The Blue Devils' Jayshawn King attempts to break away from Cranford defenders Friday night.

Perrotta, SP-F girls shutout foes

By DAVID LAZARUS
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lauren Perrotta has played many roles during her high school career — from Rusty in "Footloose" to Eponine in "Les Miserables" and this year she will be Anita in the high school production of "West Side Story."

But Perrotta's best part may be team leader of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls' soccer team which has had a smash run in Union County so far this year. The squad is currently ranked 10th in the state with a 9-1-1 mark and is favored to win the county tournament as the top seed.

The Raiders began their quest for a UCT championship Saturday with a 6-0 home win against Elizabeth and are scheduled to play Rahway tomorrow.

Perrotta, a first-team All-Union County selection as a defender last year, has picked up where she left off, playing an uncompromising style of aggressive defense and shutting down whatever opposing forward has the misfortune to play against her.

In addition to her defensive skills, Perrotta is a coach on the field, helping teammates mark the correct player and constantly yelling encouragement.

"I've always been a very vocal person on and off the field. Sometimes I may be too vociferous, but for the most part the team keeps one another in check," said Perrotta.

Perrotta is the leader of a young but very talented defense which includes sweeper Allie Zazzali, stopper Lisa Camarda and goalie Lauren Mains as well as senior Carly Wells and freshman Bridget Cornwell.

The Raiders' first unit has yielded just four goals this season and Perrotta is quick to spread the credit.

"Allie Zazzali is a really strong sweeper and the anchor of our defense. All four of us on defense interact with Lauren Mains throughout the game. She's an amazing keeper. It's our second year playing together so we real-

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HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted.)

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

Volleyball
 Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4
 Westfield at Shabazz, 4
Girls tennis
 Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 4

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

Football
 Westfield vs. Union, 1

MONDAY, OCT. 25

Boys soccer
 Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4
 Westfield vs. Cranford, 4
Girls soccer
 Scotch Plains at Linden, 4
 Westfield at Cranford, 4
Field hockey
 Westfield vs. Columbia, 4
Volleyball
 Westfield vs. Scotch Plains, 4

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

Gymnastics
 Scotch Plains at Westfield, 4
Girls tennis
 Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4
 Westfield at Cranford, 4

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

Boys soccer
 Scotch Plains at Westfield, 4
Girls soccer
 Scotch Plains vs. Westfield, 4
Volleyball
 Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 4



JOHN FEI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 SP-F's Jacqueline DeJohn performs on the balance beam.

Zaleski & Co., favorites to win UCT

By DAVID LAZARUS
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Success in gymnastics competitions can be tantalizingly minute and is often decided on the opinion of a judge who may score two nearly identical routines very differently.

First-year head coach Lisa Cerchio and her star performer, senior Katie Zaleski, are all too aware of the precision needed for the Raiders to defend their title as the Union County gymnastics championships begin tonight in Cranford at 6 p.m.

"Placing for each event including all around comes down to a tenth or so. That means one balance check on beam or one form break on bars can make the difference between first and second place," said Cerchio.

On Oct. 8 at the same site, the Raiders edged Dayton-Brearley 100.4 to 100 to win the Cougar Invitational. Zaleski paced the Raiders with a fifth place overall finish as the team avenged a second place finish a year ago.

Westfield sophomore Claire Macdonald took first in the all-around at the Cougar and is slightly ahead of a packed field that, in addition to Zaleski, includes Alyssa Lewandowski of Union Catholic and Andie Soblosky and Jessica Zalutko, both of Dayton-Brearley.

The Raiders are a slight favorite to defend their team title. They have been ranked as high as 15th in the state and are undefeated through their first nine meets. The

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Raiders appear to be peaking at the right time having attained their highest dual meet score of 102.8 in defeating Watchung Hills last Friday.

A gymnast since the age of three, Zaleski now practices at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and Cerchio said she is fortunate to have her on the team.

"Katie is a wonderful team leader and all around competitor," Cerchio said. "She is very dedicated to improving her routines at each competition and balancing her responsibilities as captain. Katie has been a true asset this year. She has all the qualities that you would want your captain to have."

Zaleski excels in all four events, but especially on the uneven bars where her strength and athleticism give her consistently high scores.

"Bars is my favorite event. Vault is my least favorite because practicing vault is repetitious and is not quite as exciting as practicing the other events," said Zaleski.

To reach their current status the Raiders have needed balance behind Zaleski. Senior Kate Breuninger has been strong in all four events this year, has qualified for the sectionals in three events and will probably also qualify for the balance beam. Like Breuninger, sophomore Laurel Devlin has also been competing in all four events and has qualified in

every event except the balance beam. Natalie Capoccia, also a sophomore, competes on the uneven bars and balance beam and qualified for the sectionals in both events. Senior Jackie DeJohn has been a strong contributor in all events who has qualified for the sectionals in the balance beam and floor exercises.

Although there is a definite team aspect to gymnastics it is still inherently an individual sport of a close sorority of girls who understand the travails of competition from their time together in area club gymnastics and past meets.

"We encourage and cheer for our own team as well as other teams," said Zaleski. "A lot of us know each other from club gymnastics, and if not, we get to know each other at our dual meets. At big meets, you'll see girls from one team yelling across the gym and cheering for girls on other teams."

Besides her athletic talent, Zaleski has also distinguished herself academically. She is president of the Spanish National Honor Society and a National Honor Society student whose varied interests include taking voice lessons and participating in all of the select choirs in the high school as well as Repertory Theatre. Zaleski plans to major in biology and go on to medical school to become a sports doctor.

"If the college I go to has gymnastics, then I would like to compete," Zaleski said. "It is a hard habit to break."

Perrotta, SP-F girls shutout foes

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ly know to play with and for each other, at practice and in games," said Perrotta.

"It's great having her back there," said Maine. "I know she will always clear the ball away from our end."

While the Raiders have a strong and balanced attack, Perrotta rarely ventures up the field into the opponent's goal area. She understands her role perfectly.

"I can't say that I like defense better than offense, but I can say that I think that's the position where I can help my team out the most. To me, it's equally rewarding to stop someone from scoring than to actually score."

Scotch Plains 4, Union 0 — Allie Hambleton scored twice, once in each half, and Carlene Bronikowski added two goals of her own in the second half to lead Scotch Plains to their second shutout in as many games

Monday at home. Jenna Balestriere notched two assists and goalie Lauren Mains saved five shots to earn her eighth shutout.

UCT girls soccer
Scotch Plains 6, Elizabeth 0 — Kelly Rigano and Hambleton each scored twice Saturday for top-seeded Scotch Plains in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains. Jessie Sapienza and Lisa Camarda kicked the other goals.

Blue Sharks U12 beat Kenilworth

With the coldest winds of the season blowing both days, the U12 Girls inter-county team exploded for 13 goals in running their record to 5-1-1 with a 6-0 home victory over Kenilworth on Saturday and a 7-1 triumph at Cranford on Sunday.

Continuing their season long balance the Blue Sharks received scoring from six different players on Saturday and ten in the two days. When Jessica Feeley scored twice on Sunday in only her second game after being injured it meant that all sixteen players on the team had at least one goal this season. The Sharks have outscored their opposition 25-6.

The Saturday goal scorers in order were Rebecca DiGiacomo, Alyssa Young, Erin Brown, Lauren Berk, Toni Ann Capece and Sarah Weber. Weber and Young filled in for regular goalies Melissa McKenna and Kara Gaynor.

The Sunday scorers were Lauren Buckley, Feeley twice, McKenna, Jessica DiGiacomo and Rebecca DiGiacomo twice. McKenna returned to share goalie duties with Young.

Also contributing were defensive players Amanda Rodriguez, Sarah Lazarus, Desli DeMarsico and Emily Cohen.

Coach Breznitsky to join 500 wins club

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better player and made us a better team.

Breznitsky said he'd like to coach "maybe another four or five years."

"You know when you've had enough," he said.

There are a couple generations of Raiders who hope he sticks

around for quite a while.

Raiders shutout Union, 2-0

The Raiders, ranked No. 16 in the state, made a statement heading into NJSIAA tournament seeding by shutting out the Fighting Farmers (10-2-1), Monday afternoon.

Junior Sean "Shaq" Young, standing 6-foot-3-inches tall, headed in a free kick in the first

half at about 30 minutes. Just six

minutes into the second half, senior Sean McNelis used a chip shot to loft the ball over the Union goalie's head. Billy Albizati assisted on the play.

"I've tried that shot a few times but this is the first time I got it in," said McNelis. "This was a huge game for us since the state rankings are coming out and we

want home field advantage."

Defenders Jeff Bell and Greg Leischner excelled in keeping Union chances to a minimum. Goalkeeper Brian Meredith made four saves.

"I think we played exceptionally well," Breznitsky said. "Our boys came to play today and I think we're peaking at the right time."

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Lockery leads Raiders, Union Cath. X-country wins conference

SCOTCH PLAINS Football
Scotch Plains 14, Passaic Valley 12 — Lakiem Lockery rushed for 178 yards on 24 carries, including a 59-yard bolt in the first quarter and the Raiders (3-3) held off a late charge by Passaic Valley in the fourth quarter to earn the victory Saturday at home.

Lockery also found the end zone on a one-yard run in the second quarter to end the scoring for Scotch Plains. The game stood 14-6 at halftime thanks to two PATs by Mike Baumwoll.

Passaic Valley scored with about 6:30 left in the game but an attempt at a two-point conversion was thwarted by the defense.

Boys soccer
Scotch Plains 7, Hillside 0 — Sean McNelis had two goals and an assist for the third-seeded Raiders (12-3) on Saturday in the first round of the Union County

Tournament in Scotch Plains.
Scotch Plains 3, Elizabeth 1 — The Raiders (11-3) had three unanswered goals in Elizabeth last Wednesday by Sean Young, Bill Albizati and Casey Hoynes-O'Connor. Young assisted on two goals.

Girls soccer
Scotch Plains 6, Elizabeth 0 — Kelly Rigano and Allie Hambleton each scored twice Saturday for top-seeded Scotch Plains in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains. Jessie Sapienza and Lisa Camarda kicked the other goals.

Volleyball
Cranford def. Scotch Plains, 25-22, 19-25, 25-17 — Michelle Regg had 10 assists and Michelle Swick had six service points for the Raiders (5-7) in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Union on Saturday.

Union def. Scotch Plains,

12-25, 25-13, 25-21 — Friday in Scotch Plains the Raiders got 11 digs and five kills from Kelli Kaskiw and Swick has 11 assists.

UNION CATHOLIC Cross country
 The Vikings boys edged out Oratory, 32-33, to win the Valley Division title last Wednesday. It was Union Catholic's first ever conference title. Oratory was the champ last year.

Brain Guteri finished in second place with a time of 17:14, followed by Dave Leonard (17:48) in fifth, Then File-Aime (17:59) in sixth, Jon Pais (18:16) in ninth and Matt Peters (18:18) in tenth.

Boys soccer
Union Catholic 2, Westfield 1 — Fifth seeded Union Catholic needed a header in overtime by Brian Osbahr to get by the Blue Devils in first round Union County Tournament action on Saturday in Scotch Plains.

Girls soccer
Union Catholic 2, Union 0 — Katie Piotrowski made four saves for the Vikings (10-3) in the opening round of the Union County Tournament Saturday in Scotch Plains. Amanda Pitts and Jill Roth scored.

Volleyball
Union Catholic def. Plainfield, 25-8, 25-10 — Second-seeded Union Catholic (16-3) got service points and five aces from Christina Hinkle Saturday in Union during the first round of the Union County Tournament. Joanne Schurtz had four kills and a dig.

Union Catholic def. Oak Knoll, 25-12, 25-11 — Megan Conheeny had three kills and Marissa Mavroudas had six digs Friday in Scotch Plains for the Vikings (15-3).

WESTFIELD Boys soccer
Union Catholic 2, Westfield 1 — Fifth seeded Union Catholic

needed a header in overtime by Brian Osbahr to get by the Blue Devils in first round Union County Tournament action on Saturday in Scotch Plains.

Westfield 2, Plainfield 1 — Westfield got its first win of the season last Wednesday on a Brady Lau unassisted goal with two minutes remaining in the match to break a tie. William Schoenbach connected in the first half.

Girls soccer
Westfield 3, Linden 0 — In first-round action of the Union County Tournament on Saturday, the Blue Devils (8-4-2) received goals from Gio Palatucci, Diana Dunnan and Emily MacNeil. Tara O'Donohue made three saves for the shutout.

Westfield 5, Plainfield 0 — The Lady Blue Devils (6-4-2) got four goals in the second half last Wednesday in Westfield, led by Aly Ludmer's two goals and one

assist. Erin McCarthy, Julie Shelman and Gio Palatucci scored the other goals.

Field hockey
Johnson 2, Westfield 0 — Jessica Ropars has 16 saves for Westfield (3-8-2) in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament on Saturday.

Westfield 1, Cranford 1 — Elsa Werner scored in the second half for Westfield (3-7-2) last Wednesday in Westfield.

Girls volleyball
Westfield def. Oak Knoll, 25-11, 25-20 — Fifth-seeded Westfield (10-5) got six kills and two aces from Erin Roudebush Saturday in the Union County Tournament. Lizzy Myers had three kills, two blocks and an ace.

Westfield def. Elizabeth, 25-5, 25-8 — Last Wednesday in Westfield the Blue Devils (8-5) received seven kills from Erin Roudebush and five aces from Tara Daly.

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Want to keep pests out of your home? Protect your gutters



It's important to keep pests from nesting in your gutters.

(ARA) — As the seasons change and temperatures get cooler, people aren't the only ones taking refuge inside. Right now, bugs of all shapes and sizes are trying to find their way into your home.

Pests like to be indoors for the same reasons people do — warmth, food, water and shelter — and they have any number of ways to get in. According to the Terminex pest control company, cracks and crevices around your windows or foundation, and gutters clogged with leaves and debris are the easiest entry points.

To prevent bugs from getting in through the cracks and crevices, the best thing to do is spray your home's exterior monthly with a professional grade spray. To prevent them from making a home in the debris that collects in your gutters, keep

them clear. But that can be difficult, especially if you have a high-pitched roof a ladder can't easily reach, or live in an area with a lot of mature trees.

Some people need to clean their gutters three, four, or five times a year to keep them clear, but if you install a closed gutter protection system like Gutter Helmet, you'll never have to clean them again.

The system installs right on top of your existing gutters, serving as a cover that prevents leaves and other debris bugs thrive on from getting into the gutters. Water, however, travels freely, making its way down the roof and into the gutter channel through a continuous 3/8 inch horizontal opening.

"It's important to keep your gutters clear of debris not just from the standpoint of stopping the entry

point for bugs, but to protect the integrity of your home's structure as well," says David Skelton of Gutter Helmet. In addition to contributing to problems with bugs, clogged gutters can lead to water backup which causes rotten fascia and soffits, cracked foundations and landscaping erosion.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, clogged gutters also contribute significantly to the West Nile epidemic because they provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes. In 2003, there were 9,862 reported cases of infection in humans across the United States and 264 deaths.

"There are no statistics on how many of these cases were caused by mosquitoes breeding in gutters, but I think it's safe to venture that the

numbers are high. People are heeding the warnings to empty out bird-baths, tires and flowerpots, but no one thinks of going up on the roof to clear their gutters," says Skelton. "With Gutter Helmet, you don't have to."

The system is capable of handling up to 22 inches of rain per hour — twice as much rain as has ever been recorded according to the U.S. Weather Bureau — and can sustain deep snowfalls.

In the 25 years Gutter Helmet has been around, the device has been installed on nearly a half million homes. To find a Gutter Helmet dealer near you, log on to the company's Web site: www.gutterhelmet.com or call (888) 4-HELMET.

This article is courtesy of ARA Content.

Selling on your own? These tips may help

(NAPS) — More Americans than ever are choosing to sell their homes without the costly commission of a broker — but many first-time sellers don't always show their home to its best advantage.

To help sellers get the best value from their home, a leading resource for independent homebuyers and sellers, ForSaleByOwner.com, recommends taking the following simple steps:

1. Give buyers a sign. Use directional signs to ensure that potential buyers can find your home. The number of turns you make is the number of signs you'll need.

2. Go for maximum curb

appeal. Curb appeal is the impression buyers get when they first pull up to a home. Make sure hedges, bushes and lawn are trimmed, flowers abundant and fences look brand new.

3. Create a warm welcome at the front door. The door should have a fresh coat of paint, the welcome mat should be clean and the screen door should be in good repair.

4. Go on clutter patrol. Make your home seem as spacious as possible by taking clutter off dressers and countertops and removing oversized furniture.

5. Squeaky clean. No need to go it alone. Bring in a professional cleaning service to make sure every room is spotless. Pay extra

attention to the kitchen and bathrooms. Empty trashcans prior to showings and make sure clean towels are on towel rods.

6. Create a buying mood. Place fresh flowers on the kitchen table or bake cookies before prospective buyers arrive to give the home a pleasing look and aroma.

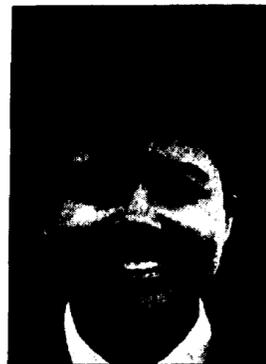
7. Let the sun shine in. Your home should be as well lit as possible. Open all drapes and window blinds, and replace any burned-out light bulbs.

8. Send Fido to the doghouse. The last thing you want is for a potential buyer to be afraid of or allergic to pets. Remove all pet beds and dishes and keep pets with a neighbor or leave them outside while showing the home.

9. Showcase hidden treasures. Be sure to show off big closets, hidden storage spaces and other unique areas that might be missed.

10. Show the home by appointment only. Escort prospects as they tour your home and have guests sign a sign-in sheet before leaving. Hide or remove objects of special value and do not show your home alone or at night.

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Weichert names its top achievers

WESTFIELD — Sales associates in Weichert, Realtors' Westfield Office, received the office's top awards in September. In addition, the entire office won the regional award for top resale listings during September. Harvey Tekel, branch manager, made the announcement recently.

Frank Silletti led the office in sales. Silletti is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales Club. He also holds membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Circle of Excellence at the bronze level.

Niki Fry earned the office's award for top listings. She is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, and Weichert's 2003 President's Club, an honor that places her in the top one percent of the company's 13,300 sales associates. In addition, Fry is a 2003 member of the NJAR Circle of Excellence at the silver level.

Holly Cohen was named top producer for the month. She is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed

Clubs and Weichert's 2003 President's Club. In addition, Cohen is a 2003 member of the NJAR Circle of Excellence at the silver level.

Those in the local real estate market may find it helpful to contact the sales associates from Weichert's Westfield Office to learn about the services that Weichert has to offer. They can be reached for real estate at (908) 654-7777.

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Pardon joins ERA Suburb Realty

SCOTCH PLAINS — The owner of local shop Nuts N Plenty, Ray Pardon, will be joining the team at ERA Suburb Realty.

As a business owner, Pardon has an extensive background with 12 years of experience in the financial and business service industries. He owned and personally operated Nuts N Plenty, a retail business in Scotch Plains for over 10 years. The friendly atmosphere of the store has brought them much success and friends over the years.

As a Realtor, Pardon has many skills to offer, such as a firm knowledge of Union County, having lived in Scotch Plains for 20 years with his wife Jackie, and two children, Hana (a junior at University of Delaware) and Alex (a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School).

Along with his knowledge of the Union County area, Pardon's dedication to his community is noteworthy. Pardon is the founder and former president of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association. He has also extended his involvement as member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rotary Club, National Association of Realtors, and Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

Company President Donald Lamastra said, "Ray enjoys working with people and enjoys helping them find exactly what they want and need no matter what field of business he is in." Ray has been awarded the DECA Lifetime Achievement Award, and I am positive that being a Realtor with bring him continuing success. I am honored to have him as part of our team."

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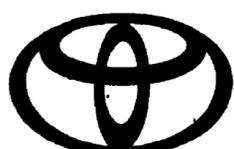
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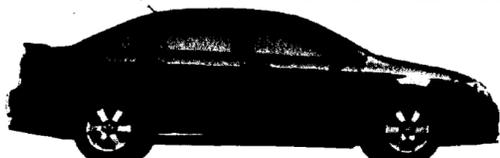
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FLEMINGTON — Flemington Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle, a member of the Flemington Car & Truck Country Family of Dealerships, is hosting a Premiere Night 5-9 p.m. tonight.

The all-new 2005 Jeep models will be unveiled, and the public is welcome.

The event, which will intro-

duce the new Grand Cherokee, a redesigned Liberty and the Wrangler Unlimited, is the third in a series of Premiere Nights at the dealership.

"The first two premiered Chrysler and Dodge models," said General Sales Manager Chris Venditti. "Our guests at the Jeep Premiere will be able to test-drive the new Grand Cherokee, Liberty and Wrangler Unlimited, they can enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and everyone will go home with a gift."

The casual, no-pressure Premiere Night events are typical of the atmosphere at all the dealerships in the family, according to Flemington Car & Truck Country

Chairman Steve Kalafer.

"We believe a customer's experience should be hassle-free," he said.

"Premiere Night is a great way to mix business with pleasure," said Byron Brisby, president of Flemington Car & Truck Country. "You can attend a party and be the first on your block to test drive a 2005 Jeep."

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Venditti added: "People really seem to enjoy our Premiere Nights. They've told me it's a great way to come and see new cars, and they like getting invited back to the dealership. We hope to be inviting even more people back after the Jeep Premiere."

Flemington Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle is located on Routes 202 and 31 and is a proud

member of the Flemington Car & Truck Country Family of Dealerships, which offers 30 brands of new and more than 650 quality certified, pre-owned vehicles on Routes 202 and 31 in Flemington, Route 206 in Princeton and Route 31 at Route 78 in Clinton.



Mazda recently completed its 100,000th RX-8 after only 18 months of production, a feat previously set in 17 months by the Mazda MX-5 Miata. PHOTO COURTESY OF NEWSCOM

Mazda RX-8 surpasses 100K

PRNewswire — Mazda Motor Corporation has announced the production of the 100,000th Mazda RX-8 at its Ujina No.1 final assembly line in Hiroshima, Japan.

This milestone was achieved only 18 months after production began in April 2003.

"Mazda always has been brave enough to follow the road less traveled, and we broke the mold by producing a four-door, four-seat sports car," said Robert T. Davis, senior vice president, marketing and product development for Mazda North American

Operations. "Reaching such a major production milestone so early in the vehicle's production cycle proves that if you build, it they will come."

Reaching 100,000 units in 18 months compares favorably with Mazda's other famous sports car, the convertible, two-seat MX-5 Miata. The MX-5 Miata, which has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's best-selling convertible sports car of all time, took only 17 months to reach the 100,000 production milestone.

The Mazda RX-8 is powered by the award-winning RENESIS rotary engine and shortly after being launched was named "2003 International Engine of the Year." The compact, high performance rotary engine is Mazda's spiritual soul and the hallmark of the company's engineering ability.

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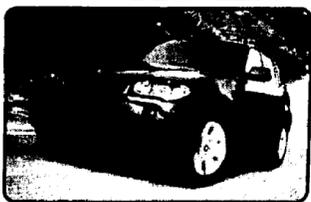
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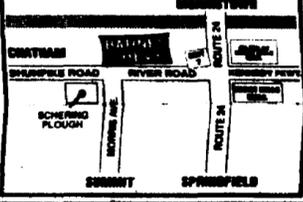
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