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Justis Evans and a team of Union County all-stars defeated their Middlesex County opponents 21-14 in the 12th annual Snapple Bowl, played July 21 at Kean University. For pictures from the game, turn to Sports, Page C-1.



Renaissance fair at the library

Kids came out in historical garb last Wednesday, as the Scotch Plains Public Library drew a standingroom-only crowd for its Family Renaissance Masquerade Ball. The program featured a performance by the Give and Take Jugglers. For the photo spread, turn to Community Life, Page B-1.



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Friday, July 29, 2005

These volunteers reach out to make contact

By ELLEN DOOLEY THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — When you meet the people at CONTACT We Care, a couple of things rapidly become apparent: These are extraordinary individuals who would never describe themselves in those terms — unless it were to say they had been extraordinarily blessed and each of them is answering a call in more ways than one.

Director David Owens, board member and volunteer John Ryan, volunteer Joseph Bilella, and operations manager Nancy Levine all exude genuine warmth, gentle good humor, and an enormous generosity of spirit. They are some of the most centered, grounded, and giving people one could ever hope to encounter. A currently popular song asks "Where did all the good people go?" Well, you'll find some of them at CONTACT We Care.

CONTACT We Care, Inc. is the not-forprofit 24-hour crisis hotline that has served as the "mental health rescue squad" for residents of northern and central New Jersey for the past 30 years. The Union County-based agency was established in 1975 at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains by then-Pastor Julian Alexander and his wife, Betty. The faith-based teleministry is one of several CONTACT centers in New Jersey.

Its roots extend back to the early 1960s in Sydney, Australia when British missionary and radio minister the Rev. Alan Walker developed a 24-hour help line after one of his regular radio callers committed suicide. The final entry in a diary found near the man's body read "Nobody called..." In response to that experience, Walker began Life Line International. By 1989 there were 233 centers in 12 countries and, as the phone service spread to America, its name was changed to CONTACT Teleministries USA, and then later to CONTACT USA. Today, there are 53 CONTACT offices nationwide, six of them in New Jersey.

David Owens, director of the local CON-TACT We Care since June 2004, speaks with a calm cheerfulness about his "passion for the work," a dedication he shares with his staff, members of the board, and the approximately 90 active volunteers. Owens, along with most of the staff and board members, began as volunteer telephone workers — or TWs, as they're called — so he knows first-hand the unique demands and rewards of manning the hotline. "I really enjoyed my service," said Owens, who previously ran his own business as a public relations consultant specializing in international P.R. and cross-cultural communications. He began volunteering four years ago with CONTACT, and when Katie Feeks retired as director, Owens felt that accepting the position was definitely "something I wanted to do."

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Owens has his work cut out for him. State and county funding has disappeared, support from United Way has been reduced, and the changing demographic of the volunteer population presents more staffing difficulties. But he is nothing if not optimistic about meeting the challenges. He spoke enthusiastically about attracting more corporate sponsorship and building relationships at the state and

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Police and firemen make pitch for charity

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Local police and fire officers take to the streets every day in the name of public service. This Saturday, they'll take to the field instead, in the third annual Finest vs. the Bravest Scotch Plains Charity Cup softball game.

The event, which pits members of the local PBA against the Scotch Plains Fire Department, is a fundraiser for the McCauley School for Exceptional Children. "I'm excited," said police officer Mathew Fugett, who runs the event. "Every year it gets bigger and bigger, and we really want people to come out."

The charity event will be held at Brookside Park and starts at 11 a.m. Outback Steakhouse of Green Brook will provide all the food, and the fire and police departments provide beverages and entertainment including face painters, a clown, a drill by the ROTC Marine Corps from Rahway, and a DJ. The nineinning softball game will begin around 11:30, following the national anthem and a color guard performance. Local businesses sponsor have been invited to sponsor a spot on the infield, and each base has about nine sponsors. Prices to sponsor the sites range from \$250 for first and second base to \$1,500 for the pitcher's mound. This year, the pitcher's mound is sponsored by an accountant from Iselin, John Daniel Deck. In between each inning, children will come out onto the field holding signs of the local business that sponsored each base. After raising \$13,700 last year for Camp Fatima, a summer camp for children with developmental disabilities, Fugett is hopeful even more money will be raised this year. "We're hoping to raise between \$17,000 to \$18,000 this year." he said. The idea for the Charity Cup came up a few years ago during a conversation between Fugett and some of his friends from the fire department. "We were just sitting around talking and thought of having a softball



BROOKS CRANDALL/CORRESPONDENT

Contract awarded for repairs to Lot 3

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council awarded a contract for the paving, milling and striping of Lot 3, the commuter lot located at the South Avenue train station.

Topline Construction will receive \$258,675 for the work, which will begin within three weeks, said town administrator Jim Gildea. A contract for lighting improvements at the lot was not awarded to the vendor however, because a cheaper way was found to do the job. "(That part of) the job will still be done in the same timeframe," said Gildea.

Local officials anticipate the project will be completed by the end of August. It is being done during the coming month because "the least amount of parkers will be in the lot at that time," said Gildea.

The work will be paid for with money from the reserve parking improvement fund, which has accumulated since the council raised parking rates in 2000. The money was originally to be used to help finance new parking decks, but with that plan scuttled, it will be used for other improvements.

Also at the meeting, a pair of residents who live adjacent to Mindowaskin Park have asked the town to allow them to buy or lease part of the park's property so that they can fence in their backyard, keeping people and animals away.

The issue was discussed at Tuesday night's Town Council meeting, as Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, residents of North Euclid Avenue, told the council why they want to fence in their property.

Unlike the other lots in the area, the Brennans' lot is open to the park, allowing people to sometimes wander into their backyard. The Brennans said acquiring the property would allow them to construct a fence that connects to their neighbors', and would also provide more safety for their two young children.

"Someone can see my child**r**en

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Philly sound at Echo Lake

The Philadelphia Funk Authority will visit Echo Lake Park Wednesday night in the latest installment of the county's summer concert series. For more on that event and everything else in arts and entertainment, see Prime Time, Page B-3.



WSW presents 'My Fair Lady'

The Westfield Summer Workshop offers a student presentation of the classic musical at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28. The performance will be held at Rooseveit Intermediate School in Westfield. For tickets or other information, call (908) 518-1551.

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Classic vibe in downtown Westfield

The July 20 classic car show in Westfield had a little extra '50s feel, courtesy of local kids who took to the streets to show off their hula-hooping skills. Above, Paige Crandall poses for the camera.

Applicants sought for school board vacancy

SCOTCH PLAINS — At the June 2005, public meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, seven-year board member Lance Porter announced his resignation from the Board effective Aug. 1.

Porter's resignation is due to a job transfer. The Board will have 65 days from Aug. 1 to appoint a new Scotch Plains member to the board to serve until the next school election in April 2006. At that time, candidates may run for the one-year unexpired term.

Scotch Plains residents who are interested in applying for the open board seat are invited to submit a letter of interest, including a brief biography and their reasons for wanting to be on the Board of Education, to President Linda Nelson at the Board of Education Offices, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. The deadline for the applica-

tion is 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12. The board will conduct public interviews of candidates from 8-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, then recess into closed session to discuss the candidates' interviews. The board will then receiver

The board will then reconvene in open session to take a public vote to select the successor board member. If there are more candidates than time allows, the process will be completed at the Sept. 22 business meeting of the board.

Work underway on age-restricted project

Planning board approves minor changes

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Two applications for modest changes to the age-restricted community being constructed in the Broadway Redevelopment Area were approved by the Planning Board Monday.

After more than a decade of planning, modifications, and changes in ownership, construction at the site, formally named Heather Glen at Scotch Plains, is now underway.

Once owned by the township and then sold to Broadway Associates LLC., the 11-acre tract of land near the Scotch Hills Country Club was finally sold last year to West Long Branch-based PRC Group, which brought the applications heard by the board Monday.

The company's attorney, John A. Giunco said his clients wanted the lot lines of 13 lots to be adjusted so they have a better relationship to the street. "The changes would bring aesthetic consistency to the street," said Giunco. To do this, the lots will be squared off but will remain proportionate to previous plans and will have the same dimensions as before.

Engineer Ceyril Kucera said the changes would not include the taking or leaving out of any land, but would simply reshuffle the land already there.

"Everything will be pretty much the same and within a couple square feet of the original plan," said Kucera.

The board also approved plans to allow a front setback of only nine feet for one of the lots on Throwbridge Drive -- 20 feet is required by municipal regulations -- to align the radial shape

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Coming face-to-face with nature's wonders in Hawaii



Julianne DiLeo gets an up-close look at an endangered sea turtle.

WESTFIELD — When she gets back to school in the fall, local resident Julianne DiLeo will have quite a story about how she spent her summer vacation.

DiLeo recently returned from a field study trip she organized and coordinated to the University of Hawaii's Coconut Island Research Facility in Hawaii, an offshore island near the island of Oahu.

DiLeo, who is entering her senior year at the Pingry School, first conceived the idea of a field study trip to the research facility at Coconut Island as a freshman, when she was a biology student of Tommie Hata. She often heard from Hata, who grew up in Hawaii, about the world-class facilities located at the Coconut Island Research Center. "Mr. Hata definitely inspired me to conceive and organize this biology field study trip," said DiLeo. After conceiving the idea of the trip and receiving encouragement from Hata, DiLeo spent the next 12 months planning a detailed itinerary. She also organized the meetings for students who might be interested in participating in the field study trip and built student interest by creating fliers and signs and making announcements.

Thanks to her efforts, a total of 14 Pingry students and three Pingry faculty chaperones participated in the trip — DiLeo even arranged for the full funding of the trip for five of the other students.

The field trip included studying under the supervision of the faculty of the Coconut Island Research Facility. Coconut Island, an isolated piece of land off the coast of Oahu, is owned by the state of Hawaii and is completely closed to the public. The only people permitted on the island are scientists, researchers and students from the University of Hawaii. While on Coconut Island, the Pingry students studied the latest research into shark behaviors and the problems faced in trying to save endangered species.

After visiting Coconut Island, the students also spent a day visiting Waimea Falls Park on the northwest end of Oahu, where they studied the marine bionetwork. From Waimea Falls Park,

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county level, and he views changing family and social dynamics as an opportunity to draw from a potential new pool of volunteers, such as young mothers who are not returning to employment. He plans to focus on PTAs in the hope that some of these moms might be interested in volunteering for a daytime shift while their children are in school.

CONTACT volunteers receive a total of 50 hours of training, with 36 of those in the classroom, plus several first- and second-stage intern shifts with a trainer on the "observation phone." Trained volunteers are then asked to work two fourhour shifts per month, or about 100 hours per year. Training supervisor Sue Fasano is in charge of recruiting members and coordinating classes, which often feature speakers on such topics as dealing with grief, values clarification, active listening and call management. Clinical supervisor Dana Miller, a social work professional, monitors the hotline volunteers by regularly reviewing the notes they record after each call and offering specific suggestions and support. Nancy Levine, operations manager for the past five years and TW volunteer since 1996, describes her job as doing "anything Dave doesn't do," dealing especially with technical telecommunication issues involving the computer and phones.

Board member and TW volunteer John Ryan retired as senior vice president of human resources at Schering Plough in October 2003 and had been interested in volunteering at CONTACT for quite a while after reading about it in the local papers. Upon his retirement, he "made contact with CONTACT" and has been with them ever since.

"It's very rewarding," he said, "and a little less crisis-oriented than I thought it would be. Many people just need to vent or make contact with a listener who is non-judgmental and supportive. Most callers are people who need to be listened to, and a good percentage are return callers. Some people are between therapy sessions and just need to talk.

However, as Ryan and Owens explained, if a caller talks about hurting himself or others, there is a strict protocol the volunteers follow that involves keeping the caller on

the line while contacting an emergency screener — for this agency, a mental health professional at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center -- who then makes a decision about how to proceed and whether any other emergency professionals should be summoned. Those kinds of situations are rare, but CONTACT volunteers are fully prepared to handle them and have immediate access to a variety of professional resources and backup should the need arise. Volunteers also are trained to handle "manipulative callers," individuals whose problems are better served by referral to the Center for Sexual Health at UMDNJ.

Insurance company manager Joseph Bilella, a volunteer with CONTACT since 2001, learned about the crisis hotline from his church bulletin. He had been volunteering at his parish's babysitting service for children of those attending the meetings for alcoholics and substance abusers. After doing that for a few years, he decided to volunteer with CONTACT We Care because he desired a change and, as he put it, "I need to do something for other people. I need to give back because I am so blessed."

Bilella said he enjoys talking to people on the phone, even though he sometimes hears the same story over and over. "I try to make each call a success, make it fresh and take pride in it." He emphasized the importance of treating every caller with the utmost respect and letting all of them know that "wealways welcome their calls and we're here for them."

Owens agreed and added, "Repeat callers are alone, and no one is showing them respect. They may have unsympathetic family members, or family telling them what to do and putting lots of pressure on them. On the phone with us, they have no fear of being judged. Lots of callers aren't looking for solutions — just an ear."

For Bilella, the most difficult part of the work is simply the fact of being human. "You may not always be 100 percent up for every call. We have real lives and still have to deal with various issues, but you have to come here and answer the calls. You have to give it your all."

Giving their all seems to come naturally to CONTACT volunteers. One 86-year-old woman is still active on the phone, having logged more than 3,100 hours on

the hotline during her decades with the center. Another woman in her 80s just recently retired from years of working the 7 a.m. shift.

CONTACT in Union County receives between 20 and 30 calls a day, with some shifts, such as late afternoon and evening, usually busier than others.Volunteers also place outreach "reassurance calls" to homebound elderly and the disabled through the Care Ring Program, at the request of concerned family members, social workers, neighbors, etc.

Callers to the hotline come from all walks of life, from students dealing with overwhelming academic and social pressures to parents trying to cope with the demands of work and family to isolated older adults. Volunteers take calls from people experiencing a wide range of mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, panic attacks, bipolar, schizophrenia and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. But, by far, the most debilitating problem, and the common denominator among callers, is loneliness. Individuals who call — or those who are called by the Care Ring volunteers --- are lonely, in desperate need of human contact, a compassionate voice, a sympathetic car, an active, fully-present listener. And that's what the volunteers at CON-TACT do first, most and best: Listen. When people reach the end of their rope, CONTACT We Care makes sure there is always someone on the other end of the line.

Training classes for new volunteers are scheduled to begin in September at the First Baptist Church in Westfield. Anyone interested in learning more should call training supervisor Sue Fasano at (908) 301-1899. Volunteer opportunities include staffing the crisis hotline or the Care Ring Program, supporting the office staff with various projects, and serving on a special events or a Board committee.

Monetary donations made to CONTACT We Care, Inc. are taxdeductible. The agency's annual winter campaign was severely affected last year when donors turned their attention and dollars to victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami. For information on how to inake a contribution to support the work of CONTACT We Care, Inc., call Owens at (908) 301-1899.

The 24-hour crisis hotline number is (908) 232-2880, CONTACT also answers calls to (800) SUI-CIDE and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

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the students were brought to a nearby secluded beach, where they came face to face with a colony of endangered sea turtles. While on the beach with these endangered reptiles, the students learned about the activities of local conservationists to preserve the turtles.

The field study trip also took the students on a day trip to a marine state park, the Hanauma Bay Tropical Fish Preserve. There, the students swam and snorkeled in the ocean with tropical fish and explored the reef ecosystem.

While on Oahu, the students also visited historic Iolani Palace, which was the home of the Hawaiian royal family before Hawaii became a state. – It remains today as the only royal palace in the United States.

The students also spent a day at the Polynesian Cultural Center, where they observed firsthand the native cultures of the islands of the Pacific. "The Polynesian

opportunity to learn about the traditions and cultures of the Pacific Islands," said DiLeo. The center is located in the northeast end of Oahu, away from all the usual tourist attractions, such as Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbor (which the students also visited). The center was founded to preserve the cultural traditions of the islands of Tonga, Fiji, Hawaii, Maori (New Zealand), Tahiti, and others. At the Cultural Center, there are traditional villages on display, which are characteristic of each one of the various island cultures. Members of each island tribe teach visitors about their culture, why it is unique, and the traditions and celebrations which make up each island's distinctive culture.

From Oahu, the students traveled to Maui, another island of Hawaii. There, they studied the island ecosystem at the Iao Valley, observed the "Iao Needle," a geological formation of interest. and toured Lahaina, an 18th-century whaling village. Lahaina

was a port of call for many of the whaling vessels from the United States. There, the students learned of the terrible effects of whaling on the worldwide whale population. They also studied conservationists' efforts to preserve the whale populations today during a whale watching excursion off the coast of Lahaina. The students were also brought to Molokini Island, off the coast of Maui, where they furthered their snorkeling adventures.

"The trip was well worth the time and effort 1 put in," said DiLeo of her work over the past two years. "The members of the biology field study trip formed a common bond of friendship through our unique experiences in Hawaii. We were able to study firsthand the scientific developments taking place in a unique part of the United States that many people will never have the opportunity to visit. We discovered that not only is an education learned in the classroom, education is a way of life."

Hearing begins for Westfield officer

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - A public hearing on disciplinary action taken by the town against Detective Sandy Chambers began last week, but the key testimony won't be heard until the hearing continues in August, said Chambers' attorney.

Chambers stands accused of influencing another officer to void a \$20 parking meter violation she received in February. She was suspended with pay in March and the department is seeking to fire her.

Officers facing disciplinary proceedings have the choice of either a public or private hearing, and Chambers has chosen to have hers in public. Her attorney, Hassen Abdellah, has previously alleged

the disciplinary action is part of a "long-standing attitude" about Chambers, an African-American who received a community service award from the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce last November.

At the July 21 hearing, parking director John Morgan and supervisor Lisa Perrotta testified about the case, in which Chambers allegedly influenced another officer, Jonathan Pierce, to void the ticket.

Abdellah has previously claimed Pierce voided the ticket of his "own volition," after being asked by another officer to void a civilian's parking ticket. But at the hearing, Perotta testified he told her he did so on direction from Pierce, according to an account in The Star-

The next hearing will likely include testimony from Pierce. Abdellah said he believes last week's hearing went "okay" for his client, but much depends on what Pierce has to say.

"It's hard to determine right now because we are waiting on key testimony from Jonathan Pierce, he said.

The town is represented in the case by James Plosia, whose firm Apruzzese, McDermott Mastro & Murphy represents the town in labor matters. The hearing is being conducted by James Damato, an attorney with a private practice in Morris County.

The proceedings are likely to conclude Aug. 17, said town administrator Jim Gildea.

Contract awarded for repairs to Lot 3

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in my yard and can come right in," said Mrs. Brennan. The couple declined to give their first names

Geese, a common nuisance in



the park, have also caused a problem for the Brennans since there is nothing to keep them out of the private yard

Mr. Brennan said the couple does not wish to put up any structures on the property, and that

the council to entertain the request. But the real problem may lay in the ability of the town to sell this property. Council members said the Green Acres Program, a state program, may not permit them to sell or otherwise convey any part of the town's park to residents.

Council members will determine if selling or leasing is an option and review the issue at an



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	Aug	4 at 7:00	PM	Theater: Coriolanus by William Shakespeare
	Aug	5 at 1:30	РМ	TGIF: Eva Perone
	Aug	9 at 1:00	& 6:30 PM	Foreign Film: Magdalene Sisters
	Aug	11 at 7:0	0 PM	Theater: London Assurance
				by Dion Boucicault
	Aug	12 at 1:30	PM	TGIF: Silent Film Fest
	Aug	16 & 23 a	t 10:00 AM	Computer Class: Puzzled by the Internet II
		19 at 1:30		TGIF: Mammal Mania! Bring the kids.
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Aug 1 & 8 at 10:00 AM Preschool Storytime (31/2-5 yrs) Aug 2 & 9 at 7:00 PM Tales from the Middle Ages (4 yrs.+) ABC Bingo (young children) Aug 2 at 10:00 AM Aug 3 & 10 at 10:00 AM Mother Goose Group (up to 21/2)* Aug 4 & 11 at 10:00 AM Tots' Storytime (21/2-31/2 yrs.)* Book Discussion: The Princess Test Aug 4 at 7:30 PM Aug 5 & 9 at 10:00 AM Baby Rhyme Time (babies)* Aug 12 at 10:00 AM Color and Shape Bingo (young children) Aug 13 Summer Reading Program Ends Aug 17 at 3:00 PM T-shirt Design *caregiver must attend

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location of the driveway," said Kucera.

Giunco said if the lot were not changed, only a peculiarly shaped home would fit on the space. PRC Group's intent was to have all the models fit on all the lots, according to Giunco. "Changing this lot would permit that," said Giunco.

Located on Fanwood and Madison avenues, the 54-lot community will include a clubhouse and pool. The community will be available to residents age 55 and up. Construction on the homes began in June, and the models being built are already selling.

Lisa Marder, vice president of sales and marketing at Heather Glen at Scotch Plains, said construction should be done in about two years.

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Downtown concerts are on the move

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - The "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival will be moving to a new location due to the high volume of people in the streets during the event, said Sherry Cronin, executive director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC). The popular Tuesday night event has brought in so many people that the DWC has sought out safer locations to hold the concerts,

The First Baptist Church will be the new location for the jazz concerts starting next week and running through the remainder of the series, which ends on Aug. 30.

Although the event has brought in a large flow of customers to local merchants and restaurants, Cronin said it has become a safety issue, and police have already received some complaints.

"It has become a bit of a problem and we want to keep people safe," she said. "The streets are not blocked off during the event, so it has become a problem with people and vehicles in the street.'

Until now the concerts have been held in a few locations, including the North Avenue train station and near the Bombay and Banana Republic stores downtown. Two of the locations that have caused the most problems and have been discontinued the intersections of East Broad and Elm streets and Elm and Quimby treets.

"Sweet The Sounds Downtown" festival has been in operation for nine years now. Four bands play on each of the nine nights of the festival, which runs from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday with Wednesday night rain dates.

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Redeemer Lutheran students dare to be drug-free

Westfield Police Officer Gary Moore recently visited Redeemer Lutheran School to spread an anti-drug message through the D.A.R.E. program. Above, some of the school's fifth-grade students are shown with Moore after completing the program.

Beat the heat: Tips on keeping cool

By ANNA BOQDANOWICZ THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - Although summer weather can be a treat, the heat can also bring with it many dangers, such as heat cramps, heat

exhaustion and heat stroke. With temperatures in the area climbing into the mid-90s this week, Robert Sherr, director of the Westfield Regional Health Department, offered some advice for residents seeking ways to stay healthy in the heat.

"It's important to drink a lot of fluids to keep yourself hydrated and to stay in air-conditioned rooms if possible," said Sherr. He encouraged residents who do not break from the heat and go to either an air-conditioned neighbor's house, or find another location that has air-conditioning.

Good ventilation is vital. If you don't have air-conditioning, it's a good idea to keep drapes closed and windows open.

added that good ventilation is vital; if you don't have air-conditioning, it's a good idea to keep drapes closed and windows open, he said.

"It's important to stay cool, because heat can lead to heat cramps, exhaustion and heat stroke," said Sherr,

According to a fact sheet he provided, heat cramps are muscle contractions that can be forceful and painful. They seem to be connected to heat, dehydration, and poor conditioning. Rest, drinking water, and a cool environment all help.

"You can even go to the movies Heat exhaustion occurs as a or out to a store," said Sherr. He result of excessive heat and dehy-

dration. Signs of heat exhaustion are paleness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, fainting, and a moderately increased temperature. Rest, water, ice packs and a cool environment can help in mild heat exhaustion, but more severe cases require treatment with intravenous fluids. The most severe heat-related

illness is heat stroke. People with heat stroke usually get a very hightemperature of 106 degrees or higher, and may be delirious, unconscious or having seizures. Patients with heat stroke need their temperature reduced quickly. Ice packs can help, but the patient must also be rehydrated with IV fluids. Heat stroke requires immediate medical attention, and the patient should be brought to the hospital as quickly as possible.

Two reports received : of damage to US flags

WESTFIELD

A merchant on East Broad Street reported someone damaged his flagpole and American flag by lighting it on fire Saturday.

Also, police received a complaint Sunday that damage was done to a flag in the 1000 block of North Avenue.

Carteret residents Andrew Distefano and Lissette Mayes were charged July 20 with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, as well as possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both subjects were released on summonses pending a July 27 court date.

Police arrested 66-year old Scotch Plains resident Sangoy Ohra Saturday for shoplifting on the 600 block of North Ave. Ohra was released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

Police arrested 52-year old Roselle resident Gregory Eley Sunday at South Ave and Cross Street and charged him with driving while intoxicated. Eley was released to a responsible party.

Westfield resident Laura Avdey, 22, was charged with driving while intoxicated Monday on the 700 block of Norman Place. Avdey also allegedly refused an alcohol test and was released to a responsible adult.

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Police Log

Montclair resident Derek 2 Thoms was arrested July 20 on a warrant in the name of his alias. Derek P. Thomas. The warrant was issued by the East Orange court. ***

Police arrested Middlesex res ident Sharon L. Patrick at the Somerset County Jail July 20 on an criminal warrant issued by the Westfield Court. Patrick also had detainers from the Dunellen and Plainfield Court Patrick was transported to the Union County Jail.

A Westfield resident of the 200 block of Hyslip Ave reported released on his own recognizance someone damaged a panel in his garage door.

Scotch Plains resident Peter Longson, 20, was arrested Saturday on two active warrant's issued by the Westfield Municipal Court. Longson was released after posting bail.

Police arrested 24-year old Rasheed Wallace Saturday on an active warrant issued by the Carteret Municipal Courty Wallace was held in lieu of bail.

An employee at a business of the 100 block of Central Ave reported criminal mischief was done to the side of the store building Sunday.



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Marine

Residents receive medal for service Corps, written request for an applica-Westfield; George H. Prunty, tion form to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Attn: Kathy Burek, P.O. Box 340, Trenton, specialist four, Army, Fanwood; and Richard M. Sloan, lance corporal, Marine Corps, Scotch NJ 08625-0340. Alternately, email patricia.richter@njdmava.state.nj.us. Be sure to

Plains. Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Vietnam include full name, home Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal or Meritorious address and a daytime phone number. Service Medal should send a

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branch of the armed forces in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos or Cambodia between Dec. 31, 1960 and May 7, 1973 and have an honorable discharge or currently be serving in the military. Posthumous awards may also be made.

The recipients at the ceremony, as well as their rank, branch of the armed forces and current residence, include: Salvatore Alice. sergeant, Army, Westfield; Donald M. Bishop, lieutenant colonel, Air Force, Scotch Plains: John E. Fenuto, seaman apprentice, Navy, Westfield; Richard C. Gallagher, corporal, Marine Corps, Scotch Plains; William G. Gandy, staff

Officials to inspect pond

WESTFIELD — In response to ongoing complaints about the condition of the pond at Tamaques Park, Councilman Jim Foerst announced he and a group of local officials will make a special trip to inspect the pond at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28.

Complaints have focused on algae growth at the pond, as well as the condition of the surrounding area. Municipal engineer Ken Marsh reported earlier this year on efforts to improve the pond, but complaints have continued.







GOTTEN TO THE CORE

Even those who exercise regularly may of the body, letting you work the targeted neglect the "core"muscles of the abdomen. sides, and back. Like a column connecting the upper and lower body, these muscles play a crucial role in maintaining posture, balance, and trim physique, particularly as we age. Moreover, a strong core reduces the risk of back problems and helps us sit, stand, and walk for long periods without discomfort. While the traditional exercises for strengthening these muscles tend to be grueling, using a stability ball can be a fun and effective way of strengthening the midsection. This oversized, flexible, inflatable ball provides comfortable support for key parts.

muscles without straining the others

The air-filled balls can increase range of motion as you stretch, as well as improve balance, agifity, and posture. When you require the care of a physical therapist, or would like additional information about today's column, **CONTACT BELL REHABILITATION & SPORTS** MEDICINE. Open by appointment, we are conveniently located at 777 Walnut Ave. in Cranford and can be reached by calling (908) 272-5955. Auto Insurance Claims are our specialty, and we will submit your bills for compensation. No faults & Medicare. New patients are welcome.

P.S. The inherent instability of the stability ball makes exercising with it more effective since the midsection muscles must keep working to keep the body righted.

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Commentary

Don't leave DYFS out of the debate

In New Jersey's upcoming gubernatorial election, the dominant issue will likely be tax reform and state spending. That's as it should be: The state's system of taxation is notoriously inequitable, and while claims of government waste are often overblown, officials in Trenton need to get the state's finances back on track.

But the debate between Jon Corzine and Doug Forrester on taxes and spending shouldn't entirely crowd out other issues, such as the harrowing problems that continue to plague the state's Division of Youth and Family Services, or DYFS.

As The Star-Ledger reported this week, a courtappointed panel established to monitor the division's compliance with the settlement of a civil rights lawsuit has again slammed DYFS for failing to take sufficient action to improve training, hire new case workers, recruit foster families and clarify guidelines for responding to tips. Without "urgent" action, said the New Jersey Child Welfare Panel, the state will be found to have made "significantly inadequate progress.'

The problems at DYFS are so well-chronicled - especially by The Star-Ledger, which should be praised for its dogged approach to the issue - that it's sometimes hard to be shocked by the latest developments. The persistent complaints become almost like background noise.

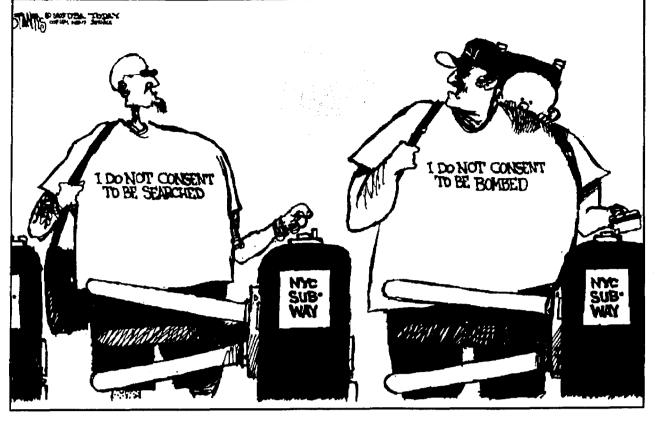
With startling frequency, though, stories come along that renew the outrage, such as the report last week that 2-year-old Alana Duff drowned about a week after a call to the DYFS hotline was deemed low-priority; no case worker visited the home. She was the second child this year to die in such a situation, and just the latest in a series of victims the system has failed in recent years.

Clearly, the problems can't be solved simply by shuffling boxes on an organizational flow chart or rewriting protocols. As a leading children's advocate group wrote in a recent letter to the state, "The DYFS centralized screening process has been reorganized four times since... fall 2004" - all to tragically little effect. The same letter notes that turnover among case workers remains high, training curricula are still being prepared, and the adoption system is "in chaos," with hundreds of children legally free from neglectful or abusive parents but without a new home to go to.

Many of the solutions to these problems will have to come from people with greater expertise in child welfare than we can offer. But there are a few obvious steps that can get things moving in the right direction: Fire, reassign or induce into retirement administrators who aren't doing their jobs. And hire more case workers, and pay them better, so that caseloads remain manageable and turnover is reduced.

These steps will require some money, and they'll require an executive willing to devote his time to the isque and crack some heads together. That's why we need to know where Corzine and Forrester stand.

Broken bureaucracies can be fixed - one of Jim McGreevey's accomplishments as governor was to make Motor Vehicle Services much more user-friendly. That was an important step, to be sure, but with DYFS, lives are literally at stake. We need to start saving them.



Letters to the editor

Don't hesitate to seek help for anxiety

To The Record-Press:

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As we learn about the recent terrorist attacks on London, it is to be expected that some of us will feel anxious about our own safety and that of our loved ones. This type of anxiety is natural and even to be expected. Indeed, for some people, this tragedy can bring back powerful emotions associated with 9/11 and other traumatic evens in our

Most of us will be able to manage these feelings by using our natural support systems and healthy stress reduction methods such as exercising and eating well. Experts say that remaining engaged in our world, staying connected to family and friends and maintaining a routine helps us to successfully manage the challenges of our current world.

However, some people may experience particu-

The New Jersey State Senate recently passed

legislation that will allow homeowners who file

for bankruptcy to keep the maximum amount of

equity allowed under the recently-revised federal

bankruptcy law. For an individual, that amount

mortgages, back taxes and other liens. This is not

a free ticket to shirk their responsibilities.

Rather, the legislation will give people with

crushing debt an opportunity for a new beginning

while at the same time, allowing them to keep

Homeowners will still be obligated to pay their

is \$125,000; for a married couple, it's \$250,000.

lar difficulty managing their emotions during these trying times. It is not uncommon to experience feelings of disbelief, fear and anxiety about the future, irritability, sadness and powerlessness. Some people may also experience headaches or stomach problems, difficulty sleeping or excessive use of alcohol or drugs.

If you are experiencing difficulties like these, it is important to remember that you are not alone. Staff at the NJ Disaster Mental Health Help Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at (877) 294-HELP.

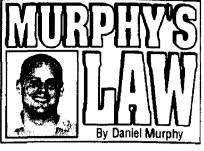
If you are unsure whether you or a loved one needs help, please call. Trained staff is available to listen and help.

JAMES M. DAVY **Commissioner, NJ Dept. of Human Services**

Bankruptcy shouldn't mean loss of equity

izes in a bankruptcy bailout program, First Hallmark Mortgage endorses this legislation. Losing one's home benefits no one - not the consumer, nor the lender. Certainly, we don't need to add to the ranks of the homeless. We know that equity can be a homeowner's best friend. It has many benefits — it can be tapped to finance investments, your children's education and to reduce other costly debts. It can also be used to help pay for retirement.

We encourage the state Assembly to follow the Senate's lead, and pass this legislation. It's the right thing to do for everyone involved.



Hanging out with the boys

I love my friends, I really do. But put seven of us in a room together and you're likely to get 20 different hard-headed opinions as to where we should go and what we should do.

So, when it came to planning a bachelor party for my best friend, I was a little stressed about organizing a weekend that would be everything he hoped it would be, something the other guys would enjoy, would be affordable to all in a group of varying incomes and still not violate the parameters set forth by the fiancée.

Then, with all the details finally mapped out, the plan firmly in place and my stress lowered to an acceptable level, the bachelor tells me on the night before we're to leave that he's so excited that it feels like Christmas Eve.

Needless to say, I headed into this past weekend's excursion quite nervous and anxious. Would the hotels be comfortable enough and have clean sheets? Would the bars and clubs be fun and alive? Would the weather be good enough for golf? Would the cards fall the right way at the casinos?

While there were plenty of unexpected bumps in the road - a lost set of car keys, the shutdown of the interstate right at the exit for the golf course that pushed our teetimes back three hours, the lack of a beverage cart on the golf course, a cabbie that thought he was both Bo and Luke Duke, and a few ruthless blackjack dealers - we hit the three basic G's of a bachelor party (golf, gambling and gentlemen's clubs) and had ourselves a very memorable week end. The bars were alive and the drinks were flowing. The club was everything the bachelor was anticipating. While Saturday morning started as a nightmare with the key fiasco, the interstate nightmare and tee times moving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., once we were on the course, with carts full of drinks and scorecards an afterthought, everything was smooth sailing. The casino offered good enough food and booze, and a few of us found ourselves at a blackjack table with an extremely generous dealer and a group of very enthusiastic players. (But only one of us actually left with any money. while another was clearly lying about how much he was down. After we trudged back from the casino to our hotel rooms at 4 a.m. Sunday morning with the adrenaline from the casino (and the excess oxygen they pipe in) still coursing through our veins, a few of us stayed up until nearly 5:30 a.m. telling random stories from the weekend — stories that can't be repeated here. I realized then how easy it really is to plan bachelor parties. They don't have to be extravagant or complicated just get a group of guys together, put them within easy reach of booze, golf, gambling or girls, and they are sure to find a way to have a good time. We didn't partake in any of the over-the-top debauchery portrayed in the movies (just your average run-of-the-mill debauchery), nor did we stay in lavish suites and spend a king'sransom. We just hung out together and did stupid guy things for 48 hours. It almost makes me want to plan another one. Daniel Murphy was sports editor of the Record-Press and Cranford Chronicle from 1999-2004, winning five New Jersey Press Association awards for his writing. He currently lives in Arlington, Va. You can email him at danielmurphylaw@yahoo.com.

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Gov't has advantage in records disputes

By TINA RENNA

GUEST COLUMNIST

On July 8, 2002, the state Legislature passed the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). They also created the Government Records Council (GRC) to oversee

complaints against records custodians. To this date, the GRC has not found a records custodian guilty of a "knowing and willful" violation of OPRA, which would lead to the custodian being personally fined by the agency. In lieu of fining custodians, the GRC has been placing violators on their "Matrix," which imposes a state oversight of how the custodian handles OPRA requests.

I have filed eight GRC complaints against the County of Union since 2003. They were found not to have complied with OPRA four times, without rising to a "knowing and willful" violation. They have been placed on the GRC Matrix three times to date, with more complaints still pending, A fifth violation was determined recently, and rather than ruling directly on whether a "knowing and willful violation" had been committed, the GRC referred the case to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

By sending this complaint to the OAL the GRC gave an unfair advantage to the county who will be represented by taxpayer-funded attorneys, while I can't afford the expense of hiring an attorney to represent me. I find it both ironic and alarming that a government body can use taxpayer dollars against a taxpayer trying to pry information out of them regarding how taxes are being spent.

After much consideration and research, 1 have decided to formally withdraw this OPRA complaint. Dealing with the OAL is beyond the capability of the average citizen. The process requires time that I don't have to give; I work, I have a family that includes two young daughters; and I have friends and other interests besides battling Union County for information.

I am an activist who has learned that the cards are stacked against the average person, and I think that it will be more productive for me to spend my limited time to continue to work for greater access to records without spending countless hours trying to present a case to the OAL.

Guest commentary

In trying to research the OAL process I went to the organization's Web site, where I found several thousand words "summarizing" their rules. The rules themselves are much longer. If I were to enter the OAL's system, I'd be expected to know about and deal

with motion procedures, discovery rules, rules of evidence, etc. Not exactly enjoyable beach reading. I find this to be the equivalent of handing my 13-yearold the keys to my car and, with no driving knowledge, directions or gas money, telling her to drive to Chicago to pick up grandma.

I have become an active member of the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government (NJFOG). I traveled to Trenton recently to speak at a GRC meeting. After relaying how I felt about trying to present my case to an OAL judge, I asked the counsel to candidly admit that there really is no process that will lead to a custodian being held accountable. It would be much more honest for the GRC to simply tell people that there is no process than it is to send them into a complex black hole that promises a process that is not in reality attainable.

Members of the GRC admitted their frustration as well, and acknowledged that they would accept an invitation from the Legislature to take a look at how OPRA can be improved. How refreshing to see a government body actually listen to the citizens and be open and willing to work towards better government.

As far as prying records out of the County of Union, I can tell you that OPRA and the GRC were helpful for a short period of time. This is no longer true. Just this past month, the county gave me a record with a disclaimer "there may be errors or omissions on this document" regarding an employee's paid days off. This is either incompetence or corruption; either way, as it stands in the State of New Jersey, there is absolutely nothing a citizen can do about it.

A closed government isn't in the citizens' best interests, and should not be allowed to flourish in a democratic society. The county now spends more than \$1 million of our money a day on issues relating to our health, welfare and safety. With this in mind, I will continue to work for greater access to public records.

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Han is picked to lead counter-terror group

Office Detective Paul Han has been named the permanent coordinator of the Union County Counter-Terrorism Task Force, Prosecutor Theodore Romankow announced Monday.

"I am extremely proud to be the prosecutor responsible for selecting Detective Han to lead the county's efforts in such a sen-

sitive and critical mission of protecting our citizens, our high risk areas and infrastructure systems because he has more than earned this recogition," said Romankow, noting that Han left the State of New Jersey's Office of Counter-Terrorism to come to the county and has filled in as acting coordinator

since Robert Kramer became ill last year.

"Paul's leadership in spearheading a complete network of cooperation and communication with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), and with the state office and each of the municipalities in Union County, has been spectacular," said the prosecutor.

of Chief Prosecutor's Detectives Robert T. Buccino said Han has also worked with the international money laundering unit that tracked secret underground terrorist financial systems and has investigated numerous criminal and civil cases including immigration and passport fraud, identity theft

Union County Prosecutor's and document fraud, credit card scams and work involving confidential informants who provide information on possible terrorist cells and corruption.

"He is the perfect person for this important post," said Buccino, noting Han's prior training, knowledge of languages including Korean and Japanese, and certifications including

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enforcement agencies in the county, and work on improved security measures for the county, major transportation systems and corporate safety plans.

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"This is an opportunity and a challenge that I welcome, and I am grateful for the confidence bestowed by the chief and the prosecutor," said Han, who is hoping to increase the amount of information and intelligence data that is already being shared with the respective agencies.

Detective Han, who also worked in the Officer of the **Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and** later with the Bureau of Police and Prosecutor's at the Division of Criminal Justice in Trenton, is а graduate of Rutgers University.

Members of Roosevelt Intermediate School's Club FACT (Fighting Against Cancer Together)

include (from left) Ms. Tina McIntosh, Meghan Sullivan, Sabrina Telsey, Dara Silverman, Priyanka Nayer, Amanda Chang, Amanda Garfinkei, Charli Herrington, Julia Harbaugh, Ellie Tanji, Hannah Rubin, Meghan Dunn, Jo-Ann Khadaran, Emily Chan, Nicole Cruikshank and Ms. Kay Leavy.

Getting the FACTs on cancer

WESTFIELD - Club FACT (Fighting Against Cancer Together) recently ended its second school year at Roosevelt Intermediate School, and was recognized by the American Cancer Society for its spirit. The club's founders, teachers Tina McIntosh and Kay Leavy, began the club in 2003 to provide an outlet for students touched by cancer, to educate others about cancer, and to fundraise in the fight against cancer.

This past school year, FACT ran various fundraisers such as bake sales, flower sales, ribbon sales, and a car wash to raise money for an event called Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a national event run by the American Cancer Society in which teams of 10 or more people raise money and relay around a track for up to 24 hours.

At the Union County Relay held at Kean University, team members took turns walking from 5 p.m. on Friday, June 3 to about 8 a.m. Saturday, June 4. The students endured 15 hours of steady rainfall and very chilly conditions. A special FACT Chorus, led by vocal music teacher Kay Leavy, complemented the emotional luminary ceremony.

This last fundraising event of the school year culminated with a contribution by Club FACT of \$5,940 for cancer research and an award from the American Cancer Society for being the most spirited team throughout the night.

WHS will hear talk by Sherr

WESTFIELD - Robert M. Sherr, director of the Westfield Regional Health Department, will be the guest speaker at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon Aug. 3, at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave.

Sherr will discuss some of the history (records go back to the early 1800s), services, regulations and responsibilities of the Westfield Regional Health Department which, in addition to Westfield, presently provides public health services by contract to the boroughs Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, New Providence and the Township of Springfield, covering a population of more than 86,000 residents.

In addition to supplementing many of the services provided by Union County, as well as implementing the state-mandated programs and services, the Westfield Regional Health Department cooperates with the towns and boroughs under contract in providing many local services. Vital statistics, adult health services, swimming pool inspections, blood pressure checks, rabies clinics for dogs and cats, health education programs, flu shots and child health clinics are just a few of the many services the department offers.

In recent years the danger of the West Nile Virus and, since 9/11, the threat of bio-terrorism have both had a profound impact on the department and municipal services, as they've had to respond and investigate the numerous calls that come in.

Regular attendees of the luncheon will be contacted by a phone committee of the society to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others may attend the luncheon by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon Monday.

Lions welcome three new members

WESTFIELD - At recent meetings, three new members were inducted into the Westfield Lions Club.

Past Council Chair and NJ Candidate for Lions International Director Robert Moore inducted Lions Gregory Ryan and Joseph Keenan Jr. at the club's annual installation of new officers and awards night.

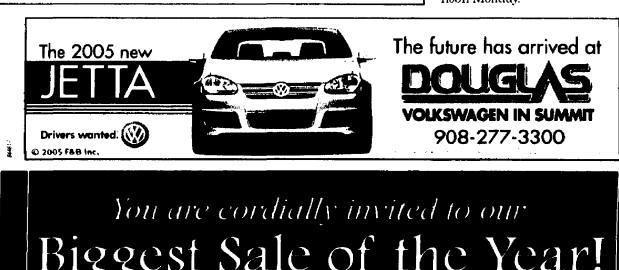
Lion Ryan is employed by FedEx and is a volunteer firefighter in Westfield as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus and a Boy Scout Broadwell, treasurer; Lion William Doyle, Tail Twister and Lions Carl Villane and Robert Schwarz a directors.

International The Associations of Lions Clubs is the world's largest service organization, with close to 1.4 million members in 193 countries and geographic areas that answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world.

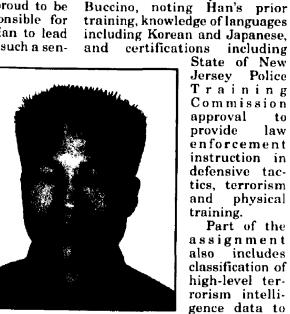
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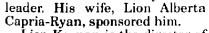
developing countries as well as tackling tough problems such as blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness. The Lions, through Lions Club International Foundation provide immediate and sustained relief in time of disaster and offer long-term assistance to those in need.

For information on membership in the Westfield Lions Club, write the club at P.O. Box Office 572, Westfield, NJ 07091.





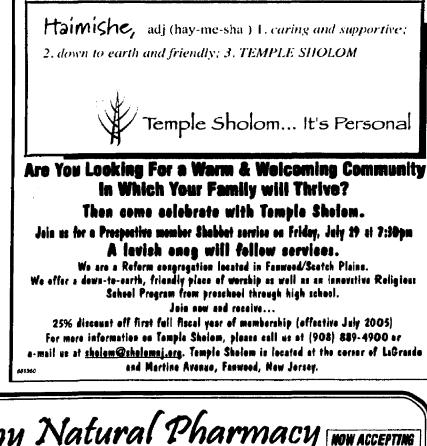




Lion Keenan is the director of the Elizabeth Public Library and is a member of the Rotary Club and Masons. Club President the Rev. Lion Lois Schembs sponsored Keenan.

Past District Governor Douglas Schembs Jr. inducted Lion Bethany Broadwell at an earlier meeting. Lion Broadwell is a special education teacher for students with multiple disabilitics. Her husband, Lion Jeffrey Broadwell, a Past Region chairman and current club treasurer, sponsored her.

Lion Moore installed the club's officers for 2005-2006. The Rev. Lion Lois Schembs was installed president; Lion Michael as Gordeuk, first vice president; Lion Tamer, Lion Alberta Capria-Ryan, second vice president; Lion Barbara Mellen, third vice president; Lion Douglas Schembs Jr., Lion Jeffrey secretary;



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Trosin is building knowledge of gov't

November 2004, teenager Walter Trosin III of Scotch Plains had a dream to be accepted into the Governor's School of Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey program, to be held at Monmouth University during the summer of 2005

through piles of paperwork this past fall, and waiting for the final word, the senior at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison is now living his dream.

"I first realized how interested I was in law and government shortly after the tragic and heroic events of September 11 and the war with Iraq that followed, a time which hit home to me how much government

actions matter to the people they govern," he said in one of his essays.

experiences gave me an insideglimpse of the workings of the system," Trosin continued. "However, this also piqued my interest and whetted my appetite for more. When I was fortunate enough to be recommended for a thorough four-week emersion in considering and discussing the issues that matter to today's and tomorrow's citizens, I had only one choice: go for it."

Go for it he did. Trosin is now at Monmouth University with other students with the same political propensity and having quite a time. His mother, Donna Trosin, said he has called to say

SCOTCH PLAINS - Back in that the "lectures are great, the kids pretty cool." The activities of the state-sponsored Governor's School will run through Aug. 6.

The four-week experience of Governor's School not exposes students to others in the state with similar interests and abilities, but also gives them an oppor-After writing his essays, going tunity to enrich personal awareness of diversity

among ideas, people, and visions of the future.

Trosin comes to the program with a healthy background in government experience. A symposium held at Wardlaw-Hartridge for all Upper School students at the Edison school explored the effect of the Patriot Act on civil rights, As part of the student body, Trosuc participated in debates and discus-

WALTER TROSIN III

sions on the pros and cons of this controversial issue.

As a sophomore, he was pres-"All of my personal and school - ident of the Class of 2006 and now is the student body president. As president of his class, he initiated numerous events to unite the class such as a lock-in, a movie night and other special activities.

In his freshman year, he helped start the independent school's first filmmaking club, called Patriot Pictures.

He also has earned a black belt in Tae Kwan Do after taking up the sport 11 years ago. Additionally, he has volunteered with his local congressman, and has been a part of summer programs on national and world issues.



'Sweet Sounds' series continues Tuesday in Westfield

The "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festivel, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), continues its ninth annual season in downtown Westfield next Tuesdey. The performances will take place on sidewalks and street corners every Tuesday in July and August from 7-9 p.m. Rain dates will be the following Wednesday evenings at the same time. The Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival schedule for Tuesday includes performances by Incinerators, Mirage Quartet, Arturo with Alison Kalaher, and B.D. Lenz. For more information about Westfield and other downtown events taking place, call the DWC at (908) 789-9444 or visit www.WestfieldToday.com.

Library's TGIF program focuses on Evita

Thursday, July 28.

10-10:30 a.m. Monday.

Preschool Story Time -

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Mother Goose Group — Walking toddlers and kids up to

2½ years old with a caregiver

enjoy rhymes, songs, movement

activities and stories from 10-

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activity at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

10:45 a.m. Tuesday.

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Upcoming programs for adults include:

Puzzled by the Internet I ---This beginners class, offered 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, covers the basics skills such as how to access Web sites and select search engines, as well as browser basics and printing.

Kitchen Stories - The foreign film will be screened at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. This delightful film is about a researcher for the Swedish Home Research Institute who is charged with studying the kitchen habits of befriends his subject, breaking the rules of the study.

Coriolanus The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey presents the Bard's play, an examination of a military hero's downfall, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4. TGIF — This week's program

is a discussion of the life and times of Eva Peron, one of the 20th century's most famous women. It will be held at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 5.

Upcoming children's programs include:

Tots' Story Time - Children ages $2^{1/2}$ to $3^{1/2}$ and a caregiver listen to a story and do an activi-

SCOTCH PLAINS The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Board has designated The Enrichment Center Annex as the new provider of community education for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Enrichment Center Annex is a non-profit company headed by

Elaine Sigal. All classes will still be offered in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools. Classes for students in K-12 will be taught by state-certified teachers, with a maximum class size of eight students. Adult classes will run in the evenings. Seminars and trips are also planned.

ty from 10:00-10:30 a.m. 10:20 a.m. Wednesday.

Book Discussion - Have your say about the book and enjoy a snack and an activity. Be sure to read or listen to the book before attending at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Baby Rhyme Time - For babies who are not yet walking and a caregiver, the program offers rhymes, lap bounces, songs, and claps from 10-10:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5.

For more information or to register for free adult programs, call (908) 789-4090, visit the Web library's site at www.wmlnj.org, or stop by the library for a copy of the quarterly newsletter.

Center will run Community School

Said Sigal, "I am so excited that the board chose The **Enrichment Center Annex to run** The Community School. It is a huge vote of confidence in our ability to organize and to offer quality educational programs. Our goal is to take the quality program that has been running and expand upon it." The Community School will increase its offerings





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July 19 - Chris Colenari Quartet, Scarlett Moore, Swingadelic with Make You Wanna Dance, and XL Band

July 26 - Jason "Malletman" Taylor, Soul Jazz Trio, Mike Kaplan Nonet, and Mary Ellen Desmond

August 2 - Incinerators, Arturo with Alison Kalaher, Mirage Quartet, and B.D. Lenz

August 9 - Blue Plate Special, Jeanle Bryson, Dave Leonhardt Trio, and Gordon James

August 16 - Stringbean and the Stalkers, Scott Hunter & the Soul Searchers, Eric Mintel Quartet, and ButterBall

August 23 - Terraplane Blues, Framework, Loren Daniels Trio, and Roamin' Gabriels

August 30 - Full Count Big Band, Sandy Mack Band, Marlene VerPlank, and Jeanne Lozier Band



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both for children and for adults.

A new program brochure will be mailed to all residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood in August, and Sigal is looking for input from the community.

"We want to offer classes for all age students. We would love to hear from everyone in the community with requests for types of classes to be offered. We are

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— Elaine Sigal

encouraging local business to get involved by advertising in the brochure or by offering to teach a class in the adult section of the school. It will be a busy summer for us preparing and organizing,' she said.

The new Web site for The Community school will be up and running by August at www.TheEnrichmentCenterAnne x.com. Programming will be offered after school and evenings, and the pricing structure will be similar to 2004-2005 prices.

Call the new Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community School number at (908) 654-8878 to speak with Sigal about courses.



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Horne picked to lead county's United Way

Larry J. Lockhart, board president of the United Way of Greater Union County, recently announced that the board of directors has appointed James W. Horne Jr., as the organization's new chief executive officer.

Horne comes to the position with more than 10 years of experience within the United Way system. His most recent position was president and chief professional officer of the United Way of the Pioneer Valley, Springfield, Mass. Prior to that, Horne served as executive vice president for United Way of Summit County in Akron, Ohio, and was the senior vice president of Resource Development for United Way of Eastern Fairfield County in Bridgeport, Conn.

"Jim has exceptional skills and will provide great leadership to our United Way and to the entire United Way system," said Lockhart. "We are confident that Jim will build upon the strong foundation created by his predecessors Elisse Glennon and Dell Raudelunas."

Horne is a strong advocate of what is known in the United Way system as the "Community Impact Agenda," which describes the process of collaborating with all segments of the community to develop action plans that address critical health and human service issues. The selection of Horne was the culmination of a nationwide search that began with 52 candidates more than six months ago. United Way of America's Executive Search Service provided additional support to the local search committee.

"Jim's achievements in leading record-setting fundraising campaigns and his vast experience in community development will make him a dynamic leader in our community," said Joseph P. Starkey, United Way board member and president of the Schering-Plough Foundation. "His creative energy and firm commitment to United Way's mission will help make Greater Union County a better place to live and work."

Horne and his wife Kathryn have three children, Meghan, Melissa, and James III. Horne earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Bridgeport and holds a master's in Human Service Leadership from Springfield College.

As the nation's leading community solutions provider, United Way invests in and activates the resources to make the greatest possible impact in communities across America. The United Way movement includes approximately 1,400 communitybased United Way organizations. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers.

Locally, United Way of Greater Union County develops and supports more than 100 programs that measurably improve the



JAMES W. HORNE JR.

lives of local children and families. United Way's Early Learning programs are focused on enhancing the quality of local child care centers to ensure children are well prepared to learn and succeed in school and in life.

United Way's 2-1-1 helpline also supports thousands of local families by connecting callers with social services and community resources that can help answer their human service needs.

For more information or to support United Way of Greater Union County, call (908) 353-7171 or visit www.uwguc.org. The 16th annual Golf Classic held June 13th at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, which attracted 200 golfers, raised \$140,000 to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital and WB11 for Kids, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

Top sponsors for the Classic included Alger Funds, PSE&G, and Workflow Solutions,

An exciting highlight of the day came when golfer Jeff Brown sank a 50-foot putt, the final shot in a series of qualifying putts, to win \$10,000 in the Putting Contest sponsored by Fleet Insurance Services. Golfers also participated in a 50/50 raffle and auctions that together raised more than \$25,000. Auction items included a package to the ESPN golf school, a Marriott vacation and luxury box tickets to the New York Yankees.

"Each year this outing highlights the important role our corporate, community and individual sponsors play in helping to fulfill the needs of the kids at Children's Specialized Hospital," said Nick Boccella, co-chairman of the planning committee for the Classic.

Boccella of Smith Barney and Barry Gross of Merrill Lynch were joined by committee members Todd Bauer, Perry Blatt, Dominic DiGiorgio, Kevin Korn, Joseph Lamendola, Ph.D., George Lazo, Roy Lundgren, Kristen Marinelli, John Moore, Phillip Salerno III, and Alexander

Giaquinto, Ph.D.

Golf event raises \$140K for CSH and WB11 fund

Other events in the Golf Championship Series to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital are the 13th annual Golf Invitational, to be held at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township on Aug. 1, and the fourth annual Women's Golf Outing, Special Women Helping Special Kids, at Fairmount Country Club in Chatham on Oct. 3. Contact the Foundation office at (908) 301-5463 for more information.

Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is the nonprofit charitable organization that raises funds to support programs and services at Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest

pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the nation. Based in Mountainside, the Foundation is the only organization of its kind where every gift has a direct impact on the lives of special needs children.

Since its inception in 1993, the WB11 Care for Kids Fund, as a fund of the McCormick, Tribune Foundation, has granted more than \$6.5 million to outstanding non-profit organizations that address the unmet needs of children and their families. The McCormick Tribune Foundation matches donations to the WB11 Care for Kids fund at a significant percentage, making even more money available to impact our community.



Rotarians receive Paul Harris Fellowship

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotarians Dwight Leeper and Pat Plante were presented the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award by former **District Governor Andrienne** Bzura (at left) on June 29 at the Pantagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains. Harris founded the Rotary in 1905, and his fellowship is awarded to members for tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets at noon every Wednesday at the Pantagis Renaissance. Those interested in joining are invited to be a guest at an upcoming meeting; call Richard Dobyns at (908) 322-5986. For further information visit the Web site at fsprotary.org.

program continues at First Baptist

'Ministry'

WESTFIELD — The First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm St., will continue its summ e r preaching series on "Jesus' Ministry in Matthew" the next two Sundays with a focus on miracles.

The Rev. Lou Ruprecht, minister of adult education, will preach on the feeding of the 5,000 this Sunday and on Jesus walking on water Aug. 7, when Communion will be served.

A highlight of these two services will be that the musical support offered by church member Jane Tsai on piano and her daughter Kelly Yang on the flute.

In addition, each week a member of the congregation will share a story about a meaningful piece of Christian music, and congregants will hear or sing the piece discussed.

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WEDNESDAY AUG. 3

THE DISENGAGEMENT FROM GAZA' - a program on Israel's controversial move. 7:30 p.m. Union County Torah Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield. \$5. (908) 789-5252.

MOTHERS & MORE mom's group gets home organization tips from Jamie Novak of Life U Love. 7:30 p.m. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad St. (908) 928-9841 or (908) 889-2286.

PHILADELPHIA FUNK AUTHORITY - free concert at Echo Lake Park, Mountainside/Westfield border. 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, concert will be held at Cranford High School (908) 352-8410 for up-to-date information.

BLOOD DRIVE — hosted by Westfield/Mountainside the chapter of the American Red Cross . 3-8 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. (908) 232-7090.

HISTORY OF THE HEALTH DEPT. — a talk by Westfield health officer Robert Sherr for the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. Noon. B.G. Restaurant, Fields 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. (908) 233-2930 by noon.

THURSDAY AUG 4

'CORIOLANUS' - an outdoor presentation of one of Shakespeare's last tragedies. 7 p.m. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad St. Register at (908) 789-4090.

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'LONDON ASSURANCE' ---an outdoor presentation the comedy by Dion Boucicault, 7 p.m. Aug. 11. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad St. Register at (908) 789-4090.

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE - an informational session hosted by The Chelsea at Fanwood, 295 South Ave. 9:30 a.m. Aug. 17, RSVP by Aug. 10 by calling (908) 654-5200, ext. 511. PARTY IN THE PARK —

first annual fundraiser event for the Runnells Specialized Hospital Foundation. 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17 at Echo Lake Park, in conjunction with the performance by the Fabulous Greaseband. \$35. (908) 771-5858.

DOG SHOW --- hosted by The Chelsea at Fanwood, 295 South Ave. 11 a.m. Aug. 20. To enter, stop by and register by Aug. 16, (908) 654-5200, ext. 511.

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PROGRAM — first event of its kind hosted by the College Woman's Club of Westfield. \$40; proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund. Advance tickets available through Aug. 15 to club members; tickets go on sale Sept. 1 at the Town Book Store, For more. visit www.WestfieldToday.com/cwc.

OCTOBERFEST 2005 - fall celebration of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. at Camp Lou Henry Hoover in Sussex County. Oct. 14-16, \$75 for the full weekend; reduced rates for shorter stay. (908) 232. 3236, ext. 1226.

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Cancer support group in need of volunteers

SCOTCH PLAINS --- The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation in Scotch Plains, a support organization for children with cancer, is in need of volunteers for its Food Pantry Committee.

Food Pantry Committee volunteers will assist in contacting organizations and making phone ealls regarding food drives, food pick-up and delivery, organizing and maintaining the food pantry, and assist with other duties as well.

Other volunteer positions are also available, and ECF is in need of volunteers for its Special Events Committee.

To volunteer to make a difference in the life of a child who is suffering from cancer, call Ximena at (908) 322-4323, ext. 17.

Red Cross to host blood drive Wednesday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health.

Federal regulations require donors to wait 56 days between donations. Donors are asked to bring picture identification and know their social security number. Also, donors are asked to eat a regular meal before donating.

For more information, please call (908) 232-7090.

Temple lecture series continues next week

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center in Westfield is now presenting a four-part lecture series titled "The Holy Temples: What They Mean to Us Today" as part of the summer session of its Jewish Literacy Program.- "

The second lecture will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Torah Center, 418 Central Ave. The topic will be "Modern Customs from Temple Times." Audience members will learn the customs and traditions Jews prac-









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The Give and Take Jugglers performed to a standingroom-only crowd at the Scotch Plains Public Library July 20 as part of the library's Family Renaissance Masquerade Ball. Many of children and a handful of adults in attendance came in colorful and festive Renaissance-era customs. Above, Beth Singer helps a performer with a trick. At left, Giovanna Carlino keeps her eye on the ball. Children's librarian Michelle Willis organized the event. For more information on upcoming events, visit the library's Web site at

Fanny Wood returns on Oct. 2

FANWOOD — The Fanny Wood Day Committee has announced that the 10th annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The committee has been meeting throughout the summer to finalize plans for this year's event. Chaired by Fanwood Councilwoman Donna Dolee and Jennifer Ricci, executive director of The Chelsea at Fanwood, the committee includes representatives from public works, the police department and a number of local volunteers, some of whom have been helping since the first Fanny Wood Day was held in 1996.

The committee has been busy soliciting a variety of vendors who, along with local merchants, will have stands on Martine and South avenues. Vendors will provide food, crafts, and various items suitable for young and old alike, A number of local nonprofit organizations and local professionals will also be on hand to provide information and services

Vendors interested in reserving a spot at the festival should call (908) 322-2350.

Once again, a special area will be set aside for children, with rides and entertainment as part of the festive occasion. A DJ will be on hand to provide music and will be broadcasting the results of a number of contests being scheduled throughout the day.

The Cougar Car Club will host an exhibition of classic automobiles in the Fanwood train station parking lot along South Avenue. If you have a great old car and want to be part of the show, call (908) 889-1709.

There will also be plenty of other activities, including the crowning of Mr. and Mrs.

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tice today that emanate from the destruction of the temples. Why do celebrants break a glass at a wedding? Why is black a sign of mourning?

Rabbi Mitchell Bomrind will be the instructor. There is a \$10 suggested donation for each lecture.

For more information and to RSVP, call the center at (908) 789-5252.

See Yanks, Mets and Liberty with Rec. Dept.

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Recreation Department is leading three opportunities to cheer on New York's sports teams.

The first trip is to see the New York Liberty as they battle the LA Sparks at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. The bus departs at 4:30 p.m. and the cost is \$49 per person, which includes a food voucher.

Next, cheer on the Yankees at 7:05 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 as they take on the Texas Rangers. The bus departs at 3:30 p.m., and the cost will be \$66.

Then, on Thursday, Sept. 1, join in as the Mets attempt to defeat the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:05 p.m. The bus departs at 11 a.m., and the cost is \$56.

All trips depart from the municipal building on 425 East Broad Street. Tickets are limited. For more information, contact the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080 or visit the Web site at www.westfieldnj.net/townhall/recreation.

Medicare program planned at The Chelsea

FANWOOD — The Chelsea at Fanwood will host an informational session on understanding Medicare, including prescription drug discount cards, Medicare Part A and Part B and Medicare statements.

The session will be held Aug. 17 with a 9:30 a.m. breakfast and 10 a.m. presentation. Ada Figueroa from Empire Medical Services will be leading the session.

Register by Aug. 10 by calling Eileen Weller, community relations director at The Chelsea at Fanwood, at (908) 654-5200, ext. 511. The Chelsea at Fanwood is located at 295 South Ave. http://www.scotlib.org/calendar.htm. Fanwood, the couple that best exemplifies the spirit of the borough. Applications and complete details are available at www.visitfanwood.com. Entries must be received by Sept. 24 so the lucky winner is ready for the big day.

"It's going to be a great day for Fanwood, celebrating our town and our people, with rides, food, vendors, and contests for everyone" noted Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr.

"An ad journal with a complete listing of the day's events and information about some of Fanwood's local businesses and supporters will be mailed to each household in early September. We encourage everyone to set aside Oct. 2 and join us downtown to honor Fanwood's legendary first lady, and to celebrate Fanwood's 110th birthday," said Dolce.

The event begins at noon and will continue until 5 p.m. The rain date is Oct. 9. Anyone interested in volunteering to help on Oct. 2 should contact Dolce at (908) 889-6072.

Hobson earns her Gold Award WESTFIELD – On May 31, illion Hobson was recentised minimum of four interest patchare and the entropy applemention demonstrations which included marking applemention

WESTFIELD — On May 31, Jillian Hobson was recognized by the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and the Westfield Girl Scout Community with Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award.

To attain the Gold Award, the recipient must demonstrate leadership, strength of character, commitment to excellence and service to the community, as well as exemplify the ideals of the Girl Scout movement and complete and lead a community service project.

Before beginning the project, the young women must earn a minimum of four interest patches and the career exploration pin, perform a minimum of 30 hours of leadership and complete the Girl Scout Challenge. The individual service project requires a minimum of 50 hours of the Scout's own time and must meet a need in the greater community.

Jillian's Gold Award Project was inspired by her love of swimming and concern for children's safety. Jillian led a water safety demonstration at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA on National Healthy Kids Day. She conducted four safety demonstrations which included reaching assists, throwing assists, safety slides into water and lifejacket safety. Her project was geared towards young children and their families.

Jillian is a member of Troop 55 and has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is an honor roll student at Westfield High School and is a member of the Westfield High School cross country, track and lacrosse teams. She also enjoys volunteering as a track coach and teaching swimming to young children. Jillian is the daughter of Mark and Tracey Hobson.

Scotch Plains teenager recognized by piano magazine

Alison Acevedo, a piano student of Karen Young at the Paul Nazzaro Music Studio in Westfield was recently awarded Honorable Mention in a national composition contest by *Piano Explorer Magazine*, a national magazine for piano students.

JILLIAN HOBSON

The award means Acevedo took fourth place out of 454 compositions submitted to the national magazine, which thousands of piano students around the country get every month. Her solo piano piece, "A Walk in Ireland," will be published in the September issue of the magazine. Alison will be a freshman in high school this fall, and resides in Scotch Plains.

The Piano Explorer Magazine theme for the contest this year was "Around the World." Alison said she was inspired by a recent trip she had in Ireland.

Alison's piece can be heard online at

www.NazzaroMusic.com. The students at the Paul Nazzaro Music Studio submit their original compositions for the contest each year, as well to the *Music Corner* column of the magazine, which features student original piano pieces each month. This is the second time one of Young's students has been published in the magazine in the past three years.

Alison and all the students at the studio are taught compositional techniques and theory by the teachers at the studio along with traditional piano lessons on acoustic pianos, Students are then able to use the studio's professional music notation software *Finale* to print and publish their own original pieces using Yamaha Clavinova digital pianos, virtual software instruments, and keyboards, and the advanced music technology software available at the studio. Besides the studio's

strength in composing, students play repertoire that sparks musical interest from the expansive music library, from Bach and Beethoven, to Gershwin and Duke Ellington. to Broadway and pop hits, New Age and folk and everything in between. The studio uses digital pianos, computers, MIDI and MP3 technology to enhance each student's understanding, creativity, and skills. The technology is used to supplement, not replace, plano lessons

There is also a special Adult Student Program at the studio, including repertoire parties and CDs for adult students. Academic year lessons and summer session lessons are available. For more information about piano lessons or music technology, contact Paul Nazzaro at (908)232-3310, email

Paul@NazzaroMusic.com, or visit www.NazzaroMusic.com.



Karen Young and Alison Acevedo at the Spring Recital of the Nazzaro Music Studio.

Obituaries

William G. Beeman

WESTFIELD — William G. Beeman, 87, died July 21, 2005 in Care One, Wall.

Born in Pekin, Md., he lived in Ohio, Jersey City, Roselle, Westfield, Bridgewater and Linden before recently moving to Tinton Falls.

Mr. Beeman, a former Roselle councilman, was the owner of Dorns Paint in Roselle for 10 years retiring in 1983. Prior to that, he had been a sheet metal worker with the Sheet Metal Workers Local 22 for many years and the owner of Cardinal Sheet Metal and Roofing Co. in Roselle. He also sold real estate many years ago.

Mr. Beeman was councilman Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle from 1964 to 1968 and Faitoute Ave., Roselle Park.

a member of the Roselle Republican Club.

He was the guard of honor, scoutmaster for the Boy Scout Troop and coach of the youth baseball league, all at St. Joseph the Carpenter Church in Roselle, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3946.

Surviving are sons, Dennis, David and Joseph; daughters, Marie Hagemann, Veronica Bridgman, Margaret Carney and Anne Beeman; a sister, Margaret Herrick; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Monday in St. Joseph the Carpenter Church, after the funeral from the Mastapeter Funeral Home, 400 Faitoute Ave., Roselle Park.

Anna Triano

SCOTCH PLAINS — Anna Triano, 91, died July 21, 2005 at her home in Scotch Plains.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains 31 years ago.

Mrs. Triano was an inspector at General Motors in Clark, where she worked for 10 years before retiring in 1975. Surviving are a daughter, Joan Polese; a brother, John Wanser; sisters, Mary, Olga, Doris and Dolores; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Saturday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains. Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Service, Westfield.

Hazel Gassaway

WESTFIELD — Hazel Gassaway, 91, died July 23, 2005 in the Bey Lea Village Assisted Living Facility, Toms River.

Born in Mount Holly, she lived in Rahway, Westfield and Brick Township before moving to Toms River in 1998.

Mrs. Gassaway was a 50-year member and a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 72, Rahway. Surviving are a son, Joseph; daughters, Judy Wells and Jill Conheeney; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A service for Mrs. Hazel

A service for Mrs. Hazel Gassaway, 91, of Toms River was held Thursday in the Vanderhoven Chapel of Hazelwood Cemetery, Clark. Arrangements were by the Pettit-Davis Funeral Home, Rahway. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Frank W. Hogan

CRANFORD — Frank W. Hogan, 87, a longtime resident and active civic leader, died July 20, 2005 at his home following a recent stroke.

Born in the Bronx, Mr. Hogan graduated from Manhattan College in 1939. He joined the Army during World War II, rising to the rank of major.

Mr. Hogan owned the A-1 Employment Agency in Morristown for 20 years before retiring. Before that, he was vice president of Adamas Carbide in Kenilworth, where he worked for 17 years.

Following his retirement, his longtime love of sports became a new professional passion, and he spent many years as a tennis instructor. In his retirement, he served as an adjunct professor at Kean College and as the tennis instructor at the Cranford Swim Club and St. Michael School.

Mr. Hogan was deeply involved

and served as the first president of the Catholic Community Relations Council of Union County.

As well, he was a founding trustee of the Cranford Clay Courts Club, and he wrote a column for The Chonicle titled "Tennis Talk."

In 1992, Mr. Hogan was awarded the Pride in Cranford Award by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by Charlotte, his wife of 58 years; upon first meeting her, he confidently predicted they would marry. Also surviving are sons, Chip, Bill, Bruce, Bob, Paul and Peter; daughters, Anne Christopher, Susan Hogan Willson, Patty, Jane and Mary Beth; a sister, Claire Saydah, and 16 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday in St. Michael Church, Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home.

Dooley Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 1900

Shanghai Quartet will perform at Wilkins

The American String Teacher's Association of New Jersey Chamber Music Institute will be held at Kean University from Sunday through Thursday. As part of the institute, The Shanghai String Quartet will give a performance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

The quartet's members are Weigang Li, violin; Yi-Wen Jiang, violin; Honggang Li, viola; and Nicholas Tzavaras, cello.

Hailed by *The Strad* as "a foursome of uncommon refinement and musical distinction," The Shanghai Quartet has earned the reputation as one of the world's most outstanding quartets. Originally formed in Shanghai, this versatile ensemble is known for its passionate musicality, astounding technique, and multicultural innovations. The quartet's elegant style of melding the delicacy of Eastern music with Western repertoire allows them to travel the world, both onstage and in the recording studio.

Formed at the Shanghai Conservatory in 1983, The Shanghai Quartet has worked with such distinguished artists as cellists Yo-Yo Ma and David Soyer; flutist Eugenia Zukerman; guitarists Eliot Fisk and Sharon Isbin; pianists Gerhard Oppitz, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Menahem Pressler, Ruth Laredo, and Joseph Kalichstein; and violinist Arnold Steinhardt. Regularly touring the major music centers of Europe and North America, the quartet has performed in London, Hamburg, Milan, and Amsterdam, as well as in Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Portland. Princeton, St. Paul, Toronto, and Washington, D.C., where they appear frequently at the Freer Gallery. In addition, they often tour major Asian cities in China, Japan and Korea. The quartet has also performed in Australia and New Zealand. Recent international engagements includeThe Casals Festival in Puerto Rico and The West Cork Chamber Music Festival in Ireland.

The quartet has a distinguished teaching record. Their involvements now include serving as the Quartet-in-Residence at Montclair State University, where they teach chamber music and offer individual lessons. The Shanghai Quartet is also in its 13th year of residency at the University of Richmond. In addition, the members serve as resident guest professors at the Shanghai Conservatory in China, and have worked at Tanglewood and the Juillard School.

The Shanghai Quartet has a long history of championing new music. Recent projects include a commission with Chamber Music America. They have also premiered Lowell Lieberman's Quartet, in honor of the National Federation of Music Club's 100th anniversary, and a work by Bright Sheng commissioned by the University of Richmond and the Freer Gallery for its 10th anniversary in 2000.

Recording for Delos International, The Shanghai Quartet has built an extensive discography. In November 2002, a 24-track collection of Chinese folk songs, titled *ChinaSong*, was released in the U.S., featuring music arranged by Yi-Wen Jiang from his childhood memories of the Chinese Cultural revolution. This year, a new recording of music by Bright Sheng has been released on the Bis label, titled Silent Temple.

Other recent recordings include an elegant pairing of Ravel's Quartet with Frank Bridge's Quartet in E minor; Noveletten; The Flowering Stream, Chinese folk songs and tone poems by Zhou Long, with pipe player Min Xiao-Fen; and a Brahms album, pairing the Quartet No. 3 in B-Flat Major, Op. 67 and the String Quintet No. 1 in F Major, Op. 88, with guest violinist Arnold Steinhardt.

Tickets are \$25 for the public and \$15 for faculty, staff, students, seniors and alumni. Groups of 10 or more are \$15 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at (908) 737-SHOW (7469).



This weekend is last chance to see 'Jackie'

The Theater Project of Union County College concludes its production of Jackie: An American Life this weekend. At left, in a scene from the play — a comic look at America's obsession with Jackie O — Cardinal Cushing (Brian Kennedy) presides over the wedding of JFK and Jackie (Rick Delaney and Harriett Trangucci). Mother of the bride Janet Auchincloss, bridesmaids Eunice and Pat Kennedy, and commentator Walter Winchell (Daaimah Talley, Carla Francischetti, Shauna Miles and Gary Glor) share in the festivities. The show runs 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 most nights, \$10 for students. For tickets or information, call (908) 659-5189.

Course is a refuge for golfers, and for wildlife

By LESLIE MURRAY

STAFF WRITER

Unbeknownst to most golfers teeing off on the seventh hole of Hyatt Hills Golf Course, a trio of spectators sits high above the greens, watching carefully as golf balls soar down the fairway. The lofty observers are a family of red-tailed hawks, just one of the multiple species of birds that make their homes in the lush greens and leafy trees of Hyatt Hills As part of the quest to have the course certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, a volunteer group of 17 **Cranford and Clark residents** have been taking part in a fourweek summer survey, creating an inventory of the birds and wildlife that live on the course. Paul DiGiano, one of Cranford's appointees to the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission, has led the effort to attain Audubon certification. He explains that the survey is just the start of presenting to area residents the concern that the public course, located on Raritan Road across the Cranford/Clark border, has for the surrounding environment. The six-step certification

process asks golf courses and other open space businesses to take on a higher level of environmental awareness. Hyatt Hills is currently certified for Environmental Planning, Water Conservation and Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Course officials are currently working



multilayer nesting box, intended for the purple martins who sometimes visit.

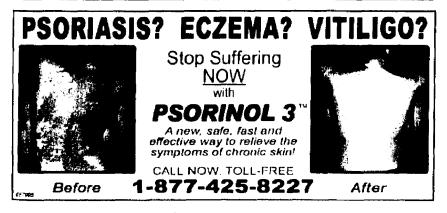
DiGiano explains that when the survey began he knew very little about bird watching, but now, as he zooms around the course, he stops to look at the trees and whistles in the hopes

in community affairs. During the civil rights movement, he was a founder of the Cranford Committee for Open Housing. He also founded Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. The center may be reached on the Internet at www.centerforhope.com.



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becoming certified on Wildlife Surveying and Water Quality, and there are plans to begin the final certification step of creating an Outreach and Education program.

"It's a facility for people, birds and animals. It's a habitat we all share," DiGiano says.

As the summer survey draws to a close and volunteers begin to gear up for another survey of the grounds in the fall. DiGiano zips across the greens in an electrie golf eart, hoping for a daytime appearance from the winged residents. He explains that in addition to the hawks, volunteer watchers have spotted the state bird, the Eastern goldfinch; as well as woodpeckers, ducks, swans, swallows. hummingbirds and some shy mocking birds, which have been identified by their tell-tale songs but have yet to show themselves to the volunteer watchers.

DiGiano says that during a night time outing to search for owls, one volunteer spotted a four-foot-tall great blue heron as it prepared to swoop down to grab fish out of the five-acre pond on the course. While he has not yet seen the heron, DiGiano hopes to catch sight of the bird as it goes fishing. He adds that while no one has spotted wild turkeys in the area, he would not be surprised if a few of the



A red-tailed hawk sits on its perch at Hyatt Hills.

birds were roosting in the trees off the course.

The hawks, however, have been the stars of the certification process, showing off the young offspring that hatched right on the Hyatt Hills property.

"That bird has a lot of attitude," DiGiano says as he points to the hawks' twig and leaf home, nestled in the joint of a tree branch. He explains that the hawks often perch in different places around the course, casting down icy stares at golfers who spot them as they look for prey. Hyatt Hills also provides accommodations for their feathered friends in the dozen nesting boxes scattered throughout the 87 acres of the course, along with the "hotel," a of luring out the birds. In an effort to invite more wildlife to the area, a butterfly garden is being planned near a rain shelter on the golf course. In addition, flowering plants such as lavender have been added to the hole markers, and wild flowers have been planted behind the 40-stall driving range to make the areas attractive to golfers and animals alike.

Hyatt Hills also is currently working with local residents on Eagle Scout projects. As he wheels through one muddy path in the back of the course, DiGiano explains that Scouts will help to add a more permanent surface to that area. Another service project involves plans to add shrubs in the shape of two capital H's with white stones at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Raritan Road.

After making one last circle of the property — with no additional bird sightings, alas — DiGiano stops near the back of the course and looks at the trees that hide the chirping residents of the course. While they seem content to stay hidden by the leaves, he explains that the birds enhance the Hyatt Hills experience in a way that no man-made attraction could.

"It's beautiful out here, isn't?" he asks as he starts off on the path back to the club house.

St. Michael's seeks sponsors for feast

CRANFORD — Four days of excitement await the community this fall when the first annual Feast of St. Michael, a fun-filled family event, unfolds at St. Michael's School.

The Feast, to be held Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 2 in the area behind the school off of Holly Street, will feature games and prizes, rides, live entertainment, food, and other amusements. The event has already garnered the support of key sponsors Commerce Bank and News12 New Jersey as well as other businesses, but event organizers are enger to welcome additional sponsors. Proceeds from the feast will benefit the St. Michael's Parish community. The weekend will offer something for everyone. A variety of boardwalk-style games, including Krazy Kans, Frog Bog and Water Race, will beckon both young and old to step right up and win a prize, while rides such as the Ferris Wheel and the Sizzler will entice the adventurous.

The Dragon Roller Coaster and Plane Loop rides, face painting, sand art, and photo opportunities with cartoon characters are just some of the activities younger children can look forward to. Performances by the Brother John Brown Band, the Fusion Dance Theatre, Beyond Dance, and Deirdre Shea Irish Step Dancers are also planned.

Kara Noesner, chairperson for the Feast, said that sponsors include Dooley Funeral Home, Fusion Dance Theatre, Jeff's Landscaping, The Mane Event, Plick & Puhak for Cranford Town Council, ShopRite, and the Cranford chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 and offering varying advertising opportunities are still available, she added.

For additional sponsorship information, contact the Feast of St. Michael Sponsorship Committee at (908) 292-1003 or feastofstmichael@hotmail.com.

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The Philadelphia Funk Authority will bring its brassy, soulful sound to Echo Lake Park next Wednesday.

Summer series brings the funk

Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series continues Wednesday, Aug. 3, with a performance by the Philadelphia Funk Authority, a group of dedicated musicians ready to party the night away.

The outdoor concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, on the border of Mountainside and Westfield.

"This brassy, soulful, high energy band combines excellent musicianship with an infectious sense of fun," said Rick Proctor, freeholder chairman. "The Philadelphia Funk Authority has polished its act in New York, Atlantic City, at the Super Bowl in Houston, and in the City of Brotherly Love. Now they bring the fun to Echo Lake Park.

Before the music begins, representatives from the Union County Division of Police will be near the bandstand with information about family protective programs, emergency services, child car safety seat clinics, traffic enforcement, and other services of the County Police.

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, concerts in the series move to Cranford High School, on West End Place off

Springfield Avenue in Cranford. For up-to-date concert and rain information call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities hotline at (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

The other free Wednesday night concerts in the Summer Arts Festival series include:

Aug. 10 — The Nerds. Aug. 17 -- The Fabulous Greaseband.

Aug. 24 — Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi.

Aug. 31 — The Party Dolls.

On the evening of the Aug. 17 Fabulous Greaseband Concert, the Runnells Foundation will host a "Party in the Park" dinner as a fundraiser for Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in a tent at the top of the Summer Arts Festival hill. The \$35 admission charge includes dinner, beverages and preferred parking. For tickets and sponsorship information, call (908) 771-5858. In case of rain on Aug. 17, the "Party in the Park" fundraiser will be rescheduled to Aug. 24 during the concert by the Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi.

For other concert information, or to find out about recreational activities, call the Union **County Department of Parks, Recreation and** Facilities at (908) 527-4900.

Swing Band plays nostalgic sounds

The Westfield Community Swing Band "Nostalgia," under the direction of Sal Melillo will return to Mindowaskin Park for its fifth season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28.

and Artie Shaw.

A highlighted composer for the evening will be Glenn Miller. Born Alton Glenn Miller in 1904, Miller got his musical start when his father gram. There will be many more popular selections included, as

well. Mindowaskin Park is located next to the Westfield Municipal Building at 425 East Broad St.

Westfield Summer Workshop presents My Fair Lady July 28

The Westfield Summer Workshop theater program continues its performance tradition with two presentations of Lerner and Lowe's My Fair Lady on Thursday, July 28.

In the classic production, Professor Henry Higgins, a phonetics expert, accepts Colonel Pickering's challenge to transform Eliza Doolittle, a flower girl, and pass her off as royalty. Higgins works with her for several weeks, refining her manners and her speech. Her final test will be her appearance at the Embassy Ball.

Filled with such memorable tunes as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Get Me To The Church on Time," "Wouldn't It Be Loverly," and "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face," the show will be presented at 1 and 7:30 p.m. at the **Roosevelt Intermediate School on** Clark Street in Westfield. The twoday run began Wednesday and concludes on July 28.

The part of Eliza Doolittle will be shared among Colleen Cleary and Sarah Szollar, both of Westfield, and Gabriella Napoli of Fanwood. Kyle Aslin of Cranford and Joseph DeCristofaro of Clark will play Freddy Eynsford-Hill. Henry Higgins will be played by Michael Rosin of Westfield, and Alfred Doolittle will be played by Daniel Berman of Westfield. Colonel Pickering will be played by Michael Eilbacher, also a resi-



The students of the Westfield Summer Workshop Theater are performing My Fair Lady at 1 and 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the **Roosevelt Intermediate School** in Westfield. Cast members include (top row): Colleen Cleary, Sarah Szollar and Gabriella Napoli, who share the role of Eliza Doolittle; Michael Rosin, who plays Professor Henry Higgins; Kyle Aslin and (bottom row) Joseph DeCristofaro, who both portray Freddy Eynsford Hill; Michael Eilbacher, who is Colonel Pickering; and Daniel Berman, who is cast as Alfred Doolittle.

Other members of the cast include students from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford, Clark, Plainfield and Rahway: Christin Aswad, Kate Bagger, Lia Fagan, Sarah Frantz, Rebecca Glasser-Baker, Lauren Hughes, Rafi Jakubovic, Meredith Latimer, Sierra McAliney, Annie Peterson, Brian Pollock, Leo Powell, Caroline Raba, Amy Reich, Meghan Sullivan, David Verchick, Raquel Mendez, Michelle Taper, Macaire Kolchin, Megan Larkin, Erica Molfetto, Kaitlyn Majek, Clancy Nolan, Andrea Redmount, Julia VanEtten, Cleo Murphy-Guerette and Ariel Sheridan.

The Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting the creative and dramatic arts for students in pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. It also offers musical theater performance classes for junior and senior high school students. For more than three decades the Workshop has impacted the lives of area students, providing an artistic forum.

Tickets for My Fair Lady are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Call (908) 518-1551 for more information.

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The band was named "Nostalgia" for the 18 musicians — 17 instrumentalists and 1 vocalist ---who take audience members on a nostalgic journey through time and music, highlighting the "big band" music of the 1930s and 1940s. Each of these volunteer musicians has performed with big bands and ensembles throughout New York and New Jersey.

Many of the scores performed in concert are the original arrangements used to recreate the sounds and styles of Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Harry James,

brought home a mandolin. Glenn traded it for an old battered horn and practiced to the point his parents wondered "if he'd ever amount to anything."

Some of the famous selections from the Glenn Miller repertoire that will be performed include, "In the Mood," "String of Pearls," "Star Dust" and "Tuxedo Junction," which sold a record-breaking 115,000 copies in its first week of distribution.

Artie Shaw's "Begin The Beguine," Charlie Barnet's "Skyliner," Harry James' "I Heard That Song Before," sung by vocalist Grace Henning, will also be on the evening's pro-

in Westfield. The event is free to the public; audience members are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs.

The Westfield Community Band is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department. For further information, please contact (908) 789-4080 or the Swing Band at (908) 647-7707.

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Prevention Links seeks facilitators for anti-drug program

Prevention Links, a private, not-forprofit organization that takes a leaderahip role in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, substance abuse and related issues, will be hosting a three day facilitator training for its Keys to Innervisions (KIV) program.

Prevention Links provides programs and services linking individuals, groups, businesses and communities in Union County. KIV is a program that is used to help change the beliefs and behaviors that lead to violence, drug abuse or dependency, and school and social fail-

ure. This program teaches both youth County and adults how to change by providing information and processes that promote personal growth and the belief that change is not only possible, but accessible to all.

Educational Services County. Commission from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29-31.

After completing the training, each participant will be equipped to facilitate the KIV program. There is no charge for The training will be held at the Union registrants living or working in Union

Funding for this training is provided by the Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services. For further information on the Keys to Innervisions programs or to register for this training, call (732) 391-4100.



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Skin cancer screening offered at center

WESTFIELD — The board of trustees of the Joseph E. Enright Foundation will sponsor a complimentary skin cancer screening Monday at the Westfield Community Center, 558 West Broad St.

The event will run from 6-8 p.m. Screenings will be performed by board-certified dermatologists.

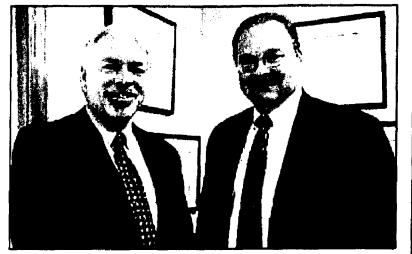
This event will represent the second in a series of screenings that will take place throughout the area over the next several months. Available appointments are limited. Call to secure a spot at (908) 464-0277

Joseph E. Enright was a Summit physician who lost his battle with malignant melanoma in 1996 at the age of 37. The Joseph E. Enright Foundation was founded in 1999 in his memory.

As a private charitable organization, the Foundation is dedicated to its mission of promoting better health in our communities. Foundation programs touch patients, their families, and neighbors in over 20 New Jersey towns and cities.

The Enright Foundation has also sponsored a health lecture series, donated medical supplies to various organizations in the area, offered scholarship programs for healthcare education and established early detection programs at locations throughout the community.

For more information about the Enright Foundation, visit the Web site at www.josephenrightfoundation.org.



Joseph E. Enright Foundation officers Richard Nelson, president (right) and James McDaid, treasurer.

Fanwood seniors plan a trip to N.H.

The Fanwood Senior Citizens Club is sponsoring an overnight trip to the White Mountains in New Hampshire for Sept. 20-23. Round-trip transportation is by way of deluxe motorcoach, and accommodations are at the Indianhead Resort, featuring nightly entertainment.

The trip includes three full breakfast and dinners, all from the menu. Participants will board a Mount Washington Cruise Ship for a scenic cruise and buffet luncheon on Lake Winnipesauke; tour Franconia Notch State Park, located in the heart of the White Mountains near the Old Man in the Mountain, Flume Gorge, Boise and Rock Participants can also take a train ride through Crawford North for a peek at fall foliage and travel on Kancamagus Scenic Highway on a moose watch. The cost is \$500 per person, double occupancy. For information and reservations call Art Badala at (908) 889-4494.

The club is looking for active Fanwood residents to join. This club meets the second and fourth Mondays, January to June and September to December at All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains.

For membership information call Art Badala at (908) 889-4494.



pply online for Medicare drug benefit By ELLEN ZWIERZYNSKI

SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT MANAGER

Medicare beneficiaries who want to apply for the extrafinancial help that is available under the new prescription drug program can do so at Social Security's Web site, www.socialsecurity.gov. For anyone who qualifies, this extra help can go a long way in paying for the premiums. deductibles and co-payments related to the Medicare prescription drug program that goes into effect in January 2006.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary who qualifies for the extra help, you could save an average of \$2,100 annually.

Who qualifies? Basically, to qualify for the extra help, a person or married coupled living together must have limited

income and limited resources. You can qualify for this help as an individual if your total annual income is below \$14,355 and your resources are valued below \$10,000.The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher — an additional \$1,500 per person — if you will be using some of your money for burial expenses. Even if your income is higher, you still may be able to get some extra help.

Social Security is working to make sure that everyone who might be eligible for this extra help applies for it. We are mailing letters to nearly 19 million people who are potentially eligible for this extra financial help. And we are working with federal and state agencies, advocacy

groups and other interested parties in communities across the country to get the word out about the new program and the extra help that is available.

If people think they might be eligible for the extra help, one of the fastest, easiest and most convenient ways to apply is going online.

Social Security's Web site is www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply, just go there and click on "New Medicare Prescription Drug Plan." To get a quick idea as to whether or not you would be eligible for the extra help, choose "Qualifier Tool." After answering a brief series of questions, you will know whether you probably do or do not qualify for the extra help with prescription drug costs.

If you do seem to qualify, simply fill out an application while online. The application is easy-to-understand and helpful instruction sheets guide you through the application process.

It is also especially important for everyone who applies to understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

If you don't have Internet access, you can call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778) and representatives will be glad to assist you or send you an Application for the extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans, which you can sign up for beginning Nov. 15, call (800) 633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov.

Still time to apply for tax reimbursement

The deadline for eligible seniors and disabled residents to submit an application for their 2004 Property Tax **Reimbursement** has been extended to August 15, Senator Nicholas P. Scutari announced recently.

The Senior Freeze program is a direct reimbursement by

rebate checks in the mail," Senator Scutari, D-Middlesex, Somerset and Union, said last week. "The Division of Taxation will mail approximately 100,350 checks, which will average \$578 each. Although this year's budget was difficult, the Senior Freeze program was still able to be fully funded. The residents of

Scutari said that funding for the Senior Freeze program rose from \$73.4 million last year to \$98.4 million this year and more than 100,000 low-income seniors and disabled residents will receive much-needed relief from rising property taxes.

Scutari also noted that the deadline to file an application was extended to Aug. 15 in order to ensure that all eligible residents are able to apply. "I want to urge all seniors, and disabled residents who are on a fixed-income to apply for their property tax reimbursement," said Scutari. "This Senior Freeze rebate program was designed specifically to provide property tax relief to those most in need, but they have to apply in order to receive a rebate check."

Applicants with questions or who want to check the status of their reimbursement checks may call the Property

Volunteers needed at Runnells Hospital

Volunteers are needed now at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

There is a great need for volunteers, particularly in the coffee shop. These individuals are responsible for making and serving coffee, tea and hot chocolate, buttered rolls and bagels, as well as serving pastries, donuts and muffins. They also keep the coffee shop clean and the supplies full.

Currently, the shifts for coffee shop volunteers are Monday through Friday and Sunday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. The shop is not open on Saturday due to the lack of volunteers. However, if individuals step forward who wish to volunteer on Saturdays, residents, patients, staff and visitors could be served on that day as well

Profits from the coffee shop go to the hospital's Volunteer Guild, which uses the money, combined with the profits from the Guilded Cage gift shop, for the benefit of the hospital's residents and patients. The Guild purchases birthday and Christmas gifts, as well as DVDs, CD players and TVs; sponsors entertainment throughout the year; and sponsors and hosts a monthly ice cream social, in addition to supporting tickets to the theater, prizes for bingo games, the annual carnival and too many others to mention.

The Guild also needs volunteers for the facility's gift shop "Runnells Hospital has many dedicated volunteers," said Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to Runnells Specialized Hospital. "Inevitably we lose volunteers because they must relocate or due to other personal considerations. We need others to fill the void on behalf of the residents and patients of Runnells. I hope that caring men, woman and teens fourteen and older will step forward and volunteer."

In addition to the Guild's need for volunteers for the coffee and gift shops, the hospital's Office of Volunteer Services is seeking volunteers for other activities. These include extending the hand of friendship to residents who don't have family or friendship contacts via the Friendly Visitor Program and assisting handicapped persons to swim and exercise in the "Y" pool, as part of Swim, Inc. Students who are at least 14 are needed as junior volunteers, whose volunteer opportunities range from field trips where they may escort residents, bringing them from their rooms to the lobby (and back upon returning) and playing cooperative games like bingo.

the State to eligible applicants for a portion of their local property tax bill.

"I am excited to announce that the residents who applied for the Senior Freeze program will soon be receiving their

New Jersey are paying some of the highest property taxes in the nation, and it's the seniors and the disabled residents who need their rebate checks the most."

risk of having a stroke.

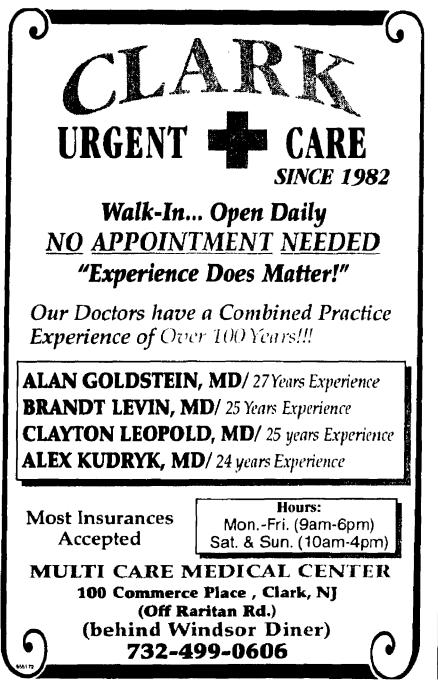
Representatives from Life Line

Tax Reimbursement Hotline at (800) 882-6597. Information about the Program is also available on the Web site at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.htm.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist, with resident contact as well as performing other tasks. Anyone who would like further information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

Reduce your risk of suffering a stroke — get screened next week

Residents living in the area can be screened to reduce their

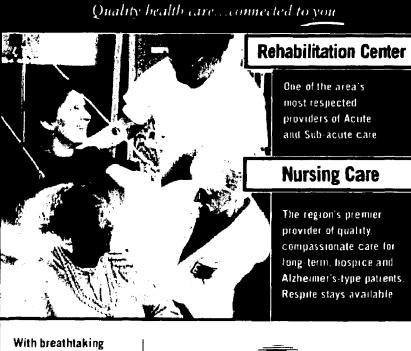


Screening Radiology will be at the Brighton Gardens of Mountainside next Tuesday. The site is located at 1350 US Highway 22 in Mountainside. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the

third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health



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problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

The screening requires ten minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle

brachial index (hardening of the) arteries) screenings is \$109. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only \$129.

Life Line Screening Radiology's goal is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow-up care with their physician.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1344. Pre-registration is required.



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Westfield Y Basketball

League The Westfield Area YMCA will hold its very own version of March Madness with its sponsorship of a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to be held at the Y, 220 Clark Street in Westfield. This double elimination tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7. Teams will be notified of their respective game times after the entry deadline and brackets have been formed. All teams may be coed, have 3-4 players, and will be placed into age-appropriate brackets. Groups are as follows: ages 16-18, 19-25 years, 26-34 years, and 35 & up. Cost is \$95 per team, including carded referees and team tshirts. All entries must be submitted by Aug. 1. Enter your team at the Westfield Area Y in person or online at www.westfieldynj.org.

For more information please contact Jennifer Hessberger at (908) 233-2700, ext. 258 or email her at

jhessberger@westfieldynj.org. Next Level Baskethall Camp

The Next Level Basketball Camp, running the first two weeks of August at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains while the high school gymnasium undergoes renovations, will feature a first-class staff and top-quality instruction for area youngsters. Among those scheduled to work or lecture at the camp are Dan Doherty, SPFHS head boys coach, Jay Mahoney, the head coach at Bagota High School, Mary Gleason, an assistant coach at Princeton University and Matee Ajavon, the starting point guard for Rutgers University and the Big East Rookie of the Year in 2005. There will also be several other college players and instructors on hand. Directed by Lori Gear McBride, a physical education teacher at Brunner Elementary School and the girls basketball coach at Scotch Plains, the camp will cater to the skill level and needs of each camper, including individualized and group instruction

The Future Stars Camp runs from August 1-4 (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) for boys and girls ages 6-12. The Skills Camp runs from August 5-8 (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) for boys and girls ages 8-16. The cost per week is \$150 and includes a T-shirt, prizes, awards and a pizza party for lunch on the final day. Discounts are available for multiple weeks and siblings. For more, visit www.nextlevelbballcamp.com.

UCEDC Golf Classic The 21st annual UCEDC Golf and hosted Classic bv Elizabethtown Gas is planned for Oct. 5 at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. The day will begin with a buffet lunch followed by a shot-gun start at noon. Golfers will be tested on the course with several contests, including Hole-in-One, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. Prizes will be given to all the contest winners. The day will conclude with a cocktail reception, beginning at 5:30 p.m., an awards and recognition dinner, an auction of over 50donated prizes, including a special live auction, and fun entertainment. The last several years were sellouts, so don't delay. Gather a foursome and register early to insure a spot. If not a golfer, join for cocktails and dinner instead. Call now for information regarding golf sponsorship, corporate foursomes, or just cocktails and dinner. Contact Doreen Iossa at 527-1166 email (908) or diossa@ucedc.com.

PGA instructors will pay a visit to Hyatt Hills

held in two weeks at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. But for all those weekend duffers, as well as kids just learning to swing a club, there's the second annual Play Golf America Academy, to be held Aug. 7 at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, 1300 Raritan Rd. in Clark.

PGA Director of Instruction Rick Martino of Stuart, Fla., and 2004 PGA Teacher of the Year Hank Johnson of Birmingham, Ala., will be the featured instructors at the event. Martino and Johnson, two of America's foremost golf instructors, will appear from 4-7 p.m. in a multi-faceted event for the entire family held in conjunction with the 87th PGÀ Championship. There is no admission charge.

The Play Golf America Academy features golf clinics hosted by 25 New Jersey PGA

Not everyone's got the golfing skills to play in the 2005 PGA Championship, to be contests and prizes. The first 225 to pre-register online at www.playgolfamerica.com and attend the event will receive two tickets each to any of three practice rounds at the 87th PGA Championship. All registrants after the first 225 will be placed on a wait list for the tickets. Those who don't show up who have pre-registered will forfeit their tickets to those on the wait list.

Hyatt Hills Golf Complex features a regulation nine-hole course, full-length practice range, 11 covered and heated practice stalls. practice putting and chipping greens, a practice bunker, 18-hole mini golf course, a golf shop, repair center, snack bar and fine dining restaurant.

Martino and Johnson will give golf instruction to spectators in three programs: Everything About Golf Except the Swing, 4:15 p.m.; Developing Your Short Game, 5:15 p.m.; and Developing Your Golf Swing, 6:15 p.m.

The 2-Hole Family Scrambles, which begin at 6 p.m., provide a quick experience for families to see how fun and easy it is to play golf together.

The Play Golf America Academy is a unique learning opportunity for the entire family to get expert assistance with their game, and to share in the PGA Championship experience," said Martino, the 1997 PGA Teacher of the Year, who has been PGA Director of Instruction since 1998. "The Academy brings together outstanding PGA Teaching Professionals who will expand your golf knowledge, aid your game and to enhance your ability as a spectator to view the game.

The Play Golf America Academy at the PGA Championship is one of the many events supported by Play Golf America, a national golf industry campaign led by The PGA of America to increase golf participation among new and occasional adult golfers.

"The New Jersey PGA Section is excited to be a part of the Play Golf America Academy and help kick off the 2005 PGA Championship with this excellent golf instruction program," said New Jersey PGA Executive Director Scott Kiniec. "Our section members are looking forward to sharing their expertise for what is a wonderful family event.

Begun in January 2004, Play Golf America's goal is to reach 17 million golfers who have expressed a desire to play golf and the 14 million occasional golfers who play between one and seven times per year. The campaign focuses on the adult population of families, couples, women and business professionals. Play Golf America is supported by the National Golf Course Owners Association, PGA Tour, LPGA, USGA and GOLF 20/20.

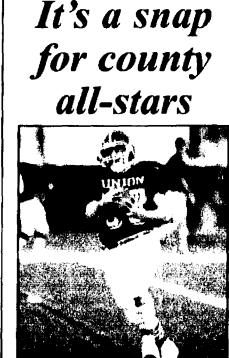
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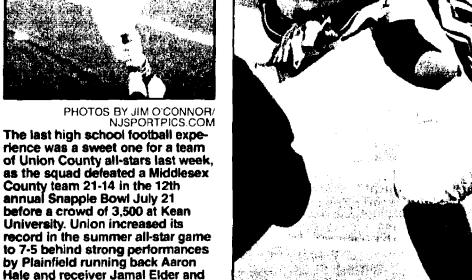
Links tourney comes to **Ash Brook** SCOTCH PLAINS - The

first-ever New Jersey Public Links golf championship con-ducted by the New Jersey State Golf Association was scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at Ash Brook Golf Course.

Ash Brook is one of the three public golf courses operated by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. On July 6, the championship's qualifying round was held at Galloping Hill Golf Course, also operated by Union County, At Galloping Hill, 56 golfers out of a starting field of 120 qualified for the championship by shooting a round of 79 or better. These players join 10 exempt players at Ash Brook for the championship proper, contested over 36 holes of stroke play in one day.

"This is the first time that a golf course operated by Union County has ever hosted a championship event conducted by the New Jersey State Golf Association, which has been conducting tournaments in New Jersey since 1900," said Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor. Since 1947, the New Jersey Public Links had been conducted by the New Jersey Public Golf Organization. Last year, Ash Brook hosted the final Public Links held by the NJPGO. The tournament was transferred to the NJSGA cars year with the hope of attracting more players and a wider variety of golf courses at which the championship will be contested. Thirteen golfers from Union County were set to play in the championship, most notably Harry Goett III of Kenilworth, who is the two-tope defending NJPGO champion Last year, Goett broke the cord for the most New Jersey Public Links championships won by capturing his sixth title in the past nine years. Goett had been tied with the late Jeff Thomas, an eight-time New Jersey State Amateur champion, who won his five Public Links titles between 1979 and 1990. Both Goett and Thomas won two of their NJPGO titles at Ash Brook. Also in the field was Brian Komline, who earlier this month became just the sixth amateur, and just the second public links golfer (joining Ash Brook's Billy Ziobro, the 1970 winner) to win the New Jersey Open. Others in the field from Union County include Adam Karnish, the qualifying medalist; Rob Lurie, the qualifying runner-up; and Rob Thomaier, who finished tied for third in 2004 in the NJPGO at Ash Brook. Long considered one of the better county-run golf courses in New Jersey, Ash Brook underwent an extensive renovation in the late 1990s when all the greens and most of the bunkers were rebuilt. It also had nine new fairway bunkers installed in 2003. The Ash Brook course now poses a challenging test, at 7,040 yards from the championship tees. For further information, contact Ash Brook Golf Course at (908) 756-0414.





Road Runners Race

The Central Jersey Road Runners group will host its 28th annual fall classic on Sept. 5, Labor in Nomahegan Park, Day, Cranford.

This is a four-mile run on a USATF certified course beginning at 9 a.m. There will be plenty of refreshments and awards for the runners.

For information contact Central Jersey RRC, P.O. Box 1863, Cranford, NJ 07016; (866) 841-9139, ext. 3807; or visit www.CJRRC.org.

UCC Body Tone Class

Beginning July 25, Union County College's Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education is offering a class in Body Tone. This course is designed to help tone and shape hips, thighs and stomach with numerous resistance training methods using body weight, manual resistance and weights while at the same time increasing muscular strength and endurance, improving posture and decreasing chances of back problems.

The class cost is \$49. For more information, call (908) 709-7601.

was boosted by several local athletes, including Scotch Plains-Fanwood defensive end Justis Evans (right) and Westfield tight end Marc Dowling (above). Also named to the team were Mike DiNizo, Kevin Urban and LeRoy Anglin of Scotch Plains and Bryan Power of Westfield.

a third-quarter touchdown pass by

Cranford quarterback Chris Drechsel. The Union County effort



Elizabeth Elko is named top scholar-athlete



Elizabeth Elko receives the NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School from NJSIAA officials at the annual luncheon held at the Pines Manor in Edison.

SCOTCH PLAINS Elizabeth Elko, a 2005 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was selected by the school's Athletic Department as the local recipient of the 2005 NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Scholar-Athlete Award. The award is based on a combination of academic achievement, athletic participation and community involvement.

Elko was a year-round athlete for the cross-country, winter and spring track teams, receiving 10 varsity letters in her high school career and serving as tri-captain of the spring track team. She was also 2004-2005 president of the high school's DECA chapter: a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and the high school's Diversity Council; and served as

a student representative to the school district's Long Range Planning Program Committee.

also participated She throughout high school in the annual Relay for Life program and the Young Life Christian youth group. She will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Elko, along with fellow graduating seniors Mark Fabiano and Taylor Cianciatti, was also selected as a recipient of the Brian Piccolo Scholar-Athlete Award. This award, given annually by the Scotch Plains Chapter of UNICO to honor the memory of the former Chicago Bears football legend, is bestowed to an athlete or athletes of Italian ancestry who demonstrate the determination, courage and integrity that marked Brian Piccolo's career.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

Following are results for the St. Bart's softball league through July 22.

St. Joseph 7, St. Blaise 6 -St. Blaise, with the go-ahead run on-base, fell short in a seventhinning bid, as veteran opposing pitcher Tony Blasi started a double play, Jerry Spitzer and Gregg Swidersky paced St. Blaise, each going 3-for-4, while St. Joe's used the extra-base hit to scal the win. Clean-up slugger Gracia lead Joe's offense with a double, home run and 4 RBL

St. Anne 19, St. Anthony 8 St. Anne continued its winning ways over struggling St. Anthony, Bobby Cihanowyz and Scott Curtis were a solid 3-for-4 each, leading St. Anne's 19-hit

attack. St. Anthony failed to score until faced with two out in the bottom of the seventh, then came "The Duck."

St. Luke 17, St. Aloysius 6 - St. Luke's star Tim Deegan slammed a based-loaded homer in a nine-run third inning, while teammate Russ Voorhees had a perfect 3-for-3 night. St. Al's "Big" Brian Mahoney tried to keep them in it, hammering out a pair of two-run homers.

St. Mark 23, St. Nicholas 6 St. Nick, playing short-handed, was given no quarter by hot-"Krusher" hitting Karl Grossmann. Karl filled out the score sheet with an impressive two homers and a double while collecting 10 RBL St. Nick's

Torturella and Tony Williams each went 3-for-3 with a homer. St. Joseph 7, St. Aloysius 6

Deja vu all over again. The Joe's defense once again used a seventh-inning double play to end a threat with the go-ahead run on base, St. Al's "Lucky" Louie Balestriere lead the late come back and was 3-for-3. St. Joe's balanced 15-hit attack again used the long ball, with smooth-swinging Damon "Bam" Roth collecting three doubles.

St. Luke 27, St. Anthony 5 St. Luke took advantage when "The Duck" never showed for St. Anthony. Rookie captain Matt "Luke" Fugett set the stage with a first-inning grand slam. Luke's Scott Smith, 5-for-5 with

a home run and six RBI, did his share to lead the 32-hit onslaught.

St. Mark 15, St. Blaise 6 -St. Mark continued its fine season by getting on the scoreboard early, taking a 12-3 lead heading into the third. St. Mark's "All World" Kevin Woodring was 4for-4, legging out two doubles, collecting three RBI and scoring three times. Teammate Marty Bernstein was 3-for-4 with a double and scored 3 times.

Standings are not available at this writing, but here's a quick summary on how the season has unfolded: Team to beat -St. Mark; Team to fear - St. Nick; Team to watch - St. Luk: Team to remember – St. Joe.

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Real Estate

Take steps to protect yourself against rising interest rates

(NAPSI) — Many families may be shocked by higher monthly bills as interest rates rise in coming months, but yours doesn't have to be among them. Here's some advice on how to prepare.

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Assess Your Exposure

To test your mortgage's vulnerability to interest rate shock, take this quick quiz.

1. What is the worst case scenario for your mortgage in terms of the highest interest rate you can pay? This month? Next month? Next year? 2. What is the interest rate cap on

your mortgage loan? How often can it

new payment be?

3. Can you afford to pay these increases from your current income? If your answer is no, don't panic. Instead:

Take Steps to Protect Yourself You'll want to focus on your mortgage - likely your single biggest financial obligation.

"While the initial monthly payment is lower on an interest-only or piggyback loan than on a fixed rate mortgage, this advantage evaporates quickly when interest rates are rising," explains Steve Smith, President

rise and by how much? What will your of PMI Mortgage Insurance Co., the nation's second largest provider of private mortgage insurance. "In fact, by the fourth year, the monthly payment for the 30-year mortgage has decreased by 7 percent, because in many cases mortgage insurance can be canceled once your equity ownership reaches 25 percent --- and you're still protected from rising rates by the stable, consistent payment.

"After the fifth year, the payment on the interest-only loan jumps a whopping 81 percent. The piggyback payment has jumped 42 percent. The 30-year, in comparison, stays the same

at 7 percent less than the original payment. And at the end of the fifth year, the borrower has paid more on the balance with the 30-year fixed compared to the piggyback, while the interest-only borrower has paid nothing toward the balance at all."

Financial advisor Paul Grace from Mill Valley, Calif., says, "One of the biggest potential benefits to owning your home is the security you can have with a fixed monthly mortgage payment. If you give up that security for the short-term gain, you might get from a loan that leaves you vulnerable to rising rates, you're giving up a lot. Refinancing into a fixed rate mortgage or a traditional hybrid ARM where the interest rate is fixed for a set time period such as 5, 7, or 10 years can protect borrowers from the effect of rising rates by making payments consistent and predictable-and right now. those loans are still available at very competitive rates."

"By looking ahead and calculating the costs - not only today, but tomorrow when interest rates rise - von can take the surprise out of your future and protect your family," says Smith.

Burgdorff welcomes Luminiello as associate

WESTFIELD - Burgdorff ERA recently announced that Jodi Luminiello has joined the company as a sales associate in its Westfield office. located at 600 North Ave. West.

Luminiello is a licensed New Jersev real estate sales associate and member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. She has a reputation for being a dependable, accountable sales associate who provides service that is results oriented and professional.

Before joining Burgdorff ERA, Luminiello had extensive corporate sales experience as a senior pharmaceutical sales representative for Glaxo SmithKline.

A New Jersey native and resident of Colonia, Luminiello grew up in Linden. She is an active community member who volunteers at an annual holiday dinner for the homeless and assists a girls' AAU basketball team. She is a certified aerobic, kickboxing and step instructor and a member of the Woodbridge Corvette Club. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Rutgers College,



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The Burgdorff ERA Westfield Office is a full-service real estate office. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at (908) 233-0065.

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Paint can change a room's character

(ARA) --- Choosing paint color can be one of the most challenging aspects of decorating your home. The following tips from Pratt & Lambert Color Specialist, Peggy Van Allen, are designed to help ease the worry and confusion about selecting an appropriate color palette for your needs:

What is the best way to choose a paint color? According to Van Allen, "The best place to start is the room itself. Look at the existing furniture, window treatments, and accessories, then visit your local paint dealer or hardware store and choose an assortment of color chips you think will go well with them. Take the chips home and tape them to the wall to get an idea of how they will look. Also, be sure to look at them at different times of the day to see how they are affected by light.

If you're still uncertain about the color, you may want to seek out some advice. To assist in your project planning. consider utilizing available color tools. For example, Pratt & Lambert's new Never Compromise Color System offers 16 unique Inspiration Cards. Each of these cards features room photography that showcases how professionals combine colors on walls, trim and accent areas. They also contain the exact color chips used to create the room design, along with tips to help you easily achieve the same look in your own home. How does color affect a room's size?

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Generally, strong, warm colors like reds, oranges and vellows tend to draw walls in and make a room feel cozier. These colors are known as advancing colors because they jump out and meet the eye. Conversely, receding colors like blue, green and violet tend to make a room look larger because they "stand back" visually. These are not hard and fast rules, however; strong colors such as royal blue and hunter green will make the walls more dominant and thus closer. Small rooms are best made to appear larger by painting them white or a light neutral color. Additionally, monochromatic color schemes will open up a room, while contrasting colors can make the room dynamic but smaller.

How do I choose colors for inbetween areas like hallways? "A hallway is an area that you pass through quickly, so you can be adventurous and make a statement with your paint color," says Van Allen. "However, if you want to tie the hallway with other rooms, use varying shades of color that are prominent in rooms adjacent to the hallway.'

What color should I paint my ceiling? Most ceilings are painted in a white or off-white shade. This creates the illusion of higher ceilings and a more open space. Darker colors will create the illusion of lowering the ceiling — which can create a more intimate space. To unify the room, choose a color for the ceiling that is a tint of the wall color.

Should trim work or moldings be painted the same color as the walls, or should they be printed lighter or darker than the wall color? To disguise ordinary or unattractive trim work, or to create a monochromatic look, use a trim color that is the same color as the walls. If you want to accentuate trim work, use a different color (lighter or darker) than the walls.

Will the paint I chose look lighter or darker on the wall? Over a larger surface area, most colors appear darker. It's a good idea to choose colors a shade or two lighter than what you want. Clean, bright colors can appear either lighter or darker depending on the surrounding colors and lighting in the room.

I've painted my room, and the color is much bolder than I expected. Is there anything I can do to soften the color? You can apply a lighter or more muted color over the original base coat using a technique such as sponging, rag rolling, or color washing. This will visually "break up" the bolder color and soften the look of your room.

Finally, Van Allen says, "Decorating should be fun, so try to relax and enjoy the process. And if for some reason you're still unhappy with a paint color after it's been applied, remember, it can easily be changed - just grab a brush and a new color!"

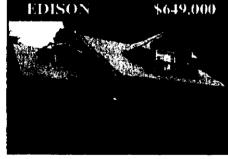
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are being sought by the Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to the homeless or those in need. The drive extends through Aug. 18.

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Sought for the collection are all manner of writing implements (pencils, pens, markers, crayons), rulers, scissors, glue sticks, tape and erasers. Also included could be loose leaf paper, folders, binders, zipper pouches and book bags. Children's story or picture books are also being accepted. (No encyclopedias, comics or condensed books).

This is the seventh year the Community Service Committee is conducting this drive, hoping that once again donations will be received from people who find they have collected or purchased more of these items than they can use in their normal routine.

Among the recipients of the articles are St. Joseph's homeless program in Elizabeth, the Plainfield Area YMCA for the homeless, Holy Trinity in Westfield, the Interfaith Council, Salvation Army, the United Way of Union County and other local community programs assisting the less fortunate.

All items may be brought to the Realtor Association offices at 767 Central Ave., Westfield, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and questions may be directed to them at (908) 232-9000.

Century 21 agent sets new record with sale

SCOTCH PLAINS - A record sale has recently been made by Century 21, Louis Pompilio Realtor's award winning agent, Dorene Levy.

The circa 1930's, 13-room Georgian Colonial estate, set on over six acres in the Sleepy Hollow section of Plainfield. was sold for \$2.5 million, the highest price a Plainfield home has brought to date. The listing agent for the transaction was Carmen Imgrund from Century 21 and Love Realtors.

"This home has so much to offer, it was really a value at \$2.5 million," Dorene said. "We're seeing real interest in these beautiful homes in the Sleepy Hollow area. They've always offered great value and that's true more than ever now.

Levy ranks in the top 1 percent of all real estate agents statewide. She is the company's top listing and sales agent and has been awarded the Century 21 Centurian honor, their highest, holding both honors for five consecutive years. She is also an NJAR Circle of Excellence Gold Level achiever.

Levy can be reached at Century-21 Louis Pompillo's Scotch Plains office at (908) 322- 8396. For further information, log onto www.dorenelevy.com.

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What's New in On-the-Go Entertainment

new "in" thing in mobile entertainment was the portable CD player. Now nearly all the car manufacturers offer the option of adding advanced entertainment systems to their vehicles. From built in game systems and DVD players to digital and XM radios, you can have it all!

When the 2006 models hit the showrooms, they'll be decked out with options no one would have even dreamed of just ten years ago. No more basic radios. They have all the bells and whistles. Take for example the new upscale stereo system available on several General Motors vehicles, including Saturn's Vue sports utility, Ion coupe and Ion sedan.

Not only does it come with a CD player, AM/FM radio and the ability to receive and play XM satellite radio, but a front-mounted auxiliary jack that allows the user to plug in and play their MP3 player, IPod or Dell DJ through the car speakers. "If you still have old books on tape or cassettes with your favorite music, you can use the jack to plug in a tape player then listen to it through the car's stereo system too," says Jill Lajdziak of Saturn.

Another advanced feature is how the

(ARA) - It wasn't so long ago that the radio handles presets. No more toggling back and forth between bands. The system can store up to 36 of your favorite stations from the AM and FM dials or XM radio side-by-side. When you get to your favorite station, the digital display shows the call letters, the name of the artist and the song playing (if the station is sending that information through its signal).

> Car radios aren't the only on-the-go entertainment option where technology is traveling at light speed. Passengers now have the ability to play video games or watch movies in the back seat and listen to the audio through the car stereo on one channel while front-seat passengers listen to the radio or CDs on another. Speaker systems have matured with age too. They used to just be built in to the doors, but cars now come with speakers strategically placed in the front, back, sides and even the ceiling.

> For more information about all the entertainment options available in Saturn vehicles, log on to www.saturn.com. The radio described in this article is also available in the Chevrolet HHR, Pontiac Solstice, Cadillac DTS and Buick Lucerene. Courtesy of ARA Content



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Some Important Tips For Keeping Cool After An Accident

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(NAPSI)-While accidents sometimes cannot be avoided, you can respond in a fashion that helps in the handling of repairs and insurance claims.

The following tips should be kept in mind:

• Stay calm. After an accident, determine the extent of injuries or damage. Obtain medical assistance immediately if needed.

• Call the police to file an accident report. It's critical to have a record of the accident when you attempt to file an insurance claim. If the police are unable to states, his/her insurance compacome to the scene, ask if you can create an accident report over the phone while both parties are present.

• Limit discussion of the acciyour car. Taking photos at the dent. Talk only with police or scene of both vehicles, including with your insurance agent. the license plates, may help sup-

• Gather all the critical facts to help ensure you have everything necessary for insurance purposes. This includes date and time of the accident; name of other driver and his/her contact information, license plate and driver's license numbers and

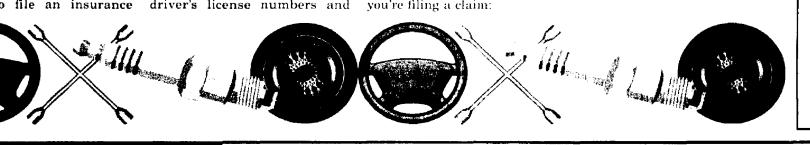
• Date of the occurrence

- Type of loss or damage • Location of the occurrence
- Related injuries
- Others involved

• The damage to your vehicle • Whether authorities such as

police, fire department or ambulance were notified. The important thing is to

report your insurance claim as soon as possible, even if you don't have all the information. For more information, visit www.all state.com.



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From Soccer Moms To Gearheads: Auto Owners Get Personal

(NAPSI)-At first glance, a soccer mom in a minivan may not seem to have much in common with a hipster in a souped-up El Camino. However, chances are they share at least one trait: They both personalize their cars.

Auto accessories, from chrome rims to backseat DVD players and surround sound systems, have helped drive the auto market as a growing number of consumers realize they can turn their cars into personal statements, personal offices or family fun. rooms.

Experts say just about any car can be accessorized from bumper to bumper-and today's accessories don't just improve form, they improve function as well. Drivers can find easy ways to improve their car's performance, looks and storage capacity. The Web site EnjoyTheDrive.com offers a look at some of thehottest accessories for different groups:

• Soccer Moms-Moms can make their vehicles more useful and spruce them up at the same time. New rims, paint and eyecatching floor mats can change the look of a car or van, while cargo nets can increase the amount moms can store in their vehicles. Moms can keep kids entertained on road trips with DVD players and monitors. A cooler installed in the console may . help keep kids happy, too.

• Teens-Young people driving mom and dad's old car can make their hand-me-down hip with the right accessories. Teens can add spoilers and ground effects to make their autos sportier. Bumper covers are available, too, and are common on sport compacts. Teens looking for a little more power and a racier sound can use add-ons such as cat-back exhaust, which is an exhaust replaced from the catalytic converter back to the tailpipes. Cold air intakes improve power as well.

• Commuters-Installing a navigation system can help make the drive to work easier. The systems help you know where you are at all times-and some even help reroute you past traffic jams. People can also use wireless accessories to connect their phones to their cars.

• Outdoor Enthusiasts-Suspension add-ons and tires made for dirt and sand can give a truck a better feel when it's riding through the rough. Off-roaders can protect trucks with headlight covers and adhesive films that prevent scratches. Shell caps protect things stored in the bed of a truck and bed spray liners can protect the bed itself. Camping fans can find pickup bed tents and install DC outlet adapters on their receiver hitches to run small stoves or other appliances. Other practical truck accessories include roll-out toolboxes, tailgate lifts and running boards that help them get in and out of larger vehicles. GPS technology and backup cameras are also available.

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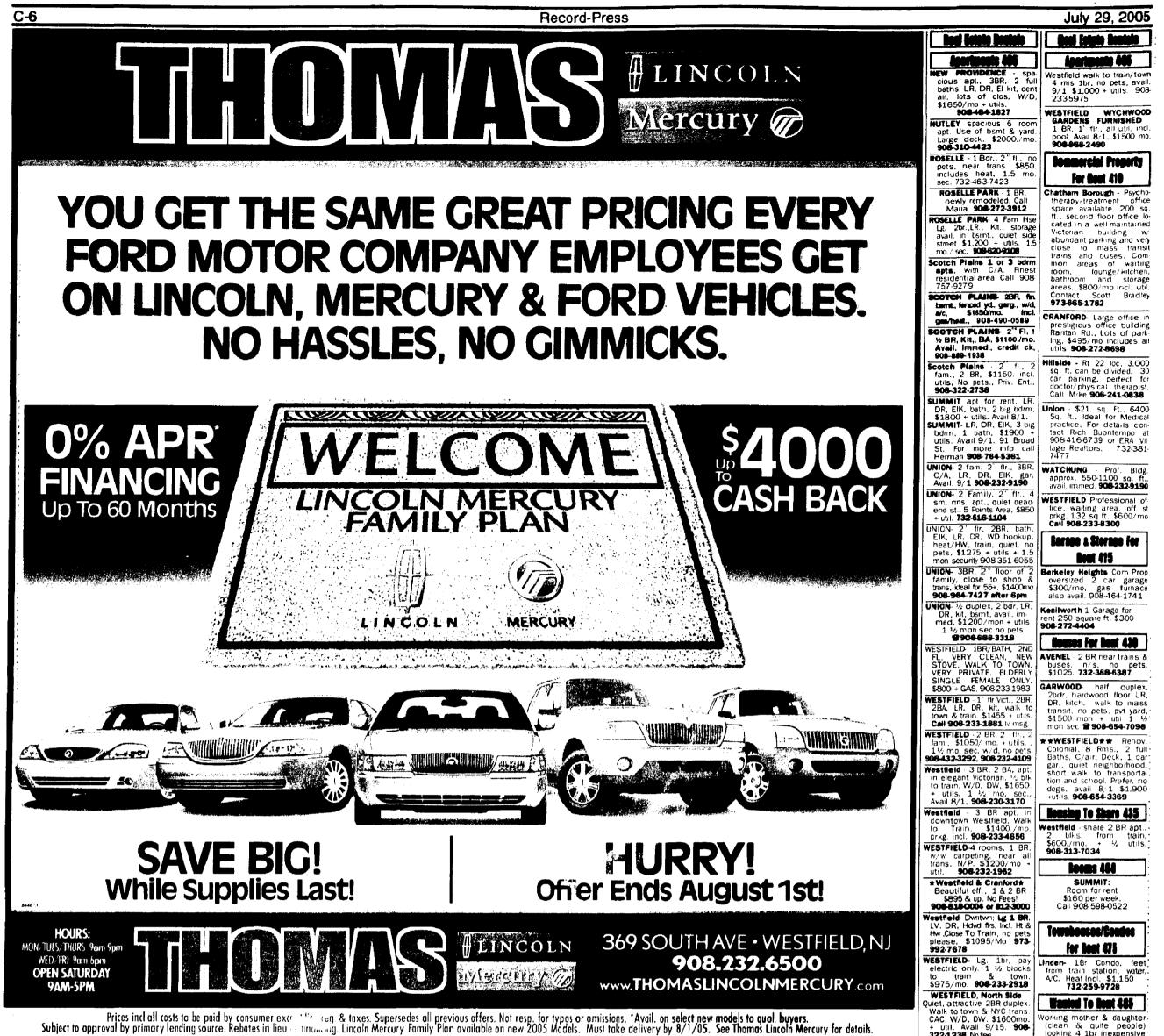




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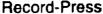
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