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Sheehan brings 'Camp Casey' to Westfield

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Despite her best efforts, Cindy Sheehan hasn't yet been able to meet with President George W. Bush to discuss the Iraq war. She's apparently settled for the next best thing — following in his footsteps.

Sheehan, the mother of Casey Sheehan, a soldier killed in combat in Iraq, held a press conference in front of the Westfield municipal building Monday afternoon as part of her cross-country tour. The president had been in the town six months earlier to discuss his plans to privatize Social Security.

At the press conference, before a small crowd but a caravan of media, Sheehan asked residents to start asking questions about the country's military presence and exit strategy in Iraq.

"This war is taking a terrible, terrible toll on our country," said Sheehan, who was joined by Democratic Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. and Springfield resident Fran Middleberg, whose son served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Standing on a sunny lawn in front of Town Hall before dozens of reporters, Sheehan pled for citizens to start asking some questions.

"Nobody has asked 'What are we still doing there?'" said Sheehan. "It is making our country less secure, and still nobody is asking these questions but me." But

Sheehan said she was thankful to the "millions of people standing behind us at what we did at Camp Casey."

Sheehan made national headlines with her protest to what she calls an "unjust war in Iraq" by camping outside the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas, asking Bush to speak with her after her 24-year old son was killed in Baghdad last year. But her once solitary fight has gained support around the country — "Camp Casey" vigils were held recently in Cranford and Westfield. Pallone, a New Jersey congressman and one of her supporters, invited her to tell her story in Westfield.

"I voted against the war initially," Pallone said Monday. "We went to war for the wrong reasons and never had international support."

"I think Bush does not have an exit strategy," he added. "It was fought for the wrong reasons, fought the wrong way and there is no exit strategy."

Pallone said his plan for an exit strategy would include an international effort, saying the United Nations or NATO should be in charge of 14 of the 18 Iraqi provinces that the government has said are now secure. "If we internationalize the conflict, we have an opportunity to say to Iraq and to the world that we are not a permanent occupying force," said Pallone.

Pallone also spoke about a change in perspective due to Hurricane Katrina and the lack of available resources after the disaster. "The war has cost \$300 billion dol-

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Cindy Sheehan and Congressman Frank Pallone in Westfield.



Scramble

Westfield's new offense struggled to convert downs for much of the first half as the Blue Devils debuted a new offense and a new quarterback against the Old Bridge Knights last Friday. For more on Westfield's opening day, see Sports on C-1.



A gem of a show

The New Jersey Mineralogical Society's annual Gem and Mineral Show returned to the Fanwood train station Saturday, offering some unique displays for local residents. For pictures of the event, turn to Community Life on Page B-1.



Girl shares hair with kids in need

Fanwood resident Micayla Mirabella recently donated her hair to Locks of Love. The organization will use the hair to make a wig for sick children. For the full story, see Page A-8.

REMINDER

Music Fest at Echo Lake

A special concert featuring Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, They Might Be Giants and The Smithereens, as well as local favorites JoBonano & the Godsons of Soul, will be held noon-10 p.m. Saturday at Echo Lake Park. The event will also feature the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee from noon-4 p.m. For full details, visit www.ucmusicfest.com.

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Remembering September 11th



The Westfield/Mountainside Ministerium hosted an interfaith gathering Sunday to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the dozen local residents who lost their lives that day. The brief service, held at Westfield's 9/11 memorial, featured the tolling of a bell for each of the local victims.



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Foley reviews progress on goals

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Superintendent William Foley discussed his strategies for making progress on the Board of Education's goals for 2005-2006, including addressing enrollment imbalances and closing the gap in achievement between some of the district's populations, at Tuesday's school board meeting.

With respect to the achievement gap, Foley said that the district has been unsuccessful in boosting the eighth-grade test scores at Edison Intermediate School. Though the district has yet to present in detail results from last year's assessments, Foley said math scores at Edison continue to be "a weak point."

The district has been aware for years that scores at Edison are lower than at Roosevelt Intermediate School, its counterpart on the north side. Scores for special education and African American students, who are usually found in greater numbers at Edison, are also lower than for the district as a whole.

An initiative last year to group struggling students together to focus on skill development "failed abysmally," Foley said, with little demonstrated progress. This year, he plans to use federal funds from the No Child Left Behind program to pay for teacher training in differentiated instruction and other strategies. "What we've done internally to date has not been successful. I'm not pleased with it, and I want to try a different approach," he said.

There is persistently a group of students that scores just below proficiency, Foley said, but the district has not been able to get them over the hump.

Within two years, 90 percent of Edison students should demonstrate proficiency on state tests in math and language arts, Foley said. That target has been met occasionally, but not consistently, in the past.

Foley also talked about the possibility of developing a tutoring program for some African American students in conjunc-

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Work will start soon on traffic upgrades

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — In a detailed presentation, traffic consultant Gordon Meth reviewed eight proposed traffic changes at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

The presentation was the result of an eight-month-long collaboration between town officials and a Citizen's Traffic Advisory Committee put together to help with the planning of the proposed changes. The total cost for the proposed changes is estimated at \$51,000, said Meth.

Most of the immediate

improvements will include temporary changes such as striping and temporary curbing to create islands that may be removed if the solution does not work, Meth said.

The areas selected for improvement are North Avenue and Tuttle Parkway, Franklin School, Prospect Street and Dudley Avenue, Lawrence and Dudley avenues, Lawrence Avenue and Walnut Street, Woodland Avenue, McKinley School, Central Avenue and Ayliffe.

Meth noted that residents of each of the eight hot spots had

been notified of meetings for the proposed changes and thanked the hundreds of residents who came to the meetings with comments and suggestions.

"Very few resemble what they were at the first meeting," said Meth of the final recommendations for changes; previous suggestions for new traffic circles and other major projects have been dropped. The latest proposals include:

— North and Tuttle: make Tuttle Parkway one-way southbound to improve pedestrian and traffic safety

— Franklin School: new strip-

ing and parking regulations for drop off and pick up areas

— Prospect and Dudley: temporary curbing to improve pedestrian safety

— Lawrence and Dudley: temporary curbing to decrease the high rate of accidents and to improve pedestrian safety

— Lawrence and Walnut: striping and parking restrictions to improve pedestrian safety and decrease the rate of accidents

— McKinley School: parking regulations and new striping in the drop-off and pick-up area

— Woodland: stop signs to

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Selection of new chief to take 2-3 months

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — With Police Chief Bernard Tracy's retirement effective Sept. 7, the town has begun the process of selecting a replacement, said Town Administrator Jim Gildea. The Town Council on Tuesday officially appointed Capt. John Parizeau as acting chief during that process.

The fact that Parizeau has no intention of seeking the chief's position full-time made him an ideal candidate for the temporary position, said Gildea. "It was a

logical choice," he said.

Gildea has outlined the selection process for the council and discussion will begin this week, he said. "It will be a two to three month process."

The selection of the new police chief will be similar to the recent selection of the new fire chief, Daniel J. Kelly. Gildea said the next step will be to develop a profile for the ideal candidate. "It's a very important position," said Gildea. "They potentially could be here for quite a long time."

After the profile is defined, Gildea and the Town Council will go through structured interviews

with the candidates. A forensic psychological evaluation will also be required of the three or four candidates who have shown an interest in the position, according to Gildea. "The process will take awhile."

If needed, Gildea said, the town will consider using independent help in the selection process.

The position has been opened to a variety of candidates within the department, not just the captains. "We are opening it to lieutenants as well," said Gildea.

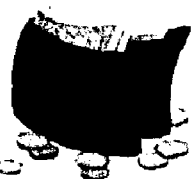
Tracy retired after 31 years with the police department, including five years as chief, and

has taken a job as a security officer for the Linden Board of Education. That job that will offer him more time to spend with his family than his typical 60-hour work week as police chief, he has said. Gildea has said Tracy is eligible to receive his full pension from the town.

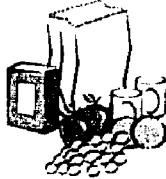
In his brief letter of retirement to Gildea, Tracy wrote, "I will always be thankful to the Town of Westfield for affording me the opportunity to serve this fine community... I would also like to thank you for your professional guidance and personal friendship."

HURRICANE KATRINA

How you can help



Donate to the American Red Cross by calling (800) HELP-NOW or online at www.redcross.org. Or, call the local chapter, located at 321 Elm St. in Westfield, at (908) 232-7090. To donate via United Way, go to www.uwgc.org or call (908) 353-7171.



The Community FoodBank of New Jersey is accepting food and diapers at 31 Evans Terminal Rd. in Hillside; call (908) 355-3663 for a list of specific items. To donate clothing and housewares for relocated victims, drop off items at the Downtown Cranford festival this weekend.



The crisis hotline CONTACT We Care is seeking volunteers for an expected surge in calls. For more information, call (908) 301-1899. To inquire about volunteering with the Red Cross, call (908) 232-7090.

Foley reviews progress on goals

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tion with the YMCA. And, as he did last year, he stressed the need for the district to develop a database that allows officials to track the performance of one student over time. Personnel turnover has hindered the development of such a tool, he said.

Foley agreed with board member Richard Solomon's suggestion that the district's struggles with bolstering African American performance may come from not understanding the source of the achievement gap. But he also pointed to signs of progress — whereas just a few years ago less than half of African American seniors did not take the SAT, this year the "overwhelming majority" went on to four-year colleges.

Regarding learning-disabled students, Foley said the district will continue to try to keep students in district, rather than sending them out to special programs, in part by adding support such as early diagnosis and tutoring and differentiated instruction. He also noted the new autistic program for young students, as well as the increased use of technology in special education. He said the district needs to be more imagi-

native about its use of space, such as using portable classrooms, and also suggested that the Project Bridge program at the high school might be expanded to the lower grades.

With respect to enrollment, at more than 6,000 students including 2,852 in elementary school, the district is now as big as it has been since 1979-80, Foley said. Then, there were about 2,800 elementary students, though they attended eight different schools, rather than the current six.

The increase is not evenly distributed. Franklin and Wilson on the north side are the largest elementary schools, which in turn means Roosevelt (719 students) is bigger than Edison (675), and the gap between the middle schools is expected to grow to as much as 150 students or more in the next few years. Also, grade levels at Roosevelt could swell to 280 students, making the current "team" model unworkable. The result could be "radically different class sizes," which could in turn create equity issues, Foley said.

At the elementary level, trailers are in use at Wilson and Washington, and the board

recently capped kindergarten enrollment at some schools. There are no enrollment problems at the high school.

The board's long-range planning committee will review the enrollment imbalances, Foley said, and a parent advisory committee will likely be formed as well. The board will hear the recommendations in the spring, with action likely to be taken prior to the 2007-08 school year. The district should be able to accommodate enrollment this year and next with its current resources, Foley said.

He said it was too early to comment about whether middle-school redistricting or new construction would be necessary to accommodate the enrollment increase, but said neither option could be ruled out.

The board also briefly discussed its community outreach efforts, including ways to better educate the public about the make-up of the school budget, and opportunities to share resources with the town. Fields, technology and television may all provide opportunities for the district and the town to share responsibility for salaries or other costs, Foley said.

Sheehan brings 'Camp Casey'

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lars...we simply can't afford that war," he said. He charged that the need for National Guardsmen in the Gulf Coast was not met because "so many were in Iraq."

In an emotional speech, Middleberg, whose son was deployed in Iraq and served in the initial invasion, desperately begged for support to oppose the war in Iraq. "I feel so strongly that I'm here to welcome and embrace with all the respect and compassion for Cindy Sheehan that she deserves," said Middleberg. "We are the ones who hold our government accountable and we have the right to ask questions...that's what makes democracy hard."

Sheehan plans on visiting 52 cities to reach out to citizens and, more specifically, the mothers of soldiers sent to Iraq. She will be in Washington,

D.C. on Sept. 21 to return to Camp Casey, now relocated to the nation's capital. "I'll stay there until the president brings our troops home," said Sheehan.

Sheehan said she believed former Secretary of State Colin Powell should have opposed the war and stopped it from ever happening. "I believe Colin Powell was our last chance to avoid this war," said Sheehan. "He would have gone down as the greatest American in history."

But such thoughts are now just "what-ifs" to Sheehan. "We have to live with that fact, just like I have to live with the fact that I didn't kidnap my son and take him to Canada," she said.

Of her son, she said, "He did not want to go to Iraq, but out of a sense of duty and honor, he went."

Complaints heard about landscapers

By ANNA DOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A group of angry residents complained about noise and safety issues they say are being caused by Jeff's Landscaping, a Myrtle Avenue business, at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

Two residents of Myrtle Avenue, a residential street with the exception of the landscaping company, spoke on behalf of the group, saying they were frustrated with the dust, noise, and constant movement of trucks by the company and asked the council for help.

"There's sand, dust, dirt, and they've violated the noise ordinance often, it is believed," said Myrtle Avenue resident Virginia Cosenza. Cosenza said the situation has progressively gotten worse over the past two years, since Jeff's Landscaping moved into the location in 2001.

"The first year they were there wasn't as bad, but it's gotten considerably worse," she said. According to Cosenza, the busi-

ness should not be allowed to have trucks constantly backing into the driveway since the location was previously only used for storage and the street is residential.

"How can this happen on a residential street?" she asked. Cosenza told the council she was worried about the safety of children who frequently ride bikes and walk in the area, especially around 8 a.m. and between 5-6 p.m., when she claimed there are usually five to 10 trucks with trailers dumping rocks and sand.

Another resident of Myrtle Avenue, Marilyn Tammara, told the board she was tired of having to deal with impaired living conditions because she lives directly next door to the company. "Frankly I don't understand how you can let them get away with this," said Tammara.

Tammara said she has been forced to turn on the air conditioner on days when she would normally just open her windows. "I can't keep the windows open on a nice day because all the dust comes in."

Councilman Mark Ciarrocca

said he had already begun discussion regarding the problem area with the Public Safety Committee. "The problem is that the use is grandfathered in," he said Ciarrocca.

Ciarrocca said he had asked the town attorney to give the council recommendations for a solution. In the meantime, Ciarrocca said he had spoken with the police department over the summer about problem areas and said that there have been some steps towards having law enforcement help out at the site. "Captain Parizeau, you're aware of the situation there," Ciarrocca said to the new acting chief of police.

But Cosenza said she did not understand how the use was "grandfathered in," saying the area had only been used for storage previously and that the trucks had not been backing in and out of the area until recent years. "It doesn't seem it was always used this way," said Cosenza.

"That's what we're looking into," said Ciarrocca. "We will get a very detailed recommendation on what we can do as a town."

At press time, Jeff's Landscaping had not responded to a call for comment placed to its Cranford design center. The issue will be discussed at a Planning Board meeting on Oct. 11, said Councilman James Foerst.

Jr. Women welcome new members

WESTFIELD — The Junior Women's Club of Westfield will be hosting a New Member Wine & Cheese program at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The event will provide those who may be interested in the club to meet the members and learn more about what they do. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

If interested in attending, RSVP to Jennifer at (908) 789-8991.

The purpose of the Junior Women's Club of Westfield is to provide women with an opportunity to socialize, make friends and make a difference in the community, the environment and in the lives of others.

Visit the Web site at www.westfieldnj.com/jwew for additional information or call Jennifer at the number above.

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6 homes approved on Pheasant Lane

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Seven years after the township's Planning Board denied his application for construction on Pheasant Lane, Ernest Fantini has finally been granted approval to build six homes on the land.

After nearly a decade of debate over the development plans, the board on Monday approved the application for Pheasant Run Estates near the Plainfield border, with a few minor conditions.

The original request, which was for nine single family lots, was denied in 1998 by the Planning Board due to several issues involving the configuration of the lots and access onto Pheasant Lane. After a reconfiguration of the lot lines, the new development, which spans 303,000 square feet, will now include six homes.

One lot that had some peculiar measurements drew questions from board members. But Larry Vastola, Fantini's attorney, told the board the lot lines were the result of "negotiations for a long time" and were drawn as a resolution to previous issues. "I realize that it is not ideal, but nothing is ideal (on that lot)," said Vastola.

In addition to lot configuration, the fact that two of the lots exist on the border of Plainfield and Scotch Plains caused some debate. Because the lots are located in both towns, questions arose as to what school district children would be sent. The board agreed that the majority of land on both lots was in Scotch Plains, and that they would have a Scotch Plains address. "Education will follow taxation,"

said board attorney Daniel Bernstein.

Board members agreed a tax assessor should be brought in to take a look at the lots that border both Scotch Plains and Plainfield. Because two of the lots are partly on Plainfield land, the application will now need approval from the Plainfield Planning Board.

Board members asked Fantini to plant several trees throughout the lots as one of the conditions to the application. Fantini agreed to plant 15 trees within the development on the front or side lots of the houses. Sidewalks will not be constructed, since none of the surrounding areas have sidewalks. However, a flat area of land will be created so that sidewalks may be constructed in the future.

Among the other conditions for the application is the planting of street trees in clusters. Drainage will be the municipality's obligation.

The homes will be large, about 6,000-7,000 square feet, and will mostly be two-story colonial homes, said Fantini. Planning Board member Ken Greenman said he was in favor of granting the application because several neighbors said they would not have any major problems with the new development.

"It gives me confidence to hear neighbors impacted giving their approval," said Greenman. But he admitted he would have "some sadness that the beautiful acreage would be built on."

Board chairperson Maria Sartor noted national publications have touted Scotch Plains as among the most desirable places to live and attributed the building of developments such as Pheasant Run Estates to the ranking. "It's these types of projects that bring that," said Sartor.

Planning Board grants two subdivisions

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Planning Board members approved two minor subdivisions at a Sept. 8 meeting, despite the fact that one of the proposed lots will not meet the minimum lot area requirement.

The two subdivisions — one at 645 Willow Grove Rd. and the other at 123 Greene Place — will need to meet certain conditions in order to proceed with construction, according to Planning Board attorney Russell Feinstein.

At 645 Willow Grove, developer J.W.V. Inc. plans to demolish an existing house, garage and shed. J.W.V. is seeking to subdivide the lot and construct two two-story homes with attached two-car garages on the land.

Although one of the proposed lots would conform with the size requirements of the land use ordinance, the other planned lot was found to be too small. Variances were requested for failure to meet minimum lot area, minimum average lot width and minimum lot depth.

The lot owner was unable to acquire more property to reach the required minimum size of 10,000 square feet for one of the lots because the land is question is part of Tamaques School, according to the application. The proposed lot has a measurement of 8,359 square feet.

However, J.W.V. argued in the application that the "proposed development will be more in keeping with the actual development of the surrounding area rather than the construction of a much larger house which would be incongruent with the neighborhood."

Feinstein said the board approved the application because the subdivision would create two houses that are in keeping with the character with surrounding houses. "We thought having two homes on two lots would be more consistent than one lot with a large home."

But the approval came with several conditions. Both homes are not to exceed 34 feet in height, and the architectural plans will need approval from the Site Plan

Committee with respect to size, style, pitch of the roof and landscaping, said Feinstein.

In addition, J.W.V. will need approval from the Tree Preservation Commission, and the project will need to meet stormwater requirements, according to Feinstein.

Board members also approved an application that did not require any variances for a subdivision at 123 Greene Place. The applicant, Ralph Rapuano Jr. has requested the demolition of an existing house and detached garage and the subdivision of the lot into two lots.

The conditions of the approval are similar to those of the lot at 645 Willow Grove and will require Rapuano to comply with the Site Plan Committee and Tree Preservation Commission, said Feinstein. "It was easier," said Feinstein of the Greene Place application. "It was totally conforming."

The conditions will ensure the town has some say over the subdivision so that the houses will fit with the rest of the neighborhood, Feinstein said. "We want to have some control to make sure it's compatible."

Testimony concludes in Chambers hearing

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The hearing into the town's disciplinary action against Detective Sandy Chambers concluded Friday morning, as her attorney rested his case and Chambers refused to testify.

Both sides will now have 30 days to submit written briefs before a decision is made by the independent hearing officer, according to Town Administrator, Jim Gildea.

Chambers has been suspended with pay since March for allegedly having another officer, Jonathan Pierce, void a \$20 parking ticket her son had received. Pierce wrote the summons after finding the meter expired and said he had no knowledge the car

Town, detective await ruling regarding disciplinary action

was registered to Chambers until she called him two days later, on Jan. 17, to inform him he had written her a ticket.

The department is trying to fire Chambers for allegedly having the ticket voided and then allegedly lying during an internal investigation. When asked about the punishment at an Aug. 17 hearing, former Chief Bernard Tracy said, "Dishonesty is the real issue."

Chambers is contesting her termination and elected to have the hearings conducted in public.

At a previous hearing Chambers' attorney, Hassan Abdallah, argued that the department responded very differently to other cases of improperly void-

ed tickets, including one written by Detective Lisa Perrotta. But Tracy responded, "I don't know of any ticket or accusation of one being improperly voided."

The defense has argued Tracy retaliated against Chambers after their social relationship changed. Tracy acknowledged he has been in Chambers' home on several occasions but has denied such claims.

Last week's hearing was the final of three held on the matter. Tracy and Pierce both testified at the previous hearing, held Aug. 17 in the community room of Town Hall. No witnesses testified Friday.

"It was a little bit surprising," said Gildea after the hearing.

"The whole purpose is to have both sides present the facts. They decided not to have their main witness testify." However, Gildea noted that the town does not have the right to compel testimony.

At the hearing, both sides discussed what evidence would be admissible, according to Gildea. James Damato, the independent hearing officer for the case, will next make a decision on what evidence shall be used in the ruling. Abdallah said the defense will "submit a statement within 30 days."

Once the statements are submitted, Damato will make a decision and contact both attorneys, said Gildea.

Westfield teens explore life in uniform

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — As a teenager, 16-year-old Brittany Pryor knows that members of her peer group sometimes have a hard time trusting or understanding police officers. But Pryor, along with a group of Westfield residents ranging in age from 14 to 20, has taken steps towards getting to know local law enforcement through a program called the Westfield Explorers.

The program is headed by four-year veteran Officer Frank Ricci, with the help of Patrolman Jason Rogers. The program was founded in 2002 and has posts across the entire country that aim at introducing the youth into the field of law enforcement, according to Ricci.

"They don't necessarily have to be interested in law enforcement," said Ricci. "Some kids are looking for discipline and structure in their life. They get that here."

The group meets once a week from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at police headquarters, where the teens experience police training and participate in various social and educational events, including visits to police agencies, pizza parties and trips to the movies.

Although there are currently 12 members, the maximum allowed is 20 and Ricci hopes more youths join. Pryor joined the group at the end of eighth grade and has since enjoyed the experience, recommending it to others. "It's nice to meet and become friends with cops," she said.

Pryor said she can now walk down the street and say hello and joke around with officers because she has gotten to know them through the program. "I think it's important for teenagers," she said. "Most teenagers sometimes have negative experiences with cops, and it shows that not all cops are the same."

Pryor has participated in various events sponsored by the group, including a national conference in Georgia at which more than 5,000 Explorers from around the country met and took part in a competition that tested what the members had learned.

"It was a learning experience. It's nice to know there are other Explorers in the country," Pryor said.

Explorers are trained in various police procedures including arrest and search techniques, bomb threat response, crime prevention, domestic violence, C.P.R., self defense, radio operations, motor vehicle stops and more. Although Westfield does not have such a program in place, some Explorers groups allow members to join police officers on calls. Ricci said plans have been discussed to implement such practices in Westfield.

In order to join the group, candidates must have full parental approval, be between the ages of 14 and 20, maintain a C average in

school and attend 70 percent of all meetings and functions, according to Ricci.

Members are held with a high sense of trust, according to Ricci. "They represent us," he said. Explorers wear uniforms similar to those of actual officers and have their own police hats and badges.

Since the program has been around for just three years in Westfield, Ricci said none of the members have yet moved on to become police officers; many are attending college or are not old enough. However, Ricci noted that many police officers within the

department were once Explorers themselves in other towns.

Ricci said he hopes the program will attract more members, so the department can connect with the community. "From the police standpoint, we want to change the perception and re-integrate the police into society," said Ricci.

"(The Explorers) get to do and see things that a lot of people don't see," said Ricci.

For more information on the Westfield Explorers or to join, visit police headquarters or call the Community Policing Unit at (908) 789-6084.

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HURRICANE KATRINA: LOCAL COMMUNITIES RESPOND

Kids pitch in to raise funds for victims of Katrina



As their community wrestles with trying to find ways to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, several Westfield children have put their hearts and their hands together to do their part. Above left, Laura Streaman (center) and siblings Catherine and Chris Sabatino created homemade necklaces, bracelets and rings. These resourceful children then sold their homemade trinkets to passers-by in downtown Westfield. Through generous donations, the children collected more than \$200, which was donated to the American Red Cross for the hurricane victims. Another group raised nearly \$100 by selling ice pops and lemonade from their stand. Shown in the picture at right are Emily Forcht, Alison Serpico, Samantha Forcht and Emily Serpico.



Westfield officials seek cash donations

Fundraising drive will culminate at Festifall Sept. 25

WESTFIELD — Mayor Andy Skibitsky and the Town Council are helping to organize a town-wide effort to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, local officials said in a statement this week.

Councilmen Sal Caruana and Larry Goldman are leading the initiative and are reaching out to the Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Westfield Corp., Westfield Area YMCA and other organizations in town for their support.

After much thought and contact with various relief efforts and other municipalities Caruana and Goldman advised the Council on Sept. 9 that the most effective and efficient means at this time for our residents to help the 500,000 people whose lives have been ravaged by the tragedy is with cash contributions to the American Red Cross, either via the local chapter house at 321 Elm St. or (908) 232-7090, or directly to the national organization by phone at (800) HELP-NOW or online at www.redcross.org.

"We are also encouraging our residents to support Westfield relief efforts that have identified effective distribution channels for limited needs, such as soap, toiletries, etc."

— **Sal Caruana**
councilman

The donation drive will culminate at the Westfield's annual Festifall on Sunday, Sept. 25, now designated "D-Day" — Donation Day — for Katrina's victims. All of those groups or individuals who are sponsoring collections, fundraisers or bake sales are encouraged to bring their donations to the American Red Cross tent, to be located at the intersection of Elm and Broad streets, at Festifall between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Planning has begun for Festifall — the annual street fair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce — to also feature reminders of the victims' need, locations to make cash contributions and items for sale such as memorial wristbands with proceeds going to the cause.

Caruana explained the strategy in a plea to Westfield residents for their support: "At this stage the donation of hard goods — food, clothes, bottled water — is made very problematic by the logistics involved in storing, shipping and distributing them to such a dispersed population. We believe the same needs can be addressed strategically and economically by supporting with cash donations those experienced organizations such as the Red Cross who are on the ground and in position to help the victims."

"We anticipate that in the near future families will be relocated to Westfield and other towns in our area, and as these programs emerge donations of hard goods will be needed locally; however, we are also encouraging our residents to support Westfield relief efforts that have identified effective distribution channels for limited needs, such as soap, toiletries, etc."

Goldman added, "Due to the enormity of the catastrophe and the daunting tasks ahead in terms of providing relief to displaced persons and rebuilding portions of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, cash contributions to the Red Cross or other organizations with a pipeline to the Red Cross will have the greatest impact on the greatest number of people."

"By no means, however, do we want to deter individuals from supporting more directed relief efforts such as assisting one or more families to resettle in Westfield or specific causes with which they have personal connections. The consequences of Katrina call for all of us to reach deeper in terms of our charitable giving and take extra steps."

Several outlets available to donate food, other items

In response to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and the great need for food and supplies, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is accepting donations. The following specific items are requested: canned beef stew, canned chili, canned pasta, peanut butter in plastic containers and disposable diapers.

Donations may be brought directly to Community FoodBank at 31 Evans Terminal Rd., Hillside from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8

p.m. Tuesday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. They may also be dropped off at Assemblywoman Linda Stender's district office, located at 1801 E. Second Street, Scotch Plains, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays for delivery to the food bank.

Cases of bottled water can also be dropped off at Stender's office. The NJ National Guard is collecting cases of bottled water to help in the relief effort. Stender's office will deliver the water to the NJ National Guard Armory in Somerset.

"Hundreds of thousands of citizens are currently displaced from their homes," Stender said. "They are relying on organizations like the American Red Cross and food banks to provide them with basic necessities like food, water and medicines. Your contributions, no matter the size, will help these citizens during this devastating time."

For additional information, contact Stender's office at (908) 668-1900 or Community FoodBank at (908) 355-3663.

Also, the Cranford Jaycees

are seeking donations of housewares, linens, coats, baby products and other home items to benefit 100 families who are being immediately relocated to New Jersey. The families, whose lives and homes were devastated by Hurricane Katrina, will be moving to public housing in Perth Amboy. They will begin arriving Friday.

Other basic items needed include pots and pans, kitchen utensils, coffee makers, sheets, pillows, bath towels, baby diapers, wipes and formula as well

as children's toys and books. Donations may be new or used items in good, clean condition.

At this weekend's downtown festival in Cranford, collection bins will be located at the northwest corner of North Union and North avenues and the northwest corner of Walnut and South avenues. Items may also be dropped at Crisanti's Shoes/Cranford Corner, located at 304 Centennial Ave. in Cranford, anytime during business hours or at the Pick residence located at 16 Doering Way.

Two local firefighters are processing evacuees

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The two local firefighters deployed to the Gulf Coast region in the wake of Hurricane Katrina are currently processing evacuees in Arkansas, their chief said this week.

Westfield Fire Chief Daniel J. Kelly spoke with Capt. Michael Brennan and Firefighter Thomas Ryan Monday morning, about a week after the two headed south.

"They're working on registering evacuees," said Kelly. Over 50,000 evacuees are currently in shelters and Brennan and Ryan are helping them with paperwork that needs to be filled out so they can be provided with monetary relief and temporary housing, according to Kelly.

Brennan and Ryan were initially sent to Atlanta, Ga. last week, where they were trained for 72 hours before being transferred to other locations. They are among approximately 4,000 firefighters

from around the country who have traveled to the region, Kelly said.

Kelly said FEMA has given firefighters a variety of roles and said the operation is "multi-tasks." Some firefighters are working on paperwork, while others are being sent to the disaster area.

Brennan and Ryan have been working with evacuees who have been both grateful and frustrated. "They have been received very warmly, but (sometimes) with some disappointment," said Kelly.

Several national reports last week described firefighters being assigned to distribute fliers and brochures in the flooded regions, and quoted some workers who were frustrated at not being involved in rescue tasks.

"Yes, it is true there is some frustration among firefighters, but FEMA is utilizing them in whatever areas need to be filled," said Kelly. The Westfield representatives are happy to do whatever is asked of them by FEMA, he said.

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Briefs

Westfield schedules Back-to-School nights

WESTFIELD — Parents and guardians of public school students are invited to Back-to-School Nights scheduled on the following dates this month:

Sept. 15 — Roosevelt Intermediate School, 7 p.m.

Sept. 19 — Washington School, Gr. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 21 — Franklin School, Gr. K-2, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Franklin School, Gr. 3-5, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Washington School, Gr. 2-4, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Jefferson School, Gr. 1-2 and K-AM, 7:30 p.m.; Gr. 3-5 and K-PM, 8:15 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Tamaques School, Gr. K-2, 7:30 p.m.; Gr. 3-5, 8:15 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Wilson School, Gr. K-2, 7-7:45 p.m.; Gr. 3-5, 8-8:45 p.m.

Sept. 22 — McKinley School, 7: general session in gym; classroom presentations at 7:30 p.m. and 8:10 p.m.

Sept. 29 — Westfield High School, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 6 — Edison Intermediate School, 7 p.m.

Another program for the remaining grades at Washington was held earlier this week.

Get antiques appraised at Miller-Cory House

WESTFIELD — Got antiques? From 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, an "Antiques Appraisal Affair" will take place at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.

Residents are encouraged to bring hand-carried heirlooms and collectibles (textiles, china, porcelain, glass, jewelry, pottery, art work) to be identified and evaluated by experienced dealers.

The following dealers are donating their time, talents and expertise: Lynn Caporoso and Robert Selig of Country Cottage Antiques in Scotch Plains; Sarah Churgin of Golden Bee Antiques in Westfield and David Rago Auctions; and Anita L. Grashof of Gallerie Antiques in Scotch Plains.

Donations are one item for \$4 or three items for \$10; all proceeds are used to support the education programs at the Miller-Cory House Museum. Do not bring any weapons, firearms or piano-sized items. Complimentary refreshments will be served; no tours of the museum will be conducted on Sunday.

On Sept. 25, the museum will feature 18th-century open-hearth cooking and tours of the historic house. Admission will be \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students; children under 6 years old are free of charge. Call the museum at (908) 232-1776 for more information about the museum and its upcoming fall events.

Donations sought for library book sale

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will hold the annual fall book sale at the Forest Road Park building in Fanwood from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 24, rain or shine. This location is a departure from the sale's location of 15 years on the library lawn.

Another first for this year is a preview night for members of the Friends. From 7 to 9:30 Sept. 23, members may view and purchase any sale item at the Forest Road Park building.

The Friends will be at the Forest Road Park building accepting books for donation on Sept. 15-17, 19, and 21-23. Specific hours available by calling (908) 322-9179 or (908) 322-7174.

In addition to books, acceptable items include toys, games, used videos, DVDs, and CDs. However, the Friends cannot accept magazines, old fiction, and non-fiction containing out-of-date information.

Newcomers' Club plans Welcome Tea

FANWOOD — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers' Club invites new residents and those who have been through a recent lifestyle change such as a marriage, a new baby, or change of employment to attend the annual September Welcome Tea. It will be held at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

At the tea, current club members will highlight the year's upcoming activities such as book discussions, bowling, gardening, cooking, playgroups, and scrap-booking. In an effort to welcome new residents to the area, local businesses are donating gifts for the event.

The club, a non-profit social organization, offers daytime and evening activities for women and their children. For more information, see the Web site at <http://scotchplains.com/newcomers/> or contact Lee Robertson at (908) 889-7860.



Twirling class now offered at YMCA

An all-new baton twirling class at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA was introduced this summer by staffer NicoleMarie Placca (rear), a New Jersey Twirling Association certified instructor and competition judge. Girls in grades 1-6 can now sign up for Wednesday evening classes at the Y's Grand Street facility to learn twirling, spinning, and tossing moves that are sure to impress. For more information or to register, call (908) 889-8880.

Openings available at CSH Day Care Center

Children's Specialized Hospital's Medical Day Care Center in Roselle Park has a few openings available for children, ages 3 months to 3 years, who have chronic medical conditions and/or physical disabilities that require skilled nursing care.

These conditions may include ostomies, tracheostomies, seizure disorders, heart and lung disease, hydrocephalus, spina bifida, asthma, Down Syndrome, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, visual/hearing impairments, and metabolic disorders. Children who require apnea monitoring, gastrostomy feedings, central lines, and complex medication regimens may also be enrolled.

The center offers a comprehensive program to meet the special health, education, and social needs of the children. The services are provided by experienced, caring pediatric profes-

sionals and include skilled nursing care and physical, occupational, and speech therapies, as needed.

In addition, the children participate in activities to promote their cognitive, emotional, physical, and social growth and development. These activities consist of circle time (i.e. singing, finger play, music, story time), educational activities, group activities, individualized developmental play therapy, and free playtime.

The center's staff is lead by Program Manager Barbara Slagus, RN, and includes a medical director, registered nurses, a nutritionist, home health aides, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, a social worker, a special education teacher and a pharmacist.

For more information about the center or to enroll your child, call (908) 259-3330.

Wf. candidates to meet business community

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Westfield Corporation jointly offer businesses the opportunity to meet with the candidates for mayor and Town Council.

A Meet the Candidates Reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Commerce Bank, 560 North Ave. East. Business owners, managers and employees are encouraged to attend.

At the event, candidates for mayor and the candidates from all four wards will speak briefly about their visions for the future of Westfield.

In November's election, Mayor

Andy Skibitsky (Rep.) will run against former Westfield Democratic Mayor Tom Jardim. In the First Ward, incumbent Sal Caruana (Rep.) faces Audrey Fisch (Dem.); in the Second Ward, Vicki Kimmins (Rep.) faces Frank Fusaro (Dem.); in the Third Ward, incumbent Danielle Walsh (Rep.) faces David Haas (Dem.); and in the Fourth Ward, Eric Louthold (Rep.) faces Tom Bigosinski (Dem.).

The event is free and open to all Westfield business people. Refreshments will be served. To register, call (908) 233-3021 or (908) 789-9444.

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College Club awards scholarships

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has awarded a total of \$16,000 in scholarships to 11 young women, four of whom are attending college and seven who were high school seniors and graduated in June.

This is the 69th year that female students, seeking financial assistance to pursue a four-year college degree, have been helped by the club's fundraising efforts, primarily through the club's annual fashion show and the production and sale of the club's Community Calendar.

College Club Scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year were granted to the following SPFHS seniors: Jeanette Franzone, Denise Horn, Lauren Perrotta, Mary Shashaty, Elizabeth Stamler and Michelle Swick.

Jeanette Franzone, daughter of Mr. Joseph Franzone, received \$1,000 and is attending St. Joseph's University. Denise Horn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Horn, received \$2,000 and is attending Howard University.

Lauren Perrotta, daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. John Perrotta, received \$1,000, and is attending the University of Michigan. Mary Shashaty, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Shashaty, received \$1,000 and is attending Catholic University of America.

Elizabeth Stamler, daughter of Mrs. Jeanne Stamler, received \$1,500 and is attending Loyola University. Michelle Swick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swick, received \$2,000 and is attending Lafayette University.

Nora Isack, the valedictorian and top female graduate, received an award of \$500 in recognition of her academic excellence. She has begun her studies at Rutgers University.

College students Regina Cappio, Malina Milonnet, Christine Perrotta and Tara Shashaty were also awarded scholarships.

Regina Cappio, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cappio, received \$1,000 and is a senior at Villanova University. Malina Milonnet, daughter of Mrs. Donna Milonnet, received \$2,000 and is a junior at the University

of Delaware.

Christine Perrotta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Perrotta, received \$2,000 and is a senior at Indiana University. Tara Shashaty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shashaty, received \$2,000 and is a sophomore at the Catholic University of America.

A special reception and dinner was held for the recipients at the Scotch Hills Country Club on May 23. Ginger Rachko, president, and Rosemary Gousman and Maureen Corbin, scholarship co-chairmen, made the scholarship presentations at the dinner and at the SPFHS Awards Assembly.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide scholarships for young women from Fanwood and Scotch Plains who plan on or are already pursuing a college degree and are in need of financial assistance.

For more information regarding the club or if you are interested in joining, contact Helen Piasecki at (908) 233-2257.

Donations sought for skills training

Ed. Services Commission is planning new program at Westlake

WESTFIELD — The Union County Educational Services Foundation (UCESF) is looking to implement a pre-employment training skills project at Westlake School in Westfield.

The goal of this project is to prepare physically and mentally disabled students to obtain employment upon graduation from the school. The PETS Project will provide entry level employment training in hospitality service, retail, silk screening, graphic arts, and print shop operation.

The foundation works to support students who are truly in

need of assistance, like those at Westlake School who cannot be served in a traditional school environment. Statistics indicate that they will not obtain self-sustaining employment after they graduate from school unless pre-employment training skills are provided.

The cost to fully develop and implement these new training programs is \$125,000, including cost of materials and equipment. After the start-up money has been raised, these programs will be covered by tuition.

The foundation needs the help of community members to raise

the start-up money and asks for support in making a difference for the children at Westlake School.

UCESF is the fundraising arm of the Union County Educational Services Commission and is committed to providing the resources to foster the creation and development of unique or innovative programs and services that help disabled and non-disabled students become well-adjusted, functional members of their communities.

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Commentary

Taking responsibility

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is beginning to resemble the Great Migration. Hundreds of thousands of people displaced from the Gulf Coast are streaming across the country, some seeking temporary shelter, others already putting down new roots. Meanwhile, thousands more are traveling to the devastated region to offer succor and support. This massive movement of people has already been felt in local communities, with New Orleans residents finding new homes and health care and emergency workers bidding their families farewell to travel south.

Against this backdrop, President George W. Bush made headlines this week by taking responsibility for the flaws in the federal government's response to the storm and the humanitarian crisis it created. Though his words will come as cold comfort for many of the victims, Bush's statement was appropriate, and a welcome relief from the blame-shifting that government officials at every level engaged in for a week and a half after the scale of the damage became apparent. We need our elected officials now to demonstrate responsibility and leadership in the months to come.

But while many politicians — not only the president — accepted responsibility reluctantly, so many Americans knew instinctively what was needed of them. The emergency workers heading south included teams of firefighters from Cranford and Westfield, as well as several other Union County towns; they may be away from their homes and families for a month. Meanwhile, Cranford nurse Lois O'Sullivan traveled to the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, not far from the worst damage. She said, simply, "I was taught to help my neighbor" — in this case, a neighbor who lives 1,200 miles away.

Not everyone has been able to travel to the Gulf, but the response closer to home has been just as stirring. Private collections are underway at every school and house of worship. Local businesses have donated large amounts of money and resources. And at every fall street fair and other public event, there will be new chances to contribute.

While donations of cash obviously remain essential, there are other ways to help. The Community FoodBank of New Jersey is accepting diapers and foodstuffs for displaced families, and the Cranford Jaycees are collecting clothes and housewares for a group that will soon be relocated to Perth Amboy. The United Way of Greater Union County is drafting plans to collect and deliver goods, and CONTACT We Care needs more volunteers to staff its crisis hotlines. More outlets for volunteers will surely develop soon.

The outpouring we've already seen has been heartwarming, a salve to the wound Katrina ripped open. But as those most directly affected by the storm piece their lives back together, we need to continue to support them — to keep taking responsibility for the welfare of our neighbors.

The Record-Press is here for you

The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into *The Record-Press*:

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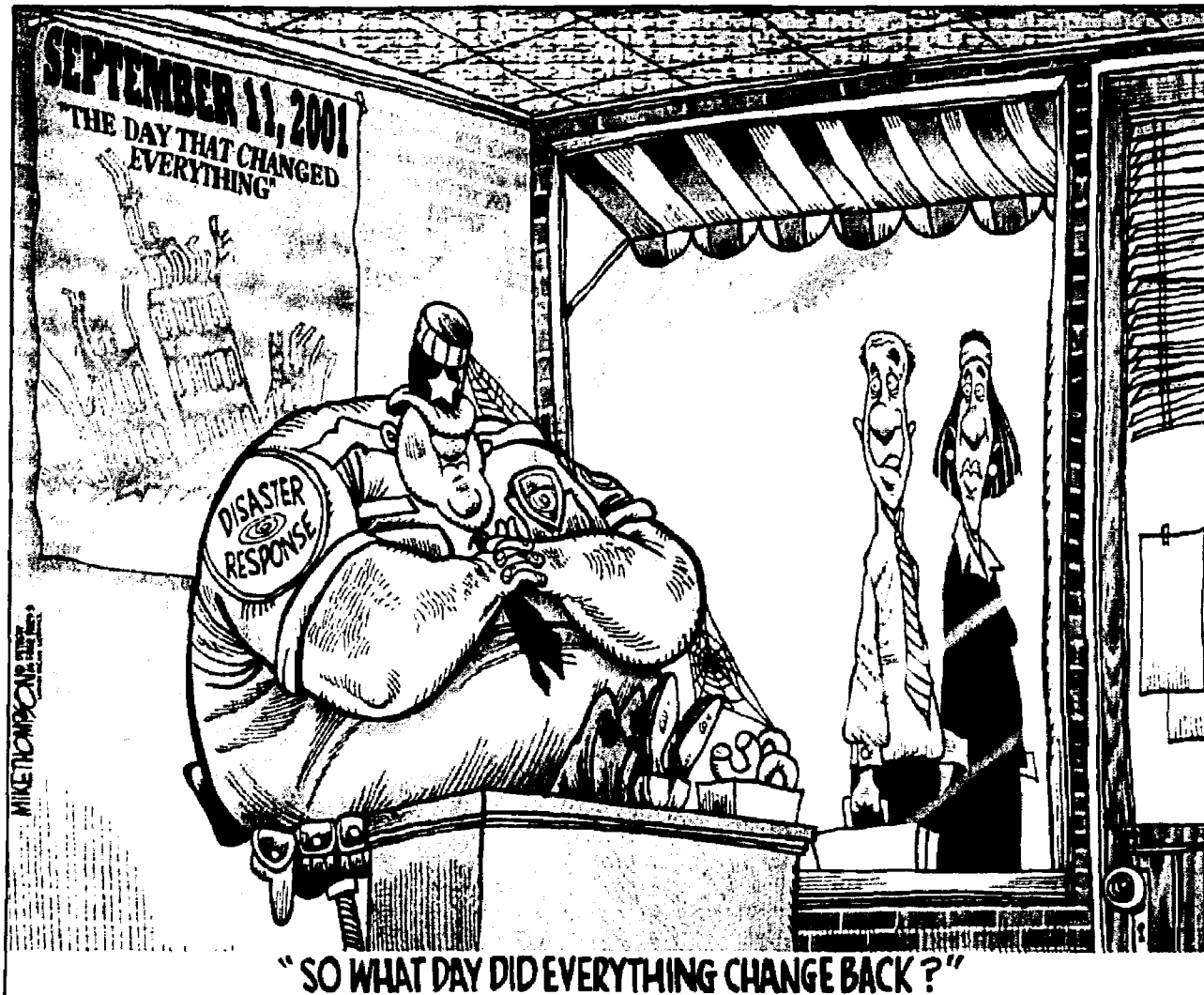
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Letters to the editor

Volunteers needed to help victims

To The Record-Press:

Citizens of Union County, like Americans everywhere, have responded to the disaster on the Gulf Coast with compassionate offerings of money and goods to assist the most basic needs of the survivors. Over the coming months, the many victims of this disaster will be going through a slow, painful process of resettling and rebuilding their lives, some in new locations, perhaps far from extended family members and the places they once called home. As they do so, they will be coping with the extreme stresses of displacement.

CONTACT We Care and other crisis centers around the country expect calls from traumatized victims of the Katrina disaster to multiply as these victims struggle with grief, anxiety, depression and despair. Those of us who belong to national networks are in the process of figuring out how we can share

the burden of the vastly increased volume of calls we expect in the coming months and distribute calls through toll-free numbers to centers all over the United States.

To manage the expected call-volume increase, we need additional volunteers to staff the phones to offer solace and empathy to those who need spiritual comfort as they try to pick up the pieces of their lives. Anyone who believes they have good listening skills, a gentle, empathetic telephone manner and a patient disposition should call us to find out about enrolling in our new training class. We need your help so we can give our help to those who need and seek it.

For more information about how you can help, call (908) 301-1899.

DAVID OWENS
Executive Director
CONTACT We Care, Inc.

Sending support to troops, Iraqis

To The Record-Press:

In June one of our local papers, *The Westfield Leader*, published a letter from Mike Mercurio, a warrant officer with the National Guard's 250 Signal Battalion, based in Westfield and now serving in Iraq. He described the good our troops are doing to help the people in Iraq. It was a much different picture than what we read in the papers.

My family sent several packages to Iraq with things for our troops and the children. We recently received two responses that make us proud of our soldiers in Iraq.

"Thank you for the package of goodies that you sent. One of our guys has been making little bags of candy for the local Iraqi children and was excited to be able to add some toys. We are doing a lot of good things here and most Iraqis are good hard working people," wrote Capt. Joe Pipas, 250 Signal Battalion.

"Thank you for your support and patriotism! I made sure to spread the wealth of gifts you sent. The hard candies and toys went to an orphanage in Tikrit which we sponsor," wrote Warrant Officer Mike Mercurio, 250 Signal Battalion.

Westfield's National Guard is supporting an orphanage — you can help. The Post Office will give you a flat rate box (\$7.70 postage) that can be filled with items for our troops and the children in the orphanage in Iraq. Small toys, candy, crayons, coloring books, cookies and similar items will make the life of a child in Iraq a little brighter. Don't forget a few things for our troops.

Send your package to either Capt. Joe Pipas or WO Mike Mercurio, 250 Signal Battalion, FOB Danger, Tikrit, Iraq APO AE 09393.

THOMAS J. LIENHARD
Westfield

Haas: Return gov't to community

To The Record-Press:

In today's era of electronic mail, voice mail and automated phone messages, I believe that most of our political leaders have become too removed from the people, and many of our town's residents feel disconnected from our government. Yet, one of Westfield's greatest assets is its small town feel and people's willingness to be involved in our vibrant community. I want to help to return our town government to our community.

As a 3rd Ward councilman in 2003, I brought my office hours to the residents of the 3rd Ward, going door-to-door throughout the year. It is through this type of personal interaction that I gained a greater understanding of people's feelings on the very important issues facing our community, including taxes, over-development, pedestrian safety and other quality of life issues.

Indeed, thanks in part to the collective wisdom of our neighbors, I stood apart from the mayor and all other members of Town Council that year in supporting the referendum that ultimately led to the defeat of the ill-conceived parking garage proposal.

I believe we can do a better job engaging our wonderful grassroots, community organizations such as WeCare, the BRAKES group, the sports association, etc. Too often, the Town Council ignores suggestions by these groups, or worse, does not communicate with them before proposing ordinances that may have a negative impact their constituencies. As your councilman, I will initiate regular discussions with our town's community-based, grassroots organizations to develop goals we can work to achieve together.

This year, I have brought my office hours back to the front doors of my 3rd Ward neighbors. For those whom I have become re-acquainted with, thank you for your guidance on so many important issues. For those whom I have not yet met, I look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Please feel free to contact me anytime with your questions or concerns by mail, by phone, or at david.haas@cee.org.

DAVE HAAS
Westfield

The author, a Democrat, is a candidate for council in the 3rd Ward in the November election.

Investigation into mistakes is needed

To The Record-Press:

The federal response to Hurricane Katrina is a national scandal. Our nation was better prepared and responded better after September 11th. Four years after September 11th, it is clear the Bush administration has made us less safe.

We need an independent commission modeled on the 9/11 Commission to investigate what went wrong at FEMA and other agencies. Congress should support Senator Hillary Clinton's legislation

calling for an independent commission modeled after the 9/11 Commission.

We can't let one political party — especially the one running the government — control the investigation of the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

The investigation must be independent from the politicians and have its own investigators, budget and subpoena authority.

TERRY WILLNER TAINOW
Westfield

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State expands health care program

By **THOMAS H. KEAN JR.**

STATE SENATOR

As parents, teachers and leaders in New Jersey, we do everything we can to provide for our children and to ensure for them a healthy and productive future. For the many children who have headed back to school this year without the benefit of healthcare coverage, their future is less secure.

Guest commentary

Being uninsured takes a staggering toll on children. Children without insurance are more likely to miss the regular checkups and preventive care that prepares them to do their best in school. Students who do not receive an annual checkup, including hearing and vision exams, often have health issues that go undiagnosed, inhibiting their ability to see the blackboard or hear instruction in the classroom.

Uninsured children are also 25 percent more likely to be absent from school than insured children, significantly impacting their learning achievements and success. Equally troubling, many families report prohibiting their kids from participating in after-school sports and activities for fear of injury and the costly medical bills that may come as a result.

New Jersey understands that early preventative treatments and immunizations will lead to healthier children and lower health costs. Toward that end, our state has made great strides toward alleviating the problems of uninsured children by offering low-cost or free healthcare coverage to children in working families at the highest income eligibility level in the nation. The NJ FamilyCare program was specifically designed to help hard-working New Jersey families meet the healthcare needs of their children. While there are currently 106,000 children insured under NJ FamilyCare, this represents only one-third of all eligible children.

Just this summer, NJ FamilyCare was further enhanced through a new law of which I was proud to serve as a co-sponsor. Under the new law, the application has been simplified and reduced to one page, and as of Sept. 1, parents are eligible to apply as well, allowing up to 80,000 more parents to enroll in the program over four years. As in the past, the NJ FamilyCare program will continue to cover annual check-ups, immunizations, doctor visits, hospitalizations, lab tests, prescriptions, eyeglasses, and more.

Another important change is that parents who earn more than the maximum eligibility requirement may buy into the program for their children at a rate set by the state. This rate will be quite lower than what anyone would be able to find in a private market and won't cost the state extra cash. Also, only monthly income, not assets, is used to determine eligibility.

Parents whose income is at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level will be eligible for free coverage this year. For a family of four, parents making up to \$19,350 will qualify. In September 2006, FamilyCare will be open to parents making 115 percent of the federal poverty level, and in September 2007, the income guidelines will allow parents making up to 130 percent of the federal poverty level to enroll.

Back-to-school time is the best time to assess what your child needs in order to succeed at his or her very best level at school. Good health is your child's greatest asset. I encourage you to look into the NJ FamilyCare Program to see if your family might be eligible for health care coverage. Please call the toll-free NJ FamilyCare hotline, (800) 701-0710. Operators can answer questions about the program and begin the application process. Together, we can help New Jersey kids kick off a healthy new school year.

The author, a Republican, represents District 21, which includes Cranford, Westfield and Garwood. The Chronicle and Record-Press welcome guest submissions from our readers. Submissions may be edited for length, style and clarity and should be emailed to union@njnpublishing.com or faxed to (732) 574-2613.



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Scout's program promotes fitness for kids

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — With the prevalence of unhealthy choices in snacks, sometimes children have a hard time eating nutritional foods. Even 16-year old Westfield High School student, Ilene Goodman, whose family has always eaten healthy foods, admits healthy choices are not always easy to make. "We still have cake and stuff," said Goodman.

But on Sunday, as part of her Girl Scout Gold Project, Goodman will be teaching elementary school aged children how to eat healthy while still having fun.

Goodman has organized a fitness and nutrition day entitled "Be a Better You" designed to help children between the ages of 8 and 11 make better choices about what they eat and how they keep active. The event will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at

several local sites.

Goodman has always been active, swimming at Memorial Pool since she was 5, at the YMCA since she was 9 and for her high school team since her freshman year. "I like to keep active, I'm a swimmer," said Goodman. "I don't eat wonderful, but I try to keep okay with it to keep in shape." But Goodman recognizes children need help at a young age to start a healthy diet and an exercise program they can stick with as they grow older.

"I'm hoping kids learn to watch their weight and exercise, but not necessarily to become health freaks because they're still young," said Goodman. She said many children make unhealthy choices by packing their lunches with snacks and junk food. "Fruit roll-ups sound healthy because it says 'fruit,' but they are pretty much made of sugar," she said.

But proper diet and exercise don't have to be boring. Goodman wants to make Sunday as enjoyable as it will be educational. The day is scheduled to begin at the Roosevelt School track and field, where Goodman has prepared a number of field games and "fun ways to exercise" for the children. However, due to some scheduling problems, Goodman must wait until the day of the event to find out if she will have to instead use Clark Park as the area for these activities, which will involve using hula-hoop drills similar to the ones used by the Army and shuttle runs between cones. Goodman will also teach the children what each activity does for their muscles.

Next, the group will walk to the YMCA, where nutritionist Nancy Lessner will speak to the children about eating well. Following the speech, children will participate in various games including matching good foods

against bad foods, and will be taught how to make a healthy snack.

Goodman has had some assistance with her project, including organizational support at the YMCA. Also, Mike Johnson, the Y's fitness trainer, has helped her locate nutritional information.

Sunday's program will mark the end of over 10 years of involvement with the Girl Scouts, but she's got plenty of other things on her plate. As a high school junior, Goodman has many time-consuming academic duties in addition to her role on the swim team. "I have SATs and college preparation coming up. I'm kind of glad because it's one less thing to do."

Currently 12 children are participating in the event. "I'm hoping for more," said Goodman. To sign your children up to participate in "Be a Better You," contact Ilene or Susan Goodman at (908) 233-6991.

Police Log

WESTFIELD

Elizabeth resident John Alexiades was charged Tuesday with possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana under 50 grams.

Alexiades was released on a summons pending a Sept. 21 court date.

Officers Tango and Kapka arrested Cranford residents Daniel Newmark, Joseph Labdate and Daniel Abramson Sept. 7 and charged them with possession of marijuana.

Patrolmen Rodger and Tango arrested Fanwood resident Eric Nassenfield Sept. 6 on a charge of possession of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop.

Nassenfield was subsequently released on his own recognizance.

Police charged 54-year old Rahway resident Serafim Brandao Saturday with driving while intoxicated after he was pulled over at Dudley Avenue and Clark Street.

Brandao allegedly refused an alcohol test. He was released to a responsible party.

A Cottage Place resident reported the attempted theft of her 1997 Volkswagen Monday.

The ignition cover on the steering column was broken in an attempt to steal the car, but nothing was reported missing.

Officers Stivale and Padovano arrested Union resident David McHoy on charges of driving while intoxicated Tuesday at Carleton Road and Clifton Street.

McHoy had a blood-alcohol content of .09 percent, according to police. He was subsequently released to a sober adult.

Patrolmen Moya and Cierpia arrested 21-year old Cranford resident James Graff on an outstanding Bernardsville warrant Friday during a motor vehicle stop on the 200 block of South Avenue. Graff posted bail and was released.

Patrolmen Padovano and Martino arrested Hoboken resident Michael Bonner at South Avenue and Livingston Avenue for a contempt of court warrant out of Roselle. Bonner posted \$375 bail and was released.

Athletic policy is introduced

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Board of Education members approved the first reading of a new athletic policy that will allow groups to petition for new sports teams a Sept. 8 open agenda meeting.

A group of residents who have rallied for the creation of an ice hockey team at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School attended the meeting and supported the approval of the policy, according to the president of the board, Linda Nelson.

"The room was half-full of them," said Nelson of the ice hockey group. Several of the parents brought students with them to further support the approval of the policy. No changes were made to the draft at the meeting; the board has already reviewed eight drafts of the policy, according to Nelson.

With interest in "non-mainstream" sports growing, many area high schools have fielded requests for new teams in recent years, in sports such as hockey and lacrosse. Unlike some other high schools, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School has not yet had a policy in place to allow for the petitioning and formation of new athletic activities. The policy would not automatically approve a team in ice hockey or any other requested sport, but would simply create a means for residents to petition for a new athletic activity.

Any petitioning groups would have to provide full funding for the new activity, according to Nelson. Nearby districts such as Cranford and Westfield have taken the same approach.

The final hearing of the policy will be held at an upcoming Board of Education meeting. If the policy is approved, petitioning groups will have to bring their plans for the proposed athletic activity to administration. Afterward, the board will hear a recommendation from administration and will then vote on the matter, said Nelson.

Board members also discussed the upcoming interview process for the vacant board seat, which has been open since board member Lance Porter resigned Aug. 1. According to Nelson there are currently four applications for the open seat. Applicants will be interviewed in public session at a special meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday. They will each field two questions from the board.

"We're trying to handle this in the same way as when someone runs for elections," said Nelson. Members of the public will not have an opportunity to ask questions, she said. After the interview process, board members will go into executive session to vote.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Sept. 22.



Promoting breast cancer awareness

Michele Trout (center) of Westfield recently presented a check to (right) Rosemary Scoppetuolo, administrative director and Delores Pierce, administrative secretary, of the Breast Center at the Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center in Livingston. The funds were raised through the sale of Breast Cancer Awareness pins. Trout worked with individuals and several businesses in Westfield and other areas. The funds raised will help support the Breast Center's Mission to educate women about early detection and breast cancer prevention. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Trout will continue to sell the ribbon pins. She hopes to again make another donation to the Breast Center at Saint Barnabas.

Fw. firefighters receive federal funds

FANWOOD — Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., announced last week that the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department has received a \$24,653 first-responder grant from the Homeland Security

Department to purchase new equipment. The first-responder grant is part of a \$750 million federal program designed to support more than 5,000 fire protection, EMS delivery and fire prevention programs nationwide. The fire department will use the security funding to purchase new portable radios, pagers, and computer technology.

"Like many firefighters in the 7th District, Fanwood's firefighters are volunteers, dedicating their time and energy to protect our communities," Ferguson said. "These important homeland security dol-

lars will help to ensure the voluntary firefighters in Fanwood have the resources and equipment they need to do their jobs safely and effectively."

This marks the third federal homeland security grant Fanwood has received in the last three years. In 2002, Fanwood received a \$57,185 grant, and the department received \$21,420 in 2003 for equipment and improvements to its firehouse.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, first responders throughout the 7th District have received more than \$2.8 million in federal homeland security funding, Ferguson said. The district includes portions of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties.

According to the U.S. Fire

Administration, a division of the Department of Homeland Security responsible for distributing the grants, the federal funds like those awarded to Fanwood can be used to purchase equipment and vehicles, including pumper trucks, ambulances, foam units and breathing apparatuses.

Temple hosts talk on Jews and Hollywood

SCOTCH PLAINS — Temple Shalom, the reform Temple in Fanwood-Scotch Plains kicks off its Adult Education Sunday morning series with a look at the glitter of Hollywood.

At 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, Mildred Goodwin, professor emerita from New Jersey City University, will present "Jews, Hollywood and the American Dream."

Goodwin will examine the American film industry, and the economy and world affairs that influenced its development from the 1900s until the present day. Hollywood played a major role for many Jewish individuals as they searched for the American dream as movie moguls, stars and writers.

Goodwin has had a lifelong interest in movie and theater. She has, on occasion, performed in regional theater and readily

admits that she "enjoys the smell of the greasepaint."

In addition she reviews films monthly for The Concordian, coordinates study groups for the Brandeis University National Women's Committee and is a member of the Monroe Township Adult Education Faculty.

Goodwin is also a co-producer of a local television program titled "Movies with Mildred" and is a speaker with The Jewish Historical Society of Central New Jersey's speaker bureau.

The public is invited to the lecture, which will be held at the Temple Shalom religious school at Union Catholic High School on Martine Avenue.

The lecture will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and end at noon. There is no charge.

Call the temple for further information at (908) 889-4900.

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This week

THURSDAY
SEPT. 15

OPEN HOUSE — hosted by the Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. 7 p.m. Park Middle School, Scotch Plains. (908) 322-4020, ext. 5.

AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY — the Union County chapter will meet at 1 p.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

FRIDAY
SEPT. 16

TALES OF THOMAS EDISON — shared by Jack Stanley with the Westfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St. Free and open to the public.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS MEETING — the group will gather in the main lecture hall at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. 8 p.m. membership meeting, followed by a 9 p.m. lecture on "Finding Extra-Solar Earths." (908) 276-STAR or www.asterism.org.

SATURDAY
SEPT. 17

THE ROLE OF POLLING — a talk by pollster Kellyanne Conway of The Polling Company. 9 a.m. Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit. To register, send check for \$35 to Union County Republican Women, 115 East Grove St., Westfield, NJ, 07090 by Sept. 10. For information, (908) 522-1455.

MUSIC FEST — featuring Joan Jett, They Might Be Giants and local favorites Jobannano. 3 p.m. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

ART AUCTION — to benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund of Mount Saint Mary Academy. 7 p.m. at the school, located at Route 22 at Terrill Road in Watchung. \$10. (908) 757-0108, ext. 4507.

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT — featur-

ing the songwriter Peter Mayer. 8 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St. \$15. (908) 412-9105.

SUNDAY
SEPT. 18

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL AFFAIR — special fundraising event and season's re-opening at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. 2 p.m. For information or to volunteer, call (908) 232-1776.

'BE A BETTER YOU' — fitness event for kids ages 8-11 organized by Westfield Girl Scout Hene Goodman. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Roosevelt School track and Westfield Area YMCA. (908) 233-6991.

FAMILY EXPO — get to know what's on offer at the JCC of Central NJ. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. (908) 889-8800 ext. 236.

'JEWEL, HOLLYWOOD AND THE AMERICAN DREAM' — a talk by Mildred Goodwin at Temple Shalom. 10:30 a.m. Union Catholic High School, Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. (908) 889-4900.

MONDAY
SEPT. 19

GIRL SCOUTS INFO MEETING — for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains community. 7 p.m. Terrill Middle School, Scotch Plains. \$10 registration fee can be paid at the meeting. (908) 889-1760.

HOMEOWNER INSURANCE — what you should know: a workshop led by insurance agent Ronald D. Starnier. 7:15 p.m. (908) 322-5007, ext. 204. 1927 Bartle Ave.

SAFETY CLINIC — for youth sports coaches, sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Community Room of the municipal building, 425 East Broad St. \$26. (908) 789-4080.

MEET THE CANDIDATES — an opportunity for Westfield businesspeople to meet candidates for council and mayor. 6-8 p.m. Commerce Bank, 560 North Ave. East. Free. (908) 233-3021 or (908) 789-9444.

TUESDAY
SEPT. 20

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEMINAR — hosted by the Fanwood Memorial Library and Ivy Educational Services. 7-9 p.m. Open to all high school students and parents in the borough, but registration is required. (908) 322-6400.

WHITE MOUNTAINS TRIP — hosted by the Fanwood Seniors Citizens Club. Tour Franconia Notch State Park and other natural highlights. Sept. 20-23. \$500 per person, double occupancy. (908) 889-4494.

ALUMNI MEETING — Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School group will meet 7:30 p.m. in Room 101. The program will be "Remembering James Conklin Muir."

WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 21

NEW MEMBER WINE AND CHEESE EVENT — hosted by the Junior Women's Club of Westfield. 7:30 p.m. To attend, call Jennifer at (908) 789-8991.

MOTHERS & MORE — the chapter will meet to discuss Halloween costume ideas. 7:30 p.m. Fanwood Recreation Center, Forest Road Park, Fanwood. (908) 928-9841 or (908) 568-2633.

THURSDAY
SEPT. 22

COLOR AND MAKE-UP WORKSHOP — hosted by the Scotch Plains Public Library and Dawn DeSimone, a Mary Kay consultant. 7:30 p.m. (908) 322-5007, ext. 204.

GOLF OUTING — hosted by the Arc of Union County. Sept. 22. Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club, Scotch Plains. Registration at 10 a.m., brunch at 11, shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. (973) 315-0020 or (973) 315-0022.

CHARLIE PROSE COMEDY REVUE — a trip and luncheon at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse hosted by the Scotch Plains Golden Age Club. Leaves the Scotch Plains municipal parking lot at 10 a.m. \$65. (908) 889-4121 or (908) 654-4512.

NEWCOMERS' CLUB MEETING — the Scotch Plains-Fanwood club welcomes those who have been through a recent

lifestyle change. 8 p.m. Fanwood Presbyterian Church. (908) 889-7860.

SATURDAY
SEPT. 24

PROJECT ONE ENSEMBLE — innovative string quartet will perform at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. 8 p.m. \$12. (908) 322-8047.

BOOK SALE — hosted by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Forest Road Park building. Donations will be accepted at an upcoming date. To volunteer, call (908) 322-9179 or 322-7174.

SUNDAY
SEPT. 25

FESTIFALL — 16th annual street festival in downtown Westfield. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteers now needed; call the Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-3021.

HADASSAH GODPARENTS FLING — annual event at Temple Sinai. 208 Summit Ave., Summit. 5 p.m. (908) 756-6636 or (908) 771-9251.

HARVEST FESTIVAL — annual county-sponsored event at Trailside Nature and Science Center. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (908) 789-3670 or www.ucnj.org.

SEE THE DALAI LAMA — His Holiness will make a public appearance at the Rutgers University football stadium, and the Westfield Area YMCA is sponsoring a trip. \$33. Leaves 7 Sept. 25. (908) 966-9344.

COMING UP
THE SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE ESSAY

— a workshop led by Edie Scher at the Scotch Plains Public Library. 7:15 p.m. Sept. 28. Free, but register at (908) 322-5007, ext. 204. 1927 Bartle Ave.

'MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL' — a Westfield Area YMCA trip to the 91st Street Playhouse in New York City. Take the train for a matinee performance Sept. 28. \$65. (908) 966-9344.

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM — hosted by the Fanwood Community Policing Alliance. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28. Forest Road Park building, Fanwood. (908) 322-5000, ext. 151.



Micayla Mirabella with Robyn Stemmer from Salon 117.

Donation of hair is twice as nice second time around

FANWOOD — Micayla Mirabella, a 7-year-old from the borough, has once again donated her hair to Locks of Love.

On July 12, Micayla donated 12 inches of her hair to benefit the Locks of Love organization. Robyn Stemmer of Salon 117 in Cranford was the stylist who cut Micayla's hair and then styled it into a short bob.

The first time Micayla donated her hair, she was only 4½ years old. She donated 10 inches on Nov. 30, 2002. It was also cut and styled at Salon 117.

The first time Micayla cut her hair, she was just beginning to understand the concept of charitable donations. She was, of course, thrilled by all the wonderful attention and praise; however, as she got older she truly began to understand how her donation had benefited others.

As her hair grew longer, she decided to let it grow and donate her hair again. In July, Micayla's hair had grown 12 inches, and she was ready to cut it again. This time, she donated her hair with full understanding of how and who she was benefiting.

Locks of Love, a not-for-profit organization, provides recipients with a custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece made entirely from donated human hair. The vacuum fit is designed for children who have experienced a total loss of scalp hair and does not require the use of tape or glue.

Most of the applicants suffer from an autoimmune condition called alopecia areata, for which there is no known cause or cure.



Micayla holds up her cut hair.

Others suffered from severe burns or endured radiation treatment to the brain stem, in addition to many other dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss. Donated hair is evaluated for its usefulness and must be at least 10 inches in length, be bundled in a pony-tail or a braid, and be free of damage from chemical processing (Dyed hair is okay, as long as it's healthy. If you're not sure, ask a stylist.)

For more information about Locks of Love, call (561) 963-1677, or (888) 896-1588, visit the Web site at www.LocksofLove.org, or e-mail amy@LocksofLove.org.

Community calendars now available for sale

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has announced that the 2005-2006 Community Calendars are now ready and available for purchase.

The September-to-September calendars carry important information for the communities of Fanwood and Scotch Plains, including all school dates (public and private), dates of community events and important phone

numbers. The calendars also promote the businesses in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, carrying advertising and key information about the businesses.

"Over the years, the Community Calendar has become an important resource for many residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains," said Helen Piasecki, president of the College Club. "It has important dates and other information that help you stay on track and manage your activities."

One hundred percent of all donations received from this fundraiser will go directly toward scholarships.

The club acknowledged and thanked the following long-time advertisers, who have supported the calendar for 25 years or more: Barry's Frame Shop, Bartell Farm & Garden Center, Charles Lecher Inc., Cindy Pools, DiFrancesco Realty (GMAC Real Estate), Family Investors Co., Fanwood Liquors, Irma's Hallmark, Scotchwood Florist, Tiffany Natural Pharmacy, Young Paint and Varnish, and Zmuda Construction Co.

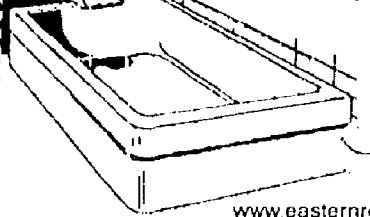
The calendars are available for purchase at the following stores: Irma's Hallmark, John's Meat Market, Scotch Hills Pharmacy, Young's Paint and Varnish, and at both local libraries.

The calendars are available for a donation of \$7. They can also be obtained by calling Geri Samuels at (908) 754-5911.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide scholarships for young women from Fanwood and Scotch Plains who plan on or are already pursuing a college degree and are in need of financial assistance.

For more information regarding the club or if you are interested in joining, contact Helen Piasecki at (908) 233-2257.

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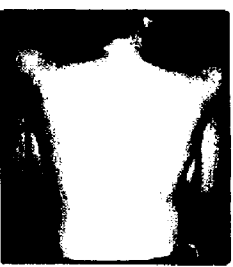
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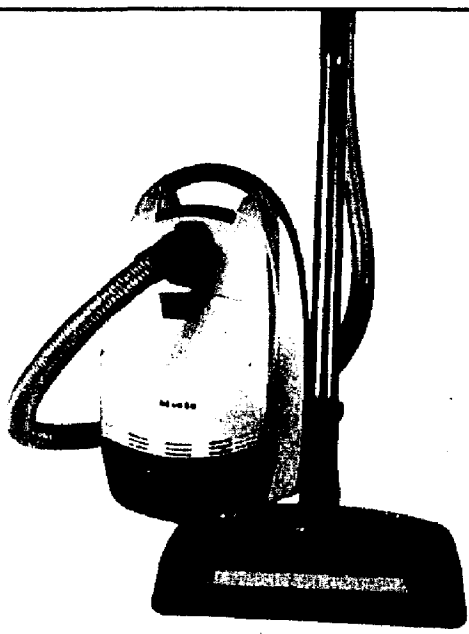
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Temple hosts moms' discussion group

WESTFIELD — A series of interactive discussions on issues faced by women as they transition to motherhood is scheduled to begin on Sept. 22 at Temple Emanu-El.

The 90 minute sessions will run for six Thursdays through Nov. 3, with no meeting on Oct. 13. Mothers are welcome to bring their infants, age 0-9 months. Sessions are a great way to meet other new moms in the area.

The group will be led by Michelle K. Haar, a licensed clinical social worker. The cost of the six-week session is \$120 for non-temple members and \$110 for members. The group will meet at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad St. Space is limited.

To register or for more information, contact Jill Cimafonte, director of early childhood education, at (908) 232-6770, ext. 126.

Alumni group remembers Muir

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 101 of the high school.

Marie Di Francesco Leppert, class of 1944, will present a program she calls "Remembering James Conklin Muir: Soldier, Athlete, Intellectual."

Muir was in a ski division during World War II in Italy and was killed in battle. A member of the class of 1942, he was a part of the Muir family, the namesake of the street Muir Terrace and the now defunct Muir School. His father, Alexander Muir, was a leader in the community.

John Gausz, class of 1942, will follow DiFrancesco's presentation with a synopsis of Muir's military career and the battle that ended his life. Pictures of Muir and maps of the battle area will augment the program.

Refreshments and socialization will follow. History buffs, World War II buffs, all alumni, and friends of the Muir family are welcome.

Health fair planned at Evangel Church

SCOTCH PLAINS — Evangel Church will hold a health fair on Oct. 29 offering free health screenings for all.

Included will be a stroke screening consisting of diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Bone density screening, foot screenings, and chiropractic screening will also be available. There will be many presentations by various medical professional organizations.

Throughout the day various speakers will be discussing relevant subjects such as prevention of heart disease. There will be a drug awareness program presented by the Scotch Plains Police Dept., who also will be offering fingerprinting of children. There will be many give-aways and fun activities for children.

The health fair will take place at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Rd., between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To pre-register for the stroke screening, call (800) 247-9580.

This health fair is being hosted by the Deaf Ministries at Evangel Church. Interpreters for the deaf will be available.

Videos and CDs sought for library sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Area are asking area residents to donate used videos, CDs and books-on-tape to the Scotch Plains Library during the next few weeks. The Friends will resell these items on Scotch Plains Day on Sunday, Oct. 9.

According to Friends President Bob Czaja, "We are looking for professionally made videos and CDs only — not home movies or TV shows or CDs taped from the radio. We are looking for films, documentaries, how-to and exercise videos, etc. and especially children's videos."

"We are also looking for audio-books and music of all kinds. These items should be in very good condition, since they will be resold. We urge area residents to remember that videos, music cassettes and CDs and Books-on-Tape are perfect economical gifts for the holidays, and this would be a good time to stock up!"

Any resident wishing to donate videos, CDs and books-on-tape may bring them to the library at 1927 Bartle Ave., during regular library hours.

CWC plans unique college planning program

WESTFIELD — Harvard or Princeton? Small private college or large state university?

If you are one of the many parents of teenagers who are facing the daunting challenge of choosing and applying to colleges in the next few years, a unique program organized by the College Woman's Club of Westfield (CWC) may be for you.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Echo Lake Country Club, CWC will present a college planning event featuring a panel of admissions "insiders" headlined by Jacques Steinberg, author of *The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College*. Joining him will be Scott White, a professional guidance counselor and former assistant director of admissions at Bard College. All proceeds from the morning benefit the CWC scholarship fund.

Titled "What Color is Your Pennant? Choosing & Getting Chosen by Your Ideal College," the event will feature a breakfast and talk followed by a ques-

tion-and-answer period with the speakers and a book signing with Steinberg. Geared to parents of high school students, the program will provide candid, commonsense advice on navigating the college choice and admissions process.

"The College Woman's Club is proud to present these outstanding speakers on a subject that is of vital importance to high school students" said Jennifer Jaruzelski, club president. "This program enhances our mission of supporting higher education in the community while enriching our scholarship potential for deserving young women from Westfield."

As national education correspondent for the New York Times from 1999 to 2003, Steinberg covered such major stories as the case for affirmative action at the University of Michigan, bilingual education, for-profit schools and the issue of education on the campaign trail.

From 1999 to 2000, Steinberg was given unfettered access to the admis-

sions process at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., in a year when there were 10 applicants for each seat in the freshman class. The series of articles he wrote on that experience was published on the front page of the Times at key moments in the admissions season and became the basis for his bestselling book, *The Gatekeepers*. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he is currently a media reporter for the Times.

White has been a counselor at Montclair High School for the last 14 years and previously was director of college guidance at Montclair Kimberley Academy and director of college counseling and admissions at the McBurney School in Manhattan.

White is active in the National Association of Admissions Counseling and has regularly published and led panels on topics such as disclosure and ethics in college admissions and special education and Section 504 issues in college admissions. He is a graduate of

Swarthmore College and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

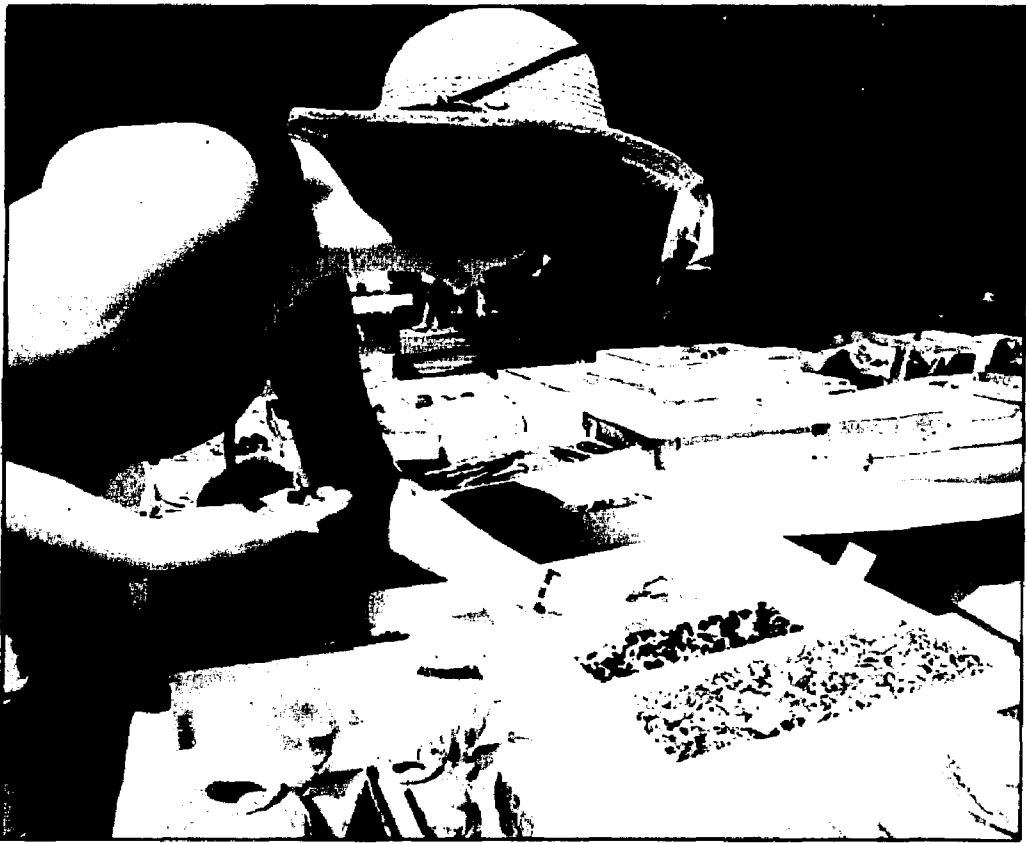
Admission to the event is \$40 and includes a program book featuring articles provided by the speakers on subjects such as SATs, college essays and interviews, and financing college tuition. Tickets are available at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. Copies of *The Gatekeepers* and other recommended books are also available for sale, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the College Woman's Club scholarship fund.

The College Woman's Club of Westfield was founded in 1917 to further the higher education of women. The club annually awards more than \$28,000 in grants and scholarships that are financed entirely through dues and donations by members and annual fundraising events.

For further information on the club, visit their website at www.WestfieldToday.com/cwc or write to cwclub@aol.com.



Serious collectors and fans of beautiful objects gathered at the Fanwood train station Saturday for the 34th annual Gem and Mineral Show hosted by the New Jersey Mineralogical Society. Below, Cecelia Crane of Westfield sorts through the stones to find a favorite. Shown at right are some of the items on display. Above, Leah White of Fanwood gets under a black cloak to see the natural luminance of gem stones.



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That's quite a gem!

Fanwood train station lights up with dazzling stones

Calvary Lutheran kicks off autumn schedule

CRANFORD — Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman St., kicks off its fall schedule on Sunday with two services of worship and a Rally Day celebration in Sunday School.

Sunday worship services will return to their fall and winter times of 8:30 and 11 a.m. Both services include Holy Communion.

A Rally Day Celebration at 9:45 a.m. will welcome Sunday School children in Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children ages 3 years old through seventh grade is held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Education Building behind the church.

Also meeting at the same time is the Adult Forum, which offers a look at church issues, current events and spiritual growth. This class meets in the upstairs lounge of the Education Building.

Calvary continues to offer a mid-week worship opportunity known as "WOW," or Worship on Wednesdays. This 45-minute service will start at a slightly later time, 7:30 p.m., this fall.

WOW is offered for those whose weekend plans or work schedule take them away from church on Sunday. Dress is casual at this informal service of Holy Communion that includes simple music, scripture lessons and a meditation, but not a full sermon.

The fall's activities also offer musical opportunities for participating in the adult, teen, handbell and children's choirs.

Calvary Lutheran Church celebrates its 77th anniversary this month. The church is a congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities.

The Rev. Carol A. Lindsay is pastor.

For further information about worship services and activities or directions, call the church office at (908) 276-2418.

Scotch Plains girl builds bonds across chess board

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eve Zhurbinskiy, a fourth-grader from Evergreen Elementary School, was among 1,113 participants from 81 countries who recently competed at the World Youth Chess Championship in Belfort, France.

Eve was very nervous before her first game, especially when she found out that her opponent, Mahafared Kazemi, is a girl from Iran. Eve was anxious when she saw that the girl was dressed in a Muslim hijab. An avid reader, Eve knew about political tensions between America and Iran, and expected that Mahafared would not be happy to play with an opponent from a hostile country.

But in the later rounds Eve and Mahafared started to social-

ize. They observed each other's games, sat together on city buses and took pictures on the last day — an example of diplomacy played out at a child scale.

After losing the starting game Eve did quite well. She won six games, beating opponents from Algeria, Sri Lanka, England, Serbia and Montenegro, Uzbekistan, and Bulgaria. She also lost to opponents from Israel, Croatia, Wales, and Hungary. Her results were enough for 38th place in the Girls Under Age 10 section.

Her placement is not a bad result for a player making her debut, especially considering that Eve was one year younger than many other participants and will be eligible for playing

in the same section next year. She played several good games. For example, the British Chess Federation site wrote about Eve's game vs. Stephanie Hale of England, "This USA opponent is much stronger and took the game from Stephanie Hale convincingly."

When Eve came home to Scotch Plains, a surprise was awaiting her. The largest US chess magazine, Chess Life, in its September 2005 issue recognized her as a winner of a monthly contest for the most instructive games, which were presented by grandmaster Lev Alburt in the article "Two Upsets." He concluded the article with these words: "Perhaps Eve will achieve stardom in the not-so-distant future."



Eve Zhurbinskiy and Mahafared Kazemi bonded after initially approaching each other with reluctance.

Special county recycling events are planned

CRANFORD — Union County will sponsor a recycling event for electronics and automobile tires on Sept. 22, so county residents can get rid of unwanted tires, computers and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner.

The collection will take place from noon to 6 p.m. at Centennial Pool in Cranford, located at Centennial Avenue and Memorial Drive. All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost.

"Computer monitors and televisions are the source of a considerable amount of lead — about five pounds per screen," said Freeholder Chester Holmes. "Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled. This is a responsible way to keep hazardous heavy metals out of our environment."

Electronic equipment that will be accepted includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPUs, computer mouses, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCRs, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

Residents should drive to the site with their unwanted electronic equipment and as many as eight automobile tires, without rims. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

Pre-registration is not required. Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted.

In addition, the county will sponsor a Household Special Waste Collection Day from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Skating Center Parking Lot in Warinanco Park, off Thompson Ave. in Roselle, near the Elizabeth border.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and var-

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nish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and motor oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), and mercury switches.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Environmental Services Web site, www.ucnj.org/oem.

The electronics collection and tire recycling will be held rain or shine, for residents only and not for businesses. Proof of county residency is required. For more information call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

Vo-tech school creates new carpentry program

KENILWORTH — The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools recently announced that it has entered into a new labor-education partnership designed to train young adults to be skilled carpenters and secure quality jobs for them.

Under the pilot project in Union County, the New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters will train students and commit to providing them apprenticeship positions following initial training at a UCVTS school. The initiative is receiving financial support from the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation's Construction Trades Training Program for Women & Minorities.

UCVTS will identify 10 qualified students for this program.

Following a 12-week certification program at the school, with hands-on training at the Carpenters' Kenilworth Training Center, the NJRCC will place the students in four-year apprenticeship programs, guaranteeing them employment.

"This is an important partnership and tremendous opportunity for our students," said Dr. Tom Bistocchi, Superintendent of UCVTS. "It will ensure that they receive training in a highly skilled craft and put them on the path to a good career in which they'll get the kind of support they need."

"Carpenters require quality education and training, and the combination of the certificate and apprenticeship programs will ensure these individuals move into quality jobs," said Frank Spencer, head of the NJRCC. "We are excited to enter into this new and innovative public-private collaboration, and look forward to building on this foundation to provide even more opportunities for New Jerseyans. By bringing these students into our apprenticeship program, training them in a skill, and ensuring them jobs, the program will benefit the students, their families, and our community."

Spencer said they hope to expand this type of partnership to other counties in New Jersey.

According to Jerry Murphy, chief operating officer of the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation, "This is a wonderful pilot program that will provide real opportunities for young adults in this community. The collaboration between the Union County Vo-Tech and the carpenters union will open the doors of opportunity for more students and help provide more skilled workers to

build the 21st century schools our state needs."

Commissioner Tom Carver of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development noted that the new program will serve to augment the skilled labor force, as thousands of jobs are expected to be created soon on various construction projects throughout New Jersey.

Guided meditation offered at Trailside

The county freeholder board will sponsor an evening of guided meditation for adults, ages 18 and older, from 8-9:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Trailside Nature and Science Center.

The program teaches participants how to use their own powers to quiet their mind. It will be led by Sandy Miller, a spiritual healer with degrees in education and Shamanic studies.

The fee for this workshop is \$10 per person for Union County residents and \$15 per person for out-of-county participants. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

For additional information on the guided meditation or for a complete fall brochure that includes a listing of all children, family and adult workshops and upcoming special events, visit Trailside or call (908) 789-3670. Patrons also may browse the Union County Web site at www.ucnj.org to learn more about the programs the county has to offer or to view Trailside's programs and workshops.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Rd. in Mountainside.

Obituaries

Joseph DiRienzo

FANWOOD — Joseph DiRienzo, 62, died Sept. 8, 2005 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at New Brunswick.

Born in East Orange, he lived in Nutley and Irvington before moving to Fanwood 33 years ago.

An attorney, he maintained a practice in trial law at DiRienzo & DiRienzo in Westfield for many years. Mr. DiRienzo began his law career at the Lawrence Weiss law firm in Westfield.

Prior to that, he was a mechanical engineer at Celanese Research and Development in Clark.

Mr. DiRienzo earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the former Newark College of Engineering. As a student, he was a member of Theta Kappa Epsilon and the editor of the yearbook.

Mr. DiRienzo earned a law

degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, in 1971.

He was a founding member of the Richard J. Hughes American Inn of Court and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mr. DiRienzo was also a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees and chairman of the Fanwood Republican Committee. He was also active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 111 of Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Justine; a daughter, Lori Ann, and a son, Joseph.

A Mass was offered Wednesday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains, after the funeral from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. Donations may be made to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Muriel S. Cassidy

WESTFIELD — Muriel S. Cassidy, 86, died Sept. 10, 2005 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Westfield for many years.

Mrs. Cassidy was educator with the Clark school system for 43 years before retiring in 1990. During her tenure, she was a first-grade teacher, a curriculum coordinator and, most recently, a director of curriculum and instruction.

She previously was a teacher in the Bedminster and Ridgewood school systems.

Mrs. Cassidy received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Jersey City State College and a master's degree from Kean University, Union. She also held certifications in supervision and administration.

Mrs. Cassidy was a member of the National Council of Teachers

of English, the International Reading Association and the New Jersey Reading Association, where she served as chairperson of the Newspaper in Education Committee and on the board of directors of the Book Award Committee.

She was also a member of the New Jersey and the National Education associations and the Union County Retired Educators Association.

Mrs. Cassidy was a member of the Suburban Reading Council of Union County, where she served several terms as president.

Surviving is a daughter, Dr. Lacey S. Cassidy.

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, Westfield. Donations may be sent to the Westfield Memorial Library or to the Associated Humane Societies.

Joseph C. Bolacker

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph C. Bolacker, 87, died Sept. 5, 2005 at his home.

Born in Hudson, Pa., he lived in East Providence, R.I., before moving to Scotch Plains 37 years ago.

Mr. Bolacker was a lithographer for 40 years, retiring from the American Can Co. in Hillside after 16 years as production supervisor.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a gunners mate in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres on the destroyer USS Uranus. He also fought at the Battle of Midway.

Mr. Bolacker was a member of the Scotch Plains American Legion Post 209.

Surviving are Helen, his wife of 60 years; daughters, Lorraine Biffar, Nancy Grocholski and Dolores Delaney; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Friday in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, after the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad or Atlantic Hospice.

Gregorio Dilorio

WESTFIELD — Gregorio Dilorio, 84, died Sept. 12, 2005 at Nyack Hospital in Nyack, N.Y.

Born and raised in Italy, he immigrated to the United States in 1956 and settled in Westfield. In 2001 he moved to Congers, N.Y.

Mr. Dilorio became a U.S. citizen in 1960.

He was a machinist at Diamond Expansion, Inc. in Garwood for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

Mr. Dilorio was an Italian

Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Italian American Club of Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Pietrina; a daughter, Agatha Cuccaro; a son, Joseph and three grandchildren.

A Mass will be offered 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. Entombment will be in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth. Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield.

John Olsen

SCOTCH PLAINS — John Olsen, 92, died Sept. 8, 2005 in Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Scotch Plains since 1957.

Mr. Olsen was an assistant to the president of Norcross Cards in West Chester, Pa., from 1968 to 1978, when he retired. Before that, he was controller of the Products Division of Bristol Myers-Squibb Corp. in Hillside, where he worked for 36 years.

He graduated with honors

from New York University in New York City in 1948.

Surviving are his wife, Mary S.; sons, Richard J. and William T.; a brother, Carl; sisters, Louise Ritz, Eileen Olafsen and Eleanor Golombek; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A service was offered Monday in Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. Donations may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Grove Street and Mercer Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Domenicantonio Di Pace

SCOTCH PLAINS — Domenicantonio Di Pace, 95, died Sept. 5, 2005 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Montazzoli, Italy, he came to the U.S. in 1973 and settled in Scotch Plains.

He was a custodian for the Scotch Plains Board of Education before retiring in 1980.

Surviving are a son, Eusolio;

daughters, Amelia Lorefice and Iole Bergesio; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered last week in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, after the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave. Interment was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge. Condolences may be sent via rossifh@comcast.net.

Marion K. Tietz

FANWOOD — Marion K. Tietz, 87, died Sept. 8, 2005 in the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Scotch Plains, she moved to Fanwood many years ago.

Ms. Tietz was a salesperson and supervisor at Margie's Cake Box in Plainfield for 22 years before retiring.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the

Fraternal Order of Eagles 866 in Plainfield, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2137 in Somerset and the Fanwood Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a brother, Edward, and sisters, Patricia Christensen and Shirley Russell.

A service was offered Monday in the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Overlook officers give update to Rotary Club

The presenters at the Westfield Rotary club's Sept. 6 lunch were Alan Lieber, chief operating officer of Overlook Hospital and Susan Thomas, director of major gifts for the Overlook Foundation. Lieber discussed the direction and improvements in medical care at Overlook and the direction the hospital is moving in. The attached picture shows, from left to right, Thomas, Danielle Walsh, Westfield Rotary director of club services, and Lieber.



JCC welcomes a new early childhood director

The JCC of Central NJ recently announced that the organization has hired Nancy Kovacs as its new early childhood director.

Kovacs, JCC officials said, is a person of high professional caliber, well educated and experi-

enced in early childhood education and sensitive to young family needs. She joined the JCC staff on Aug. 1.

Kovacs has a reputation for developing creative curricula that expands children's interests,

having a positive and empathic approach, being an advocate for children and providing superior staff training and support. JCC officials expect that her strong communication and administrative skills, along with her upbeat attitude and personality, will enhance the early childhood program.

Kovacs, who began her career as a preschool teacher, has 20 years experience serving as an early childhood director in Ohio and Maryland. Most recently she has been on the staff of Bright

Horizons Family Solutions in Baltimore, Md., for whom she developed and ran two early childhood centers for corporate clients, including Marriot Child Development Center and most recently, Johns Hopkins Family Center.

Additionally, she has served as a regional director for La Petite Academy supervising directors of multiple early childhood sites as well as serving as a center director at one of their sites. She currently serves as a NAEYC (National Association of Young Children) validator.

Kovacs and her family moved from Baltimore this past June and selected Scotch Plains as their new home community.

The JCC Preschool continues its ongoing registration throughout the summer. The 2005/06 academic calendar kicked off on Wednesday. In addition to welcoming Kovacs, the staff also unveiled a state of the art playground in the weeks between the end of camp and the first day of school.

The Early Childhood Department includes morning, afternoon and long day preschool classes, full-day kindergarten program, enrichment and athletic classes, the Ellen Geller Drop-In Center and Kindergarten Kids, the after school wrap-around program.

The NAEYC-accredited curriculum addresses social, emotional and intellectual development, gross and fine motor development, reading and math readiness, language development, science, social studies, art, music, drama, gym, aquatics, computers and Jewish values and ethics.

For information, contact Kovacs at (908) 889-8800, ext. 204 or visit www.jccnj.org.

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NJWA Concert Band features music of Jewish composers

During the early decades of the 20th century, it was the concert band that could be credited with bringing more quality music to the general public than any other type of musical organization. Concert bands traveled throughout the world and brought music to thousands of people who otherwise would not have had an opportunity to experience musical culture. Now, following in the footsteps of the well-known bandmaster Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman, Howard Toplansky, director of the NJWA Concert Band, wants to reinvigorate the music world with concert band music once again.

In the introductory concert for the 2005-2006 music series Toplansky will be presenting a free show at the at the Green Lane YM-YWHA's open house,

Director Toplansky seeks to create modern-day renaissance

"celebrating 40 years on Green Lane," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. The Y is located at 501 Green Lane, Union.

"Concert band music has an incredibly versatile repertoire, and I use Dr. Goldman's objectives as my own. A high standard of artistic excellence with the need to include prominent composers of all countries to write for concert band was one of the original ideas in 1929, when the American Bandmasters Association (ABA) first became a real possibility. After World War II, the ABA grew and out of the hard work of its founders, we are fortunate to be the recipients of John Philip Sousa's music, a complete theo-

ry of concert band instrumentation and the encouragement and recognition of new music and composers," said Toplansky.

"Goldman would be pleased to know that his work has even resulted in an American Bandmasters Association with the Japanese Band Directors Association."

For the concert scheduled on Sept. 18, the NJWA Concert Band's repertoire will be a tribute to Jewish composers, spanning the spectrum from George Gershwin selections to Herb Alpert's catchy "So What's New" to the vibrant "Genevieve de Brabant" by Offenbach.

This concert will epitomize the multidimensional aspects of concert band music. "It was quite interesting for the band members, who include elementary-aged students all the way up to professional scientists, to learn that Jacques Offenbach, for example, was the son of a Cologne synagogue cantor," Toplansky said.

In addition, for the past year, Toplansky has been scouring the world to obtain hard-to-obtain Russian music. Outstanding Russian composer Isaak Dunayevsky, who is often compared to American Jewish composer Irving Berlin, will be featured as the NJWA Concert Band plays his cheerful

"Jolly Fellows" march from the famous 1934 Russian film of that same name.

Later caught in the grips of the notoriously anti-Semitic Stalin regime, Dunayevsky fell into disgrace. When asked to "repent," Dunayevsky refused and fell into a deep depression. Although eventually reinstated and returned to success, Dunayevsky worked in spite of his fragile health and died at the age of 55.

Other selections on the program include Goldman's "Cheerio" march, Oklahoma highlights from Richard Rodgers, and "Pizzicato Polka" by Strauss.

For more information, contact the YM-YWHA at (908) 289-8112 or e-mail the NJWA Concert Band directly at njwaband@att.net.

Carmichael stars in Theater Project show

Clark Carmichael, who appeared on Broadway last year in the Tom Stoppard play *Jumpers*, jumps to Cranford and The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company, in *Music From A Sparkling Planet*. The comedy, by Douglas Carter Beane, opens at 8 p.m. Sept. 22.

Carmichael has had a wide-ranging career. He has appeared on *As the World Turns* and in Campbell Scott's film *Hamlet*. Last summer, he played one of the *Jumpers* in the Broadway production of that play, directed by David Leveaux and starring Simon Russell Beale.

Regionally, he has appeared at the Missouri Repertory Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, New Jersey Repertory Company, Mill Mountain Theatre, The Acting Company, Hope Summer Rep, Apple Tree Theatre, New York State Theatre Institute, and the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C. Most recently, he appeared as Prosinos in *Byzantium* at the New York Fringe Festival.

Carmichael holds an M.F.A. in acting and directing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a B.S. in speech with a major in theatre from Northwestern University. He lives in Montclair with his

wife and children.

"I've worked in theaters of all shapes and sizes," said Carmichael, a member of Actors Equity, "but what really makes the difference is the integrity of the people involved and their dedication to their work. These qualities are not the sole property of any one type of theater."

Carmichael is making his Theater Project debut in *Music From A Sparkling Planet*. He plays one of three men who handle the approach of the big four-oh by going on a quest to find the actress who played Tamara Tomorrow, the host of their favorite sci-fi cartoon show from childhood.

The play is directed by George Street Playhouse veteran Wendy Liscow.

The cast also includes *The Star Ledger*'s best actress award-winner Liz Zazzi* (Montclair), Gary Glor* (Essex Fells), Jesse Jou (New York), and Jeff Maschi (Highland Park). Zazzi and Glor are members of Actors Equity.

The production team comprises Jessica Parks (set design), Jill Nagle (lighting design), Cherie Cunningham (costume design), and Mike Magnifico (sound design).

The Theater Project is Union County College's professional theater company, bringing artists from all over the state and New York City



CLARK CARMICHAEL

together in its productions. Known for its intimate "Studio on Stage" where the audience sits within arm's reach of the performers, the company is celebrating its 11th season of producing new works and contemporary classics. The Theater Project has been recognized by grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the New Jersey State Arts Council, and The Union County College Foundation.

Music From A Sparkling Planet plays Sept. 22 through Oct. 9 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. General admission is \$20. On Thursdays, tickets are \$12. One Sunday only, Sept. 25, is Senior Sunday when all senior citizen tickets are \$12. Student tickets are always \$10.

Reservations are recommended and can be made at (908) 659-5189.

Duo Fresco to play in Rahway

The Classical Music Series at The arts Guild of Rahway continues at 2 p.m. Sept. 25 with Duo Fresco: unique combinations for Viola and Guitar.

Duo Fresco is Christopher Kenniff (guitar) and Brett Deubner (viola). Their performance will include "Six Dances" by Henry Purcell, Sonata in A, D.821, "Arpeggione" by Schubert, "Three Movements by John A. Sichel, "Duo Concertante" by Frank Ezra Levy and Cancones Espagnole" by Manuel de Falla.

All tickets are \$12. Reservations are recommended. For tickets, call (732) 381-7511 or email artsgild1670@earthlink.net.

Violist Brett Deubner and guitarist Christopher Kenniff gave their first series of performances together in the 2003-2004 concert season. Of their performance on the Access to Art Chamber Music Series in Cape May, Classical New Jersey noted that the duo's "technical and ensemble ability is impeccable" and that they "produced a concert that was one highlight after another."

No strangers to concretizing across the country, these virtuosi have garnered high praise for their recordings and performances.

Together, Deubner and Kenniff seek to further the available repertoire for their duo by working with contemporary composers and making their own transcriptions of existing repertoire. In the past year, Duo Fresco has premiered new works for viola and guitar by composers Victor Koulaphades, Matthew Halper, Jose Lezcano and John Sichel and has arranged works by Henry Purcell, Marin Marais, J.S. Bach, Franz Schubert,

Ralph Vaughn Williams and Manuel DeFalla.

Duo Fresco is currently an ensemble in residence at Kean

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University, where Deubner and Kenniff are both members of the affiliate artist faculty.

This exhibit is sponsored by Rahway Savings Institution

(RSI), Irving Street, Rahway.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. Of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit art center located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. Each year the Guild presents a series of monthly art exhibits featuring emerging New Jersey artists, a jazz series, classical music series and fall, winter and spring multi-week sessions of art studio classes and workshops for adults and children at all levels of experience. Visit the Web site to view all current listings at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

Joe Hulsen will be guest demonstrator for SPFAA

Program will be held on Sept. 21

The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association will feature Joseph Hulsen as its guest demonstrator at the general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Fanwood Community Center on North Avenue in Fanwood. A brief business meeting will precede his demonstration.

Joe Hulsen, born in New Jersey, is a well-known artist, who based his career on drafting then engineering at PSE&G where he was a senior staff engineer for over 37 years. During that period, he renewed his interest in art when a set of colored pencils inspired him to begin sketching and later, painting nature scenes, watercolors, nautical themes, studies of buildings and abstracts.

He is constantly experimenting with media, techniques and color and enjoys

sharing his artistic gift with his family and others through the art which he creates. For the last 18 years he has held one man shows at the Les Malamut Gallery in Union, the latest of which included his outstanding collages. He has also exhibited at the Price Sisters Art Gallery in Tuckerton.

He has received numerous art awards from the Westfield Art Association, the Senior Art Show sponsored by the NJ Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and Salon 2004 in Westfield. He has been on the Board of the Yard School of Art in Montclair and the Westfield Art Association, and contributes his artistic gifts to the community by critiquing for the Teen Arts Festivals.

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Guitar instructor and owner Joe Ferraro continues to teach guitar and is regarded by his peers as one of the area's premiere guitarists. Ferraro is currently guitarist of the original instrumental rock fusion power trio Prymaxe along

with drummer Bob Muskus and bassist Bruce Szezygiel.

Muskus, a drum instructor, combines his years of drumming experience and computer knowledge to provide students with a unique instructional experience. He is currently the drummer as well as recording, mixing and mastering engineer for Prymaxe.

Guitar instructor Dave Mondragon toured nationally with E.Town Concrete as part of Ozzfest 2003. E.Town Concrete has appeared with such notable metal bands as Anthrax, Slayer, Incubus, SoulFly, Adema and BioHazard. Mondragon appeared with E.Town Concrete on MTV2 Head Bangers Ball.

Guitar instructor Chuck Lerant began his study of the guitar at Cranford Guitar and Music Center at the age of 12. Lerant has performed and recorded with the blues-based rock band The Pleasure Kings.

Guitar instructor Cory Ferraro began studying with his dad, guitarist Joe Ferraro, at the age of 12. Cory attended Delaware Valley College and has begun to follow his father's foot steps. Cory has established himself as one of the frequently requested guitar instructors at Cranford Guitar.

Guitar instructor Yaron Eilam graduated from Rimmon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music in Ramat Hasharon, Israel and continued his

studies in the United States with guitar masters Wayne Krantz, Mike Stern, Shawn Lane and Jim Campilongo.

Vocal instructor, Katie Lower, received her B.F.A. in Musical Theater from the University of Miami last year. Lower studied voice and musical theater at Carnegie Mellon University and has studied classical voice and musical theater technique with Paula Brown, Stephen Neeley, and Lisa Braden and jazz voice with Julie Silvera Jensen.

Piano instructor Elan Mehler received the International Association of Jazz Educators New England award. Mehler holds a bachelor's degree in music from New York University and performs regularly at popular New York

City venues.

Guitar instructor Dave Willocks earned a bachelor's degree in jazz performance from the University of Miami. Willocks studied with guitarists Randall Dollahon, Brad Stephik, Ben Monder and Rob Levit, gaining a strong background in theory, improvisation and composition.

Guitar instructor Chris Brown has been performing with the Brother John Brown band for the past two years as a guitarist and vocalist. Brown has also performed with the Beau Blues Band and The Sneed Tree band. He has 29 years of guitar experience.

For more information, call the center at (908) 232-7122.

Get hoops instruction with Boyle's camps

The Kevin Boyle Basketball Camp has opened registration for the KBBC Fall Development League, which will run from Oct. 1 through Nov. 19.

The league will consist of one half hour of the best basketball training prior to every weekly game. The games will offer coaching from KBBC's quality staff and will have a referee and official electronic scoreboard for every game.

The league will conclude with an exclusive basketball clinic given by Coach Boyle, his basketball coaching staff at St. Patrick's, and the entire 2005-2006 Celtic varsity team. The KBBC staff will also be in attendance.

The clinic will finish up with

league awards and a scrimmage against the St. Pat's players and the KBBC Fall League players. The league promises to be the most organized, well-run fall basketball you can find.

The league is for kindergarten through grade eight. The games used will be the regular camp sites in Union County on Saturday, with a rotating schedule for games beginning in the morning throughout the day.

Participants should not wait until the last minute, as space is limited. Use the enrollment form from the Web site to register. The cost is \$225.

Also offered is the Fall Basketball Boot Camp Training Program, a rare opportunity to



The Kevin Boyle Basketball Camp welcomed Head Coach Billy Donovan of the Florida Gators men's basketball team at camp this summer. Pictured from left are Kevin Boyle, Billy Donovan, and Rae Miller, assistant coach at St. Patrick. Other notable guests included a surprise visit from NBA superstar Carmelo Anthony of the Denver Nuggets. The KBBC fall programs are now registering.

train exclusively with Coach Boyle every week for six weeks for one hour and fifteen minutes in a training session held with a smaller group of players sorted by age and ability level.

Participants will be given the tools to improve all aspects of their game and learn the correct way to play and train in the weeks prior to basketball tryouts. This program has attracted players from the tri-state area and continues to be one of the best workouts. The cost is \$225. For ages 9-17.

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(you may sign up for both if available and do a double weekly session) ages 9-11 meet 5-6:15 p.m.; ages 12-13 meet 6:15-7:30 p.m. and the high school group, 14 and up, meets 7:30-8:45 p.m. A deposit of \$112.50 is due ASAP to hold a spot. The boot camp is already filling up and only accepts a small number for each group. The camp starts Sept. 26 (balance is due by first night) and runs through Nov. 9.

Call Kelly Boyle for registration information at (732) 574-9733 or visit www.coachboylecamps.com.

Registration open for music theater program

Aspiring young actors from ages 10-18 will have an opportunity to participate in the fall session of the Musical Theater Workshop, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Beginning Sept. 29, from 4 until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, the Musical Theater Workshop will be held at Westminster Hall at the Presbyterian Church on East Broad Street in Westfield. The eight session course includes learning solos, duets, and ensembles from various musicals.

It also entails studying the basics of acting, musical theater improvisation, vocal exercises, scene analysis and staging scenes. The session will culminate in a performance which will allow the students to showcase their talents for family members and friends.

The MTW will be directed by veteran Broadway actor Juan Pineda. For six years, Pineda played the role of Thuy in the Broadway production of Miss Saigon. He also appeared off-Broadway in The Karaoke Show and in Babes in Toyland at Lincoln Center. Pineda has performed in the Lincoln

Center Concert of Excellence and has been recognized by this organization for his influence as an Asian artist. A vocal coach and acting teacher at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, Pineda is also the artistic director of The Little Opera Company of New Jersey and the musical theater programs at the Westfield Summer Workshop.

Many former students have voiced their appreciation of Pineda's guidance. Among them are Scotch Plains resident



Veteran Broadway actor Juan Pineda will direct the Musical Theater Workshop at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Michael Mielicki, who recently attended the Rutgers Acting Conservatory at Mason Gross School of the Arts. Mielicki commented on the value of his experience in a recent MTW course by stating, "This class and the training from Mr. Pineda have given me the ability to shine in whatever I do."

Another recent MTW participant, Melissa Pantojan of Piscataway, who is attending Syracuse University as a musical theater major, remarked, "Mr. Pineda's training was key to my getting into such a good theater program."

Michael Sherry of Westfield, who is presently attending The American Musical and Dramatic Academy, said, "Pineda's guidance and support have given me the confidence to follow my dreams."

Registration information for the MTW is available at the NJWA office at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield, or by calling (908) 789-9696 for a brochure. Information on all NJWA programs is available on the Web at www.njworkshop-forthearts.com.

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Dealing with separation anxiety

The weather is beautiful and excitement is in the air as children, parents and teachers begin a new school year. Some are returning to school and some are entering school for the first time. While this is a time marked with excitement, new book bags,

school clothes, fresh school supplies and lunch boxes, it can also be an emotional time marked with uneasiness and anxiety.

Children may experience difficulty separating from their parents and become clingy, upset, tearful, crying and even refuse to go. This can be very difficult for a parent leaving the child, perhaps for the first time. Parents need to know that some period of anxiety can be normal and that their child can benefit from reassurance and encouragement to help the child feel safe and secure. Parents also need to keep in check their own feelings of anxiety so they can help their child master separation. Often parents and teachers can successfully work together to help children transition to school.

Sometimes the problem may persist, especially if the child is currently dealing with a life stressor such as a death, an illness of the child or a relative, change in schools, divorce, a move. The child may refuse to go to school, become excessively clingy and/or demanding, avoid social situations, demonstrate difficulty at bedtime, complain of nightmares, or even physical complaints such as stomachaches, headaches, and nausea.

If separation anxiety persists school and social difficulties may lead to further issues down the road into adolescence and adulthood. Sometimes parents and children need the help of a professional to help develop emotional and behavioral skills that can help them overcome their anxious feelings and thoughts.

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Real Estate

Home ownership seminar is planned

SCOTCH PLAINS — Owning a home is a significant part of the American Dream. But because of skyrocketing prices, high down payments, significant debt and lack of knowledge, many feel that dream is out of reach.

That can change on Saturday, Sept. 17, thanks to the non-profit organization My Way Home. Dedicated to increasing homeownership through education for the last 10 years, My Way Home will hold a four-hour seminar entitled "Home Ownership Now" from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Springfield Holiday Inn on Route 22 West.

Recognized by Fannie Mae, My Way Home has assisted more than 12,000 residents in northern New Jersey to become first-time homeowners.

Because of this, it has been featured on CNN, NJN News and News12.

Keynote speakers include Joseph Farella, industry expert and member of the Westfield Housing Commission, and Earl Myers, member of the American Homeowners Education and Counseling Institute, Washington, D.C., who has conducted seminars all over the state.

The thrust of the My Way Home approach is to teach prospective homeowners how to take charge of their home-buying activities by creating their own team of experts, said Helen Murphy, the organization's education director and a Bridgewater resident.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include: Breaking through the down payment barrier; HUD and

Fannie Mae first-time buyer programs; purchasing and renovating real estate; the Four keys to homeownership; and the home financing process. The event also addresses options for those with past credit issues.

"We are extremely proud of the success of our program and the recognition it has received both at a state and national level," said Murphy. "But the real pride comes in helping people from every walk of life be able to purchase a home."

Seminar attendees will receive My Way Home's Guide to Purchasing a Home. Reservations are required for the seminar, as seating is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, call (888) 422-6992, or register online at www.homeownershipnow.com.

A chance to get 10 trees for your yard

Ten free trees will be given to each person from New Jersey who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2005.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year in New Jersey: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

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tion to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Sept. 30 or join online at arborday.org.

'Joley' Jirari joins local Burgdorff office

WESTFIELD — Burgdorff ERA recently announced that JoAnne "Joley" Lies Jirari has joined the company as a sales associate in its Westfield Office, located at 600 North Avenue West.

Jirari is a licensed New Jersey real estate sales associate and member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. She has a strong sales and marketing background as the former logistics account manager for Simmons Mattress Company. She studied accounting and psychology at Rutgers University, Union County College, and Evangel College in Missouri.

A resident of South Plainfield who was raised in Fanwood, Jirari is a longtime New Jersey resident. She can advise newcomers about local housing options, new listings, commuting distances, shopping, cultural events, recreation and more.

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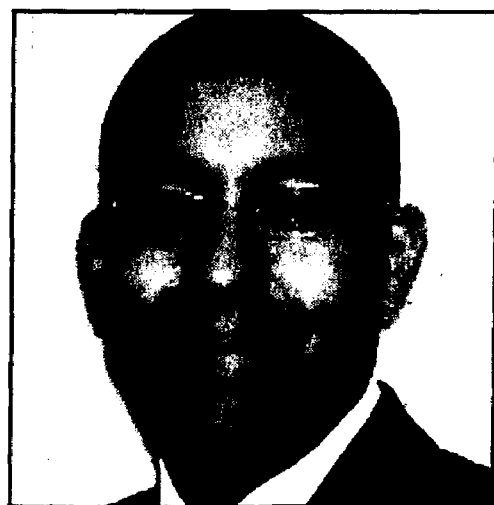
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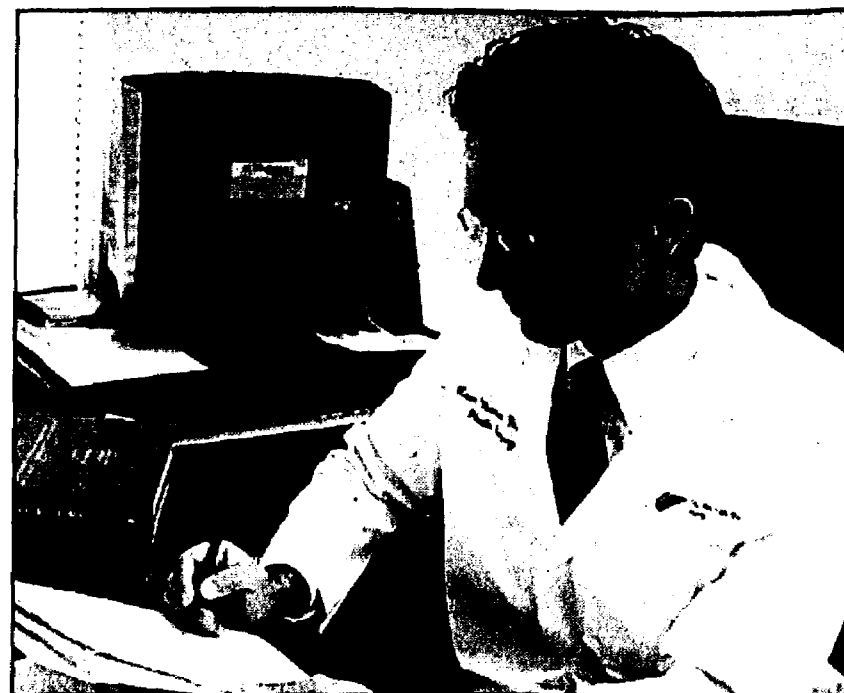
each year in the United States, 7,400 eventually die — about one every hour. When diagnosis of melanoma is made by a specialist, it is important for patients to determine whether the cancer has spread or not. When it spreads, melanoma cells usually go initially to the lymph nodes of the region of the body, where the original melanoma is located.

Each region of the body has a lymph node "catch basin." For example, a melanoma on the foot skin will usually spread first to lymph nodes in the groin. A melanoma on the arm or the upper back will most likely spread to the lymph nodes in the axillary area (armpit). In patients with melanoma of the arm, leg, or trunk, surgeons can find the most likely lymph node in the groin or armpit where melanoma may have traveled, by a technique called sentinel lymph node biopsy. However, in the more delicate face, scalp, and neck, this procedure has not been as common. According to Reza Momeni, M.D., plastic surgeon at the Summit Medical Group, this was due to

fear of damaging delicate nerves, blood vessels, and important structure concentrated in the head and neck.

"Thankfully, as we have become skilled at using the sentinel lymph node technique on the body, we have started to use it more and more to help patients with melanoma of the face, scalp, and neck," Dr. Momeni said. The procedure helps answer the question of cancer spread by using a very small incision to remove the "hot" lymph node. "Since only 10-20 percent of melanoma patients actually carry spread of cancer," Dr. Momeni said, "the remaining 80-90 percent are spared from having to undergo more extensive, potentially unnecessary surgery to remove all lymph nodes in the cheek or neck."

For those patients whose melanoma is found to have spread to lymph nodes, more aggressive therapy may be warranted. Without spread of melanoma, patients usually do not need additional treatment, and are instead observed very closely by a surgeon and a med-



Reza Momeni, M.D., a plastic surgeon at Summit Medical Group, reviews records and tests regarding sentinel lymph node biopsies.

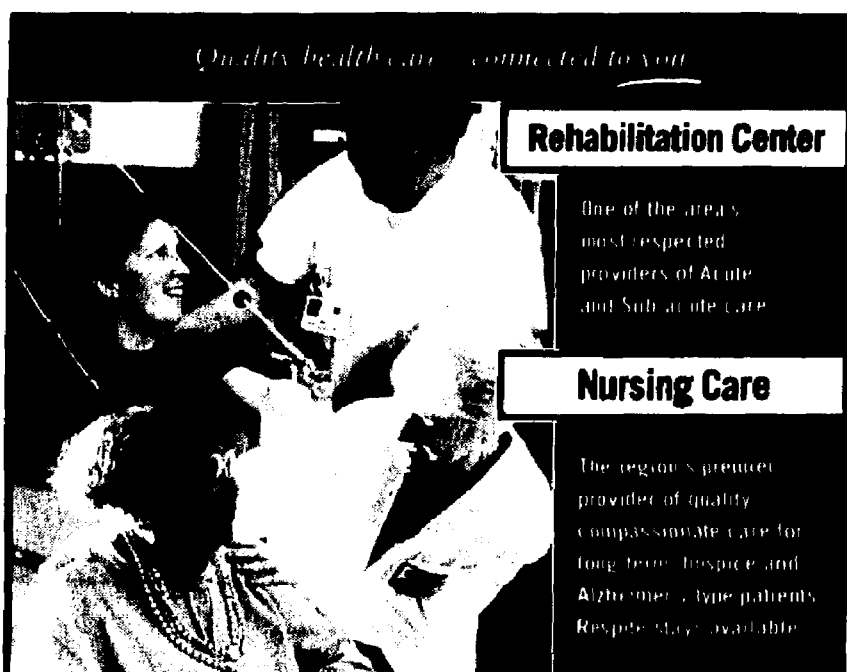
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Summit Medical Group dermatologists, oncologists, and surgeons work very closely in treating melanoma. "Our partnership at SMG helps us provide optimal,

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Because food is so readily available in our culture, it is easy to eat without thinking too much about food intake. Some experts believe the high availability of foods, especially fast foods, is responsible for the increasing rates of obesity and childhood obesity in the United States. "Super sizing," which is providing very large amounts of food and drink for a low price, also may contribute to obesity."

Routines: People who eat regular meals tend to have better diets and be closer to their goal weight than those that eat randomly. One of the main barriers to planning regular and balanced meals is a busy lifestyle. However, taking the time to plan meals can help you improve your nutrition. Family meals are an important time to share and discuss the day's events. They demonstrate to children what balanced meals look like and also teach them how to interact socially.

Marketing: Marketing creates a desire for many less-than-nutritious foods. Snack foods marketed not for their nutritional value, but for their fun and taste, often replace the more nutritious foods in our diets. Marketing also caters to a busy lifestyle; grocery store shelves are crowded with frozen and microwavable meals, instant soups and stews, and pre-packaged lunches. These foods usually contain few fruits and vegetables and are often high in fat and salt. Marketing often targets children by using tie-ins with

movies, fast food restaurants, and toys. Children then pressure their parents to visit certain restaurants and buy foods for them based on not their nutritional content but on whether they can obtain a desired toy.

Cultural and Social

Meanings: We may eat foods because we were brought up eating them and find them comforting. Some people eat or don't eat certain foods based on religious, political or social beliefs. These factors are also reflected in the food choices parents make for their children.

Family and Living

Situation: Many people and most children eat meals prepared by others, and food choices are often made by that meal preparer.

Emotions: Depression, anxiety, boredom and stress often lead to unhealthy eating habits, both in adults and children. Emotions and stress levels, eating habits, busy lifestyles and family situations are all closely inter-related.

Sometimes attempts to change eating habits cannot succeed until the emotions and stress in our lives are managed more successfully. Children who see adults eating in emotional situations may imitate this behavior.

For more information, contact Carol Komondy at your local Diet Center at (908) 688-3438.

Runnells employees honored

Two dedicated employees of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County were honored as Persons of Special Value by The Mental Health Association of Union County (MHAUC) at their 61st anniversary dinner.

Carmenza "Carmen" Hurtado of Woodbridge, a certified nurse aide, has been a Runnells employee since 1991. Antonio "Tony" Pinheiro of East Windsor, an assistant stock keeper, has worked at Runnells since 1984. They were presented with resolutions from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and plaques from MHAUC at the annual event. "Carmen Hurtado was honored for always putting the well-being of the patients above her own," said Union County Freeholder Angel G. Estrada. "She is known for taking a personal interest in providing a safe, comfortable and healthy environment on the unit, always treating each individual as though they were part of her own family. Her sensitivity and enthusiasm are valuable to all of her patients."

"Tony Pinheiro is a talented and kind man," noted Freeholder Daniel Sullivan. "He is fluent in four languages and is available to translate...throughout Runnells. He is sensitive, compassionate and thoughtful in dealing with our patients. The fact that he often finds the time to speak with them individually helps them to become accustomed to the facility."

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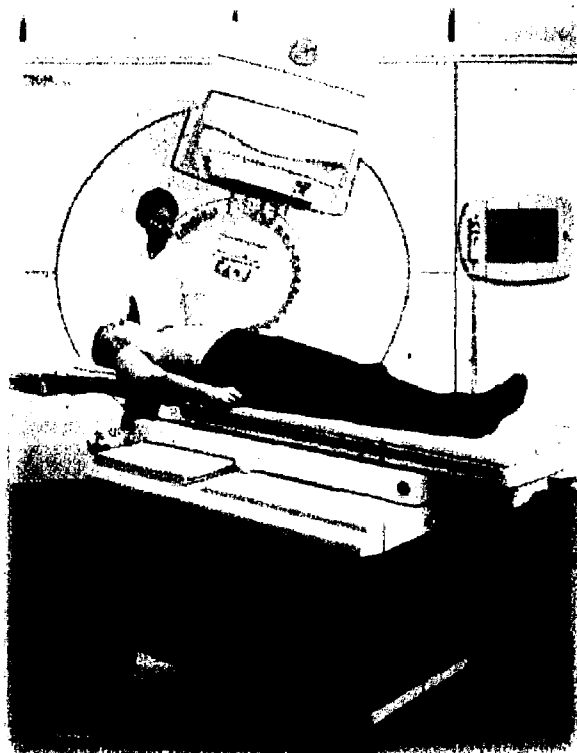
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Russ's Ravings



Negative reinforcement should be out of bounds

I don't like being yelled at. I don't like being spoken down to. I don't like my personal space invaded and I don't like being made to feel that I, personally, invented the mistake. I doubt there are very many of you gentle readers who enjoy that, and those of you who do should seek help. In covering local sports there is one thing about it which I still cannot stand, coaches who employ negative reinforcement. The basic principle of negative reinforcement is: if an action stops something unpleasant, then the action is likely to occur again in similar situation. So, when coach grabs your face mask and demands to know if 'you are as stupid as you are ugly' for stunting in the wrong gap on defense or questions the pedigree of your mother for missing a tackle, the goal is so you don't do it again.

The first experiment with negative reinforcement was done with rats. Scientists would put rats in a little room with a tiny bar and shock the heck out of them. If they pressed the bar, the shock would stop. The message: learn the behavior or your terminals get fried. The ultimate effect of negative reinforcement, when used successfully, is to strengthen some positive behavior. Somehow, we went from torturing rats to applying this on our children.

I don't get it. I don't mean to pick on football coaches either. There are plenty of soccer coaches and field hockey coaches and basketball and baseball coaches who all use this as a means to teach. While I may not agree with it in principal, I do understand its application.

To a point. While a case can be made for using negative reinforcement during practices, I find it unconscionable to see it in games. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever for coaches to be berating their players during a game. Not only does it not accomplish anything, but it is counter productive.

As a player, your focus needs to be solely on the game. You need to be worried about making your play, about covering your man, about focusing on the next pitch. You don't need to be worried about the humiliation that you might be facing from your own sidelines.

As a coach, negative reinforcement during a game holds no benefits. You are dealing with teenagers. Teenagers are primarily self-conscious individuals to begin with. Most don't have the egos to take an emotional beating and shrug it off. Most players let those words twist in their heads like pieces of broken glass and they withdraw into themselves. Most importantly, there is an old expression: united we stand, divided we fall. A man by the name of Aesop said that around 500 BC. And it holds true today.

When you work a whole season to prepare for a game, why would you go out there and act like a snake eating its own tail? Why would you make it look to the other team like you aren't prepared? Why would you put the blame on individuals and fracture the team concept? It makes no sense. If a team gets to witness their opposition torn down, it gives them confidence. It makes them feel they can win. 90% of sports is a battle of will power. Why would you tip the psychological edge to your opponent?

At a soccer game last week, I saw a coach single out a player and inform the entire field it was that player's fault alone a goal was scored. At a recent football scrimmage, I witnessed a coach pull an offensive player to the side after a series and lace into him for two offside calls. Does costing your team 10-yards in one offensive series matter? Absolutely. Is that enough to suck the fire and excitement and fun out of the game for the player? Absolutely not.

Save the shock treatments for the rats.

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Jayshawn King tried to elude Old Bridge defense in last week's loss to the Knights. The loss for Westfield, who has lost their last three season openers, was a tough one at 33-6.

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Westfield stumbles at season start

Derosa gets his first start at quarterback in opening loss

By RUSS CRESPOLINI
SPORTS EDITOR

This is not the start of the season the Blue Devils would have hoped for as they dropped their season opener 33-6 to a tough Old Bridge team. With Halloween fast approaching, Westfield may see nothing scarier than Knight's quarterback Greg Frischman. Frischman took the ball 14 times and racked up over 200 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

Westfield's defense struggled to contain the Knight's wishbone offense, which they just adopted this year. "We didn't see that at all last year," said Blue Devil head coach Ed Tranchina. "We really had nothing to go on."

The wishbone offense is about punishing the defenders every down, and that is what Old Bridge did, using the athleticism of their back field to their advantage. Frischman, a senior quarterback, gave Old Bridge a 6-0 lead on a 26-yard run less than a minute into the game. Next, Dwane Riddick broke free of defenders for a 47-yard run. This was followed by a 62-yard run by Frischman that ended an 83-yard, four-play drive that gave Old Bridge a 19-0 lead in the first quarter.

The second quarter proved no better for Westfield, as Knights fullback Joe Honnar burst through the defense for a 19-yard gain, followed by a 10-yard carry. Frischman added an 8-yard dash of his own before Honnar took the ball the final 2-yards into the end zone making it 26-0 Old Bridge.

With two minutes to go at the half, Westfield showed some spark when quarterback Nick Derosa took to the air, firing a 10-yard strike to Tom Bonard, followed by a 5-yard pass to Terron Rogers. Jayshawn King drove the ball 8-yards for a first down, but Westfield ran out of time at the half before



Westfield's Brandon Simmons wraps up Old Bridge quarterback Greg Frischman, who made the most of his 14 carries to rack up 205-yards.

BOB JAROSZEWSKI/CORRESPONDENT

they could break into the end zone.

The Knights continued to alternate between Frischman, Honnar, Riddick and Jeff St. Florants in the second half, but Westfield made

some halftime adjustments that slowed them down. "They really set the tempo of the game," Tranchina said. "We caught up to it a little."

Despite tougher play by the defense, holding Old Bridge down for most of the third quarter, the Knights offense was impossible to stop completely, as the home team ground out a gritty offensive series, utilizing Riddick and Frischman and capped by an 8-yard touchdown run by St. Florants putting Westfield behind 33-0 as the third quarter was drawing to a close.

"Our scout team just can't run the wishbone as well as this," Tranchina said. "We run it very basic in practice. But they run it with so many different wrinkles."

In the next series, Westfield gave the ball to Jayshawn King, who scrambled to the 31-yard line as the third quarter drew to a close. With a fresh set of downs ahead of them and a pumped up sideline behind them, Derosa reeled back and lofted a 69-yard pass to a wide-open Terron Rogers 14 seconds into the fourth quarter, breaking the offensive dry spell. Derosa attempted to take the ball in himself for a two-point conversion but was stopped short of the end zone.

Both teams made defensive adjustments that kept the game scoreless for the remainder of the fourth quarter. But the loss was a tough one for Westfield, a team looking to rebuild after last season. "We lost," Tranchina said. "It was a tough loss. I thought we really had a chance coming in here. But they put on a lot of pressure."

Despite the loss, the Blue Devils know they must focus on the positives and prepare to face rival Scotch Plains on Saturday. "We have to take the positives," Tranchina said. "And build on them."

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SPF boys edge Cranford 2-1

By RUSS CRESPOLINI
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The Scotch Plains Raiders squeaked by the Cranford Cougars 2-1 on Monday, marking the first meeting of these two soccer teams in the young season. Cranford came into the season having dispatched New Brunswick, while Scotch Plains had a big win against Delbarton, a team that had beaten them in sudden death overtime last season, giving the Raiders their first home loss in four years and first season-opening setback since 1996. This year, Scotch Plains returned the favor, handing Delbarton their first home defeat since 2001, snapping a 45 game win streak on their home field. After such a big win, head coach Tom Breznitsky felt his team played flat against Cranford.

"After a big win against Delbarton, who ended up the No. 1 team in the state," Breznitsky said. "It was a little bit of a sleeper after that type of game."

The first half set a frenetic pace, as the always physical Raiders pushed hard against Cranford's back line. While Scotch Plains had control of the ball for most of the first half, they failed to capitalize.

"When you have so much possession and so much of the ball and you are so totally dominating and you get a lull out there and you can fall asleep," Breznitsky said. "You can't make those mistakes."

For his part, Cranford head coach Mike Curci felt his team was sticking to their game plan. "They did exactly what I wanted them to do. To play controlled, to play a patient game and look to counter-attack," Curci said. "Against a team like Scotch Plains, that is the way you have to play. They did it to perfection."

A frustrated Scotch Plains went to the half astonished they hadn't found the back of the net. "I think this game was like our first game, although our first game was against a much more quality opponent," Breznitsky said. "I told them at halftime. We had the stake, we just didn't bury it. It should have been 3-0 in the first ten minutes. And we were all over them and we didn't take advantage of those opportunities to finish it off."

Breznitsky's sentiments were echoed by Raider's star Sean Young. "We didn't play the way we wanted to. We came out intense the first 20 minutes and didn't put the ball in the back of the net," Young said. "We got a little lax. We played around with the ball but we just weren't finding the net today."

The Cougars came into the game with a specific strategy designed to minimize the impact of Young and keep the potent Scotch Plains offense at bay, and that meant playing extra men on defense.

"That was the plan from the beginning. To try to keep Sean Young under control, we know what kind of player he is. The best thing to do is try to keep him under control, and then we play the two forwards and look to counter. That was the game plan," Curci said. "At this point I have a young team of six sophomores and four sophomores on the back line. I wanted to try to let them control the game from back and at the same time let them get their feet wet at this level. It worked to perfection until just about the end."

The strategy to control Young is nothing new for the player. "Every team tries to triple team me. There really is no difference. Delbarton tried to triple team me, I still got my head on the ball," Young said. "I played a little lazy today. I tried to work hard, but I never got in the flow of the game."

After the half, Scotch Plains' Mike Divizio scored to put the Raiders ahead. The Cougars were energized by the letdown, and stepped up their intensity in response. With 28:57 remaining in regulation, junior forward Joe Toloumis knotted the score, much to the chagrin of Breznitsky.

"Sloppy," the Raider coach said. "Sloppy, against a very weak opponent."

Both teams continued to play hard, but Scotch Plains caught a break with 23:55 remaining in

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SPF and Westfield clash this weekend

By RUSS CRESPOLINI
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Westfield travels to Scotch Plains on Saturday to the face grid-iron rival Raiders in what is always an emotionally charged game. This typical border town rivalry is anything but typical. Even with the Blue Devils suffering three straight losses to the Raiders, as part of three straight losing seasons, and knowing Westfield is coming off of a big loss to Old Bridge, Scotch Plains does not take them lightly.

"They just came off a tough loss," Scotch Plains head coach Steve Ciccotelli said. "They are hungry."

The Raiders took won their contest over East Side 21-6, but suffered from some missed opportunities from what Ciccotelli called sloppy first half play. The Blue Devils were overmatched by Old Bridge, whose wishbone offense had Westfield scrambling to make adjustments.

"I felt really bad for the kids," Westfield coach Ed Tranchina said. "I felt helpless out there."

But with the week one games behind them, both coaches eyes are firmly set toward Saturdays showdown.

"It's a big rivalry," Ciccotelli said. "For both schools."

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Bushwhacked

Junior quarterback Colin Weber helped out his own cause with tough play on defense as he snagged the ball from East Side's Allen Bush to help secure the Raider's 21-6 win. According to Scotch Plains head coach Steve Ciccotelli, Weber is one of the players to watch this season along with Nick Glannaci, Greg Brand, Kyle Mihansky and Dan Ragan.

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Coming off of big opening day wins, Cranford and Scotch Plains faced off on Monday for the first time this season. The Cougars fell 2-1 in regulation against the Raiders who played their first home game.

SPF boys

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the game, when the Cougars only had one man on Young. Jarek Cohen fed Young the ball and the 6'4" Raider tapped it into the net.

"We came out, and we got a couple," Breznitsky said. "We did what we did. Sometimes the net has a wall in front of it and the ball won't go in. We need to work a little bit better finishing our chances when you get them because you don't get them all that often."

The Cougars coach was pleased with his team, but had similar feel-

ings. "We had just enough opportunities and good opportunities, we didn't finish as many as we would have liked," Curci said. "But considering who we were playing and the respect I have for Scotch Plains program, I'm proud of what these boys accomplished today and I hope they build off this."

Breznitsky knows his Raiders learned from the Cranford game. "Hopefully learn some lessons from today," Breznitsky said. "That you can't take people lightly. We're off to a pretty good start."

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GAME TIME

Your guide to weekend football and soccer for the fall 2005 season.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Girls Soccer
Scotch Plains at Pingry, 4 PM.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

Football
Westfield at Scotch Plains, 1 PM.

Boys Soccer
Westfield at St. Joes, 11 AM.

Girls Soccer
Westfield at Peddie, 1 PM.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

Football
Scotch Plains vs. Irvington, 1 PM.

Boys Soccer
Westfield vs. Ridge, 11 AM.

Girls Soccer
Westfield at Ridge, 11 AM.
Scotch Plains at Vernon, 11 AM.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

Football

Cranford vs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 7 PM.

Girls Soccer
Westfield at Oak Knoll, 4 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

Football
Westfield vs. MXS

Boys Soccer
Scotch Plains at Bridgewater, 2 PM.

Girls Soccer
Scotch Plains at Bridgewater, 10 AM.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

Football
Westfield at Linden, 7 PM.

Boys Soccer
Westfield vs. Kearny, 4 PM.
Scotch Plains at Plainsfield, 2 PM.

Girls Soccer
Westfield at Kearny, 4 PM.
Scotch Plains vs. Plainfield

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

Football
Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, PM.

Boys Soccer

Scotch Plains vs. West Orange, 4 PM.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

Boys Soccer
Westfield vs. Plainfield, 4 PM.
Scotch Plains vs. Elizabeth, 4 PM.

Girls Soccer
Westfield at Plainfield, 4 PM.
Scotch Plains at Elizabeth, 4 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

Football
Cranford at Westfield, 1 PM.
Scotch Plains at Passaic Valley, 1 PM.

Boys Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA

Girls Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

Football
Cranford vs. East Side, 7 PM.
Westfield at Union, 7 PM.

Girls Soccer
Cranford vs. JP Stevens, 4 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Boys Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA

Girls Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA
Scotch Plains and UCT, TBA

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

Football
Scotch Plains at Linden, 7 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Football
Westfield vs. Irvington, 1 PM.

Boys Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA
Scotch Plains and UCT, TBA

Girls Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA
Scotch Plains and UCT, TBA

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

Football
Westfield at Elizabeth, 7 PM.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

Football
Scotch Plains vs. Union, 2 PM.

Boys Soccer
Westfield and UCT Finals, TBA
Scotch Plains and UCT, 4 PM.

Girls Soccer
Westfield and UCT, TBA

THURSDAY, NOV. 24

Football
Westfield vs. Plainfield, 11 AM.
Scotch Plains at Elizabeth, 10:30 AM.

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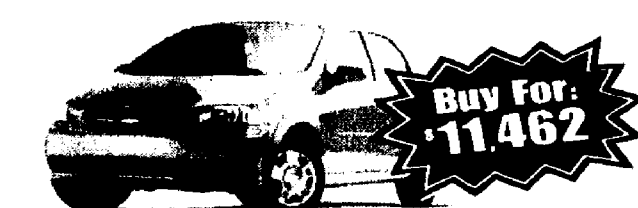
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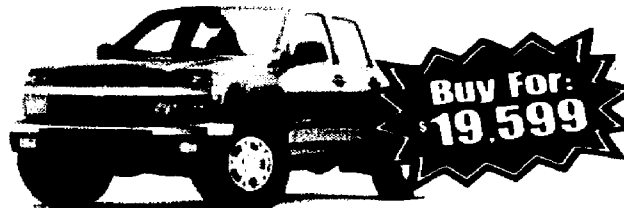
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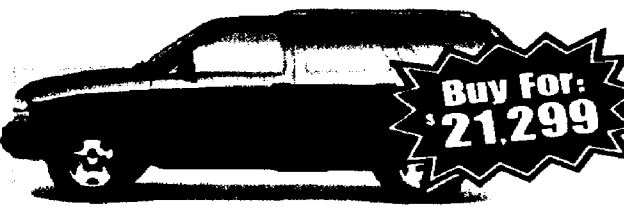
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Routine Maintenance Extends Vehicle Life, Adds Margin of Safety for Winter Driving

(ARA) - Undoing the wear and tear of summer driving should be on everyone's autumn to-do list. For those who live in cold climates or anticipate driving in harsh conditions, maintenance now can prevent deadly breakdowns this winter.

Drivers everywhere will benefit from longer vehicle life, increased gasoline mileage and better re-sale value, note the pros at the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), which conducts the nation's only industry-wide, national testing and certification program for auto technicians.

The following tips from ASE will give "do-it-yourselfers" a road map and "do-it-for-me's" a checklist to take to their auto technician.

First things first. Read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules.

Engine Performance - Have engine driveability problems (hard starts, rough idling, stalling, diminished power, etc.) corrected at a good repair shop. Cold weather will make existing problems worse. Replace dirty filters - air, fuel, PCV, etc.

Fuel - Put a bottle of fuel de-icer in your tank once a month to help keep moisture from freezing in the fuel line. Note, too, that a gas tank that's kept filled helps prevent moisture from forming in the first place.

Oil - Change your oil and oil filter as specified in your manual - more often (every 3,000 miles or so) if your driving is mostly stop-and-go or consists of frequent short trips.

Cooling System - The cooling system should be flushed and refilled as recommended. The level, condition, and con-

centration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recommended.) If you're doing your own work, allow the radiator to cool down completely before removing the cap. (Newer vehicles have coolant reservoirs.) The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps, and hoses should be checked by a certified auto technician.

Heater/Defroster - The heater and defroster must be in good working condition for passenger comfort and driver visibility.

Windshield Wipers - Replace old blades. If your climate is harsh, purchase rubber-clad (winter) blades to fight ice build-up. Stock up on windshield washer solvent - you'll be surprised how much you use. Carry an ice-scraper.

Battery - The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment. But do-it-yourselfers can do routine maintenance. Scrape away corrosion from posts and cable connections; clean all surfaces; re-tighten all connections. If battery caps are removable, check fluid level monthly.

A word of caution: Be sure to avoid contact with corrosive deposits and battery acid. Wear eye protection and rubber gloves. Note too that removal of cables can cause damage or loss of data/codes on some newer vehicles so refer to your manual for instructions.

Lights - Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs; periodically clean road grime from all lenses with a moistened cloth or towel. To prevent scratching, never use a dry rag.

Exhaust System - Your vehicle should be placed on a lift and the exhaust system



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examined for leaks. The trunk and floorboards should be inspected for small holes. Exhaust fumes can be deadly.

Tires - Worn tires will be of little use in winter weather. Examine tires for remaining tread life, uneven wearing, and cupping; check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks. Check tire pressure once a month. Let the tires

"cool down" before checking the pressure. Rotate as recommended. Don't forget your spare, and be sure the jack is in good condition.

Emergencies - Carry gloves, boots, blankets, flares, a small shovel, sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a flashlight, and a cell phone. Put a few "high-energy" snacks in your glove box.

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CLARK, NJ 2 FAMILY MOVING SALE Sept. 17 th & Sept. 18 th 9 am - 7 33 Wendell Place Raindate: Oct. 1 & Oct 2 Twin bed, old records & much much more!	CRANFORD Garage Sale Friday & Saturday Sept. 16 & Sept. 17 9 am - 4 pm 132 Hibernia Ave. (Dir. Cottage of Raritan & Roosevelt, off Lexington Ave.) Miscellaneous items Office Furniture, Desks & File Cabinets Clothes & Household items	CRANFORD, NJ MOVING OVERSEAS YARD SALE Sept. 17 th 10 am - 4 pm 362 South Union Ave. Raindate - 9/18/05 Appliances, electronic items, books, misc. furniture, automobile.	CRANFORD Saturday & Sunday September 17 th & 18 th 9 am - 4 pm 291 Bloomingdale Ave Dir: Off of Elizabeth Ave ★YARD SALE★ Infant Car Seat Strollers Swing Toys Kitchen Tables Chairs TV & Much More! EVERYTHING MUST GO!	FANWOOD, NJ MOVING/YARD SALE! MULTI FAMILY! FRIDAY, SEPT. 16th SATURDAY, SEPT. 17th 9 AM - 3 PM 25 NORTH AVE. (Near Terrell Road) Furniture, Antiques, Household Items, Brick A Brick	GARWOOD Friday Saturday Sunday June 24, 25 & 26 9am to 1pm 409 Center Street, off South Ave. Retail Gift Store Closed Everything Must Go New Merchandise Great Discounts Innocents, Oils New Age Books Statues Candles CD's, Gifts, Electronics Kids Cloths Household Items Much More	KENILWORTH Garage Sale Friday & Saturday Sept. 16 & Sept. 17 9 am - 3:30 pm 7 Commonwealth Rd. (Dir. Kenilworth Blvd to Shady Ln. Bear Right onto Park Drive, Left onto Commonwealth Rd.) Something For Everyone!	MOUNTAINSIDE HOUSE SALE Saturday & Sunday Sept. 17 th & Sept. 18 th 10 am - 3 pm 446 New Providence Rd. Rt. 22 to New Providence Rd. (Go up hill), take 5 right hand turn onto Ack- erman Ave., take to end, turn right onto Coles Ave., take to end, turn right onto New Providence Rd. Household items, tools, TV's, No Junk!	ROSELLE MOVING SALE! SATURDAY, SEPT. 17th 9:30 - 5:30 104 KENNEDY DRIVE HOUSE ITEMS, CLOTHES RAIN DATE: 9/18/05	SCOTCH PLAINS SAT 9/17 SUN 9/18 10AM-6PM 2090 Brookside Drive Off Lamberts Mill Rd turn Seward Drive, left onto Golf Street (corner of Golf St & Brookside Drive). From Broad St. right onto to Seward Dr, left onto Golf. BIG 2 DAY GARAGE SALE!
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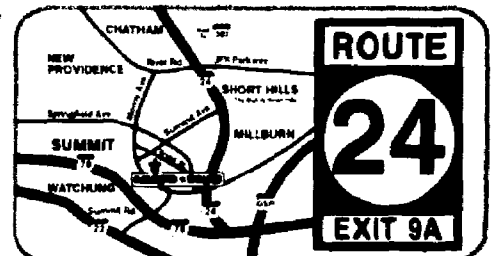
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