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Life slowly returns to normal

Westfield cleans up after windstorm blows away Labor Day afternoon

By TINA GUARINO
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WESTFIELD—On what should have been their fourth day of school, James, Michael and Jeffrey Cornell were raking leaves.

The leaves that blanketed the lawns and streets in town were only the subtle remains of Monday's devastating windstorm which ripped through Central Jersey about 2 p.m. at 100 mph tearing down trees, power poles and anything else that got in its way.

Town officials declared a state of emergency, schools were closed Tuesday and everyday lives were disrupted.

The West Dudley Avenue boys were at a Labor Day party in Kenilworth when the storm hit. Their father, Alessandro Germinario-Cornell, drove home through the storm to let their black lab "Shadow" in the house. He got caught in the storm and was almost hit by the tree that fell just feet away on the corner of Forest and Dudley avenues.

"When we were at the party, everything blew away," said 11-year-old Jeffrey. "When we came home none of the lights were on and we couldn't tell which cat was which."

The Cornells lit oil lamps and candles. Jeffrey said his goldfish died because there was no filtration in the tank.

"I saw the whole thing from my living room window," said 14-year-old Trase Wagner who lives on Forest Avenue. "First it was dark and my whole family wondered why and then all of a sudden it started getting really windy. Then there was rain and hail and thunder and lightning."

"My stepdad said we should go down to the basement and that's when I started to get a little bit scared."

The day after the storm was an opportunity for many neighbors to formally meet for the first time.

"We feel closer to our neighbors because we are borrowing stuff from them and going over to their houses because some of them have electricity,"

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RANDALL MILLER/RECORD-PRESS

This scene on Austin Street in Westfield was a common sight throughout the area following Monday's storm

Storm puts Scotch Plains back into the dark ages

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS—Denise Yatrakis "un"-invited 26 relatives and friends to her party Labor Day.

"People started coming, but nobody could get up the road," said Yatrakis who lives on Wedgewood Way. "They called on our phones and we told them to just turn around and go home."

Just like Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, many know there is no place like home - the problem Monday was getting there.

Labor Day plans were abruptly thwarted for Yatrakis and others by the tornado that swept through Central Jersey about 2 p.m. at a reported 100 miles-per-hour taking down anything that got in its way including power lines, poles and trees.

"It's scary, everything is laying on wires - high tension wires that could snap," Round Hill Road resident Chuck Raymond said hours after the storm hit, uprooting trees on his property.

"I was watching limbs of trees sailing through the air like projectiles," Karen Raymond said.

The wires that did snap left residents without lights, phones, television, computers and access to and from their homes.

Off-duty members of the Department of Public Works who live nearby were on the scene and said there was nothing they could do about the live wires sparking and crackling on the ground until PSE&G turned off the power. That was the case for all of the

areas in the township hit by the storm.

The seven guests that were able to make it to Ms. Yatrakis's home were neighbors who live only houses away. As darkness set in prematurely, they convened around candles eating the food before it spoiled since refrigerators were another luxury that was gone with the wind.

"We knew the weather wasn't going to be good and weren't planning on swimming, but we didn't think a tree in the pool would be the reason," said 12-year-old Jared Turner about the more than 100-foot tree that crashed down in the Yatrakis's pool.

At David and Julie Singer's party next door, guests tried to make the most of what started out as just a cloudy day and took a dip in the pool.

"My sister was in the pool and we heard some thunder and it got a little windy and we were deciding whether or not we should go in the house," said the Singers' 15 year-old niece Basya Lipsett. "As soon as we shut the door it got black and everything started flying around outside."

Shortly after that, a tree ended up in the Singers' pool, too.

"After the horrible hurricanes they had in the south, this is nothing," Yatrakis said. "Thank God nobody got hurt."

While the Yatrakis's guests couldn't make it to their party, the guests that made it to the Singers' party couldn't leave because of the fallen trees that blocked roads.

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TINA GUARINO/RECORD-PRESS

Swimming was out of the question Monday evening for the seven guests who were able to make it to a Labor Day party at the Yatrakis home on Wedgewood Way in Scotch Plains. Shown are Jared Turner, Danielle Turner, Nick Yatrakis, Judy Turner, Dennis Turner, Denise Yatrakis, Jeffrey Reichman, Meryl Reichman and Barry Reichman.

Fanwood property damage may amount to \$1 million

By CANDACE WALLER
KP CORRESPONDENT

FANWOOD — Sept. 7, 1998 promises to be a Labor Day nobody will forget.

It will also be a costly one. Damages to homes, cars, and increased labor are expected to reach \$1 million, said Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connelly.

Mayor Connelly declared a state of emergency in Fanwood shortly after the violent squall line ripped through the area Monday afternoon.

Despite the severity of the freak storm, Mayor Connelly said in a meeting Wednesday morning there were no fatalities or injuries.

PSE&G crews worked 16-hour shifts to get power back to residents. The utility had to call in extra workers from other parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware and Delaware to help fix wires.

Full power was not expected to be in place until Thursday afternoon, after the *Record Press* went to press.

Throughout the emergency, Fanwood Borough Hall ran on generator power. Employees couldn't use computers or faxes, but they were still busy answering phones from concerned residents who were without power from 2 p.m. Monday when the storm struck.

The Fanwood library, public schools, and many of the merchants remained closed Wednesday due to lack of power.

Ray Munera, director of public works, said 60 homes were directly affected by the storm with 10 so badly damaged that the inhabitants had to leave. Fifteen cars were crushed by trees. The hardest hit areas were the northwest and southwest sections. Some of those streets were Farley, Hunter, Watson, Corral, Patterson and Le Grand Park.

Munera said his eight crew members worked from sunrise to sunset to remove fallen trees. Bravo Landscaping also sent tools and workers. Their progress was slowed because PSE&G had to shut off wires before crews could pick up the trees.

"The storm came really quick. All the damage was done in a 15-minute period," Munera said. "People have to realize it took years to set the wires up and it will take some time to get them back up again."

The lack of electricity caused problems for fueling public works trucks. The Union County Department of Public Works allowed Fanwood workers to gas their trucks at the county facility. The county also provided barricades.

Police Chief Robert Carboy said his officers were working longer hours to direct traffic on Martine Avenue that didn't have traffic lights, on north and south and midway cross sections.

"It's the worst storm I've seen with the worst amount of damage, and I've been on the force since 1959," said Chief Carboy.

The A&P on South Avenue was one of the few places open. Assistant Manager Tom Roland said the store sold out of batteries, ice, and candles and had to call in an emergency shipment. The Clark A&P store sent workers to deal with the overflow.

The Fanwood Post Office did a brisk business with a full staff on Tuesday partly because the local Scotch Plains Post Office was closed.

John Alvarez, postmaster, said there was a line outside the door when he opened at 8:30 a.m.

"I'm real proud of my carriers, they did an amazing job," Mr. Alvarez said. "I really expected some of the mail to be curtailed, but this was not the case."

Full clean up is not expected to be completed in another couple of weeks. Councilman Joel Whitaker, who attended the emergency meeting Wednesday, said that flyers were to be distributed informing residents of the progress.

Mayor Connelly said the police, fire, public works, and rescue departments along with numerous volunteers all cooperated to make sure residents were safe and to restore power.

"They've been doing an excellent job helping each other with resources and ideas," said Mayor Connelly who brought food from the Italian Festival on Monday night to feed the crews.



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The force of the storm was so great that it split a huge tree in half at LaGrande Park.

Contract talks still stalemated

Despite two recent back-to-back negotiation sessions, the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education has not agreed on a contract with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association.

The board offered on Sept. 1 a three-year contract that included salary increases of 3.7 percent for the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 school years, plus 3.5 percent in the 2000-2001 school year. The SFEA declined the offer because of the size of the increase in the third year in the contract.

Both sides met with a state-appointed mediator Sept. 2 and are scheduled to meet again Monday, Oct. 5.

No contract had been finalized as of Wednesday.

During the past year the board has taken extraordinary steps in an attempt to reach a timely and reasonable agreement," board President August Ruggiero said.

We initiated an early beginning to negotiations, proposed streamlined procedures, initiated the assignment of a mediator while continuing to seek a negotiated settlement, developed a compromise proposal and modified that proposal," he said.

The SFEA had objected to a provision in the board's offer regarding longevity; that issue was resolved when the board resubmitted its Sept. 1 contract proposal.



The entrance to Round Hill Road in Scotch Plains remained blocked by a fallen tree and power lines two days after the storm.

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"I'm glad I had my party Sunday," said Meryl Reichman, one of the neighbors able to make it to Yatrakis's home.

The township declared a state of emergency, schools were closed and everyday life was disrupted. At the time of press Wednesday the schools were still closed because the buildings had no power.

The township council meeting scheduled for Tuesday was canceled because the municipal building did not have any power until 9:45 a.m. Wednesday. The police department used a generator in the interim. The manager's office was open Tuesday and

employees did their best to serve the residents considering the situation.

"We are continuing our emergency tree removals to open the roads," said Walter DiNizo, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director. "Then we are going to be planning a major clean up probably in a couple of weeks."

"Probably about three-quarters of the township was hit with some type of tree problem or power problem," DiNizo said. "There has been some damages to residential homes and trees."

DiNizo said PSE&G brought in contractors from out of state to assist the county.

The county has already appealed to the state and federal government for financial assistance.

"We probably are talking about at least two to three months to clean up and recover completely from this," DiNizio said. "We're probably looking at a total cost of about \$300,000 or more."

"We have crews working until 8:30 p.m. and then we do have an evening crew so we are working around the clock," DiNizio said. "We also hired temporary help to clean up some of the debris in the streets to improve traffic flow."

"We are asking residents to be patient," DiNizio added. "We will

be around for a major clean up
we just have to prioritize and
attend to emergency situations
first."

Board honors new tenured teachers

SCOTCH PLAINS — Seventeen teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system have been recognized for their receiving tenure this year.

They were honored last night at a reception in the multipurpose room of Evergreen School. The newly tenured instructors:

Dorothy Miller, Debra Fern, Ella Greenberg, Lisa Herbert and Margaret Hermiston-Murray, all from Brunner School.

Lynne Grimmer and Eileen Raszka, both from Coles School.

Kathleen Herrmann and Lisa Frye, both from Evergreen School.

Sondra Chernoff, Diane DiBella and Connie Salisbury, all from McGinn School.

Dawn Farella, from School No. 1.

Maryann Degnan, Paula Gray, Durand Thomas and Randy Young, all from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Westfield cleans up

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Trase added.

On Tuesday many children were outside to avoid going stir crazy since the luxuries of electricity including television, video games, computers, telephones, refrigerators and microwaves were all gone with the wind.

"We have nothing to do because everything is out," said 11-year-old Michelle Kuppersmith. "All we can do is watch them clear away the trees."

Fallen trees are what kept many, including the Kuppersmiths, from their homes as they tried to return from holiday celebrations. Michelle's mother Barbara Kuppersmith made it down the Garden State Parkway in the rain but had difficulty going further.

"When we got into Westfield all the traffic lights were out and we couldn't get to our house because all the streets were closed and a tree was down in front of our house," she said. "We had to park and walk up from Birch Place."

The tree that crashed down in front of her house took a transformer pole and six sections of primary lines with it. The primary lines are the main lines which carry a voltage of about 13,000 volts which is then reduced by the secondary lines to a usable voltage in homes of about 110 to 220.

"It's a mess," said Robert Rosado, an outside lineman for Bell Atlantic.

"We're waiting on the town to clean up the debris and then the power company (PSE&G) will come and put a new power pole in and then after they make it safe we'll get back in here and put the telephone lines back up to the houses," added Ray Hall, also an outside lineman for Bell Atlantic.

Just how long that will take nobody could say.

As of Tuesday, there were 37 reports of trees fallen on houses, 21 reports of trees on cars, two reports of utility poles on cars, six transformers down, 119 wires down and 23 reports of random trees and poles down. Also reported were two locations of leaking propane and three locations of odors. Two generators were provided to residents for a respirator and a feeding tube.

Because it was so early in the school year, phone chains which are more typically used for snow days were not established in time for Tuesday's closing. And even if they were, many people wouldn't have received the call because the telephones lines were down.

Although the school closing might have seemed obvious to those affected by the storm, part of the problem was getting the message to the parents whose homes weren't affected and who would unknowingly send their children off on a dangerous journey marked by fallen live wires to an empty school.

To get the word out, police officers drove through town announcing the school closing on loud speakers and parents who

found out quickly banned together to inform others.

School resumed Wednesday. All of the schools had power. Town officials and Superintendent of Schools William Foley agreed that it would be safer to have children in school instead of out in the streets where there were still dangerous situations of hanging, precarious tree limbs enticing to adventurous children.

Town Engineer and Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Ken Marsh said the primary goal is to clear the streets. Once they are clear, the DPW will go back and do all the clean-up work, removing trees and taking them to the conservation center. Also on the top of the list he said are the trees that have fallen on houses and cars.

"We want to urge people to stay away from any areas where they see wires because we don't know which are live and which aren't," Marsh said. "So assume that all are live. The power company is moving through but they have just as big of a job as anybody else and it is going to take some time."

The DPW has extended its hours until 8 p.m. The town has also opened the Conservation Center daily to all residents regardless of permits from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents can bring branches there.

"We are renting a tub grinder to grind them up into a mulch to reduce the volume," Marsh said. "It also is a tremendous savings on disposal costs for the town."

"The county has already made contact on both the state and federal level for financial assistance," said Town Administrator Ed Gottko.

The Town Council is scheduled to pass a resolution Tuesday authorizing the appropriation of about \$200,000 in emergency funds which will have an impact on next year's budget.

"This was absolutely amazing," said Fire Chief Paul Battiloro. "We didn't have any problems with people injured."

Chief Battiloro commended the mayor and council because he said they "never sacrifice savings for safety."

To keep the number of injuries at zero, officials are asking residents to be aware of the "thousands of branches that are hanging precariously just waiting to come down" and to notify the police department or fire department if they do.

"Even though the storm is over there are still a lot of dangerous conditions throughout the town and any shift in a wind or even a rain can cause some of the loose branches to come down and injure people or property and may also bring down more electrical lines," Police Chief Anthony Scutti said.

"Trees are cracked and weakened," Gottko said. "A lot of stuff is still going to break off and come down a couple of weeks from now."

"We haven't had any serious injuries or fatalities," Chief Scotti said. "And we want to keep it that way."

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TINA GUARINO/RECORD-PRESS
Ray Hall and Robert Rosado of Bell Atlantic examine a fallen transformer on Forest Avenue in Westfield on Tuesday.

Newark teenager crashes stolen car into police vehicle

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—A 16-year-old driver of a stolen 1998 Jeep crashed into two police cars 3:33 a.m. Sunday after eluding police in the central business district area.

The Newark boy was charged with motor vehicle theft, two counts of aggravated assault, burglary and possession of a weapon. The damages to both police cars was estimated at \$13,000.

The Brightwood Avenue resident who owned the Jeep saw the boy stealing the vehicle and called it in to headquarters.

Officer John Cuzzo spotted the Jeep at the war monument on North Avenue and East Broad Street. Along with the Jeep he saw a white Acura with two boys in it who police believe were accomplices to the suspect.

"The cars were side by side on North Avenue and made a left turn in formation onto East Broad Street," Officer John Cuzzo said. "I turned around in my car and the Jeep made a right onto Elm Street and the Acura did too."

The Jeep turned left and sped onto Quimby Street, then left onto Central Avenue and left onto East Broad Street where Officer Steven Elvin came up behind the Jeep, activating his emergency lights but the boy refused to pull over.

The teen sped south on Elm Street in an effort to lose police and then right onto North Avenue where he lost control and almost hit the fire department building. After regaining control of the Jeep, he traveled eastbound in the westbound lane of North Avenue heading directly for Officer Elvin's car, ramming into it.

Police said the Jeep careened off the first police car making a sharp left turn and hitting the second police car driven by Officer Cuzzo head on.

After the crash, I knew it was not over because the boy got out of the Jeep and tried to run away," Officer Cuzzo said. "I couldn't get out of my car because my left arm

and leg was pinned in between the door and the street sign so I was happy when I saw Officer Elvin was able to get out of his car to apprehend the boy and handcuff him."

The boy was turned over to the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Elizabeth. Both officers were treated for minor injuries at Overlook Hospital in Summit and released.

"First of all I have to commend both officers for doing an excellent job," said Police Chief Anthony Scutti. "It is a situation where it was not a high speed chase but rather the officers were following the proper procedures and waiting to apprehend this suspect in a safe manner."

"Unfortunately, the perpetrator

'I couldn't get out of my car because my left arm and leg was pinned in between the door and the street sign so I was happy when I saw Officer Elvin was able to get out of his car to apprehend the boy and handcuff him.'

— Officer John Cuzzo

while trying to elude the police accelerated at a high rate of speed and willfully and purposefully drove his vehicle head on into the police car."

Chief Scutti congratulated the officers for "doing a great job and keeping their wits about them." He also praised that they did it in a safe manner.

Before the Acura fled the scene, Officer Cuzzo managed to call in the license plate numbers. The car was pursued up the park way by Cranford Police who said the Acura exited onto Route 78 and then Clinton Avenue in Newark where they lost sight of the car. The Acura was reported stolen from Livingston the day before.



TINA GUARINO/RECORD-PRESS
A falling tree destroyed the porch roof of this house at 241 Clark St., Westfield.



TINA GUARINO/RECORD-PRESS
Public schools in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood were closed Tuesday because of lack of power and fallen trees like this one which blocked the walkway to Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. Scotch Plains and Fanwood schools were also closed Wednesday.

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Commentary

It shouldn't be the silly season

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

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

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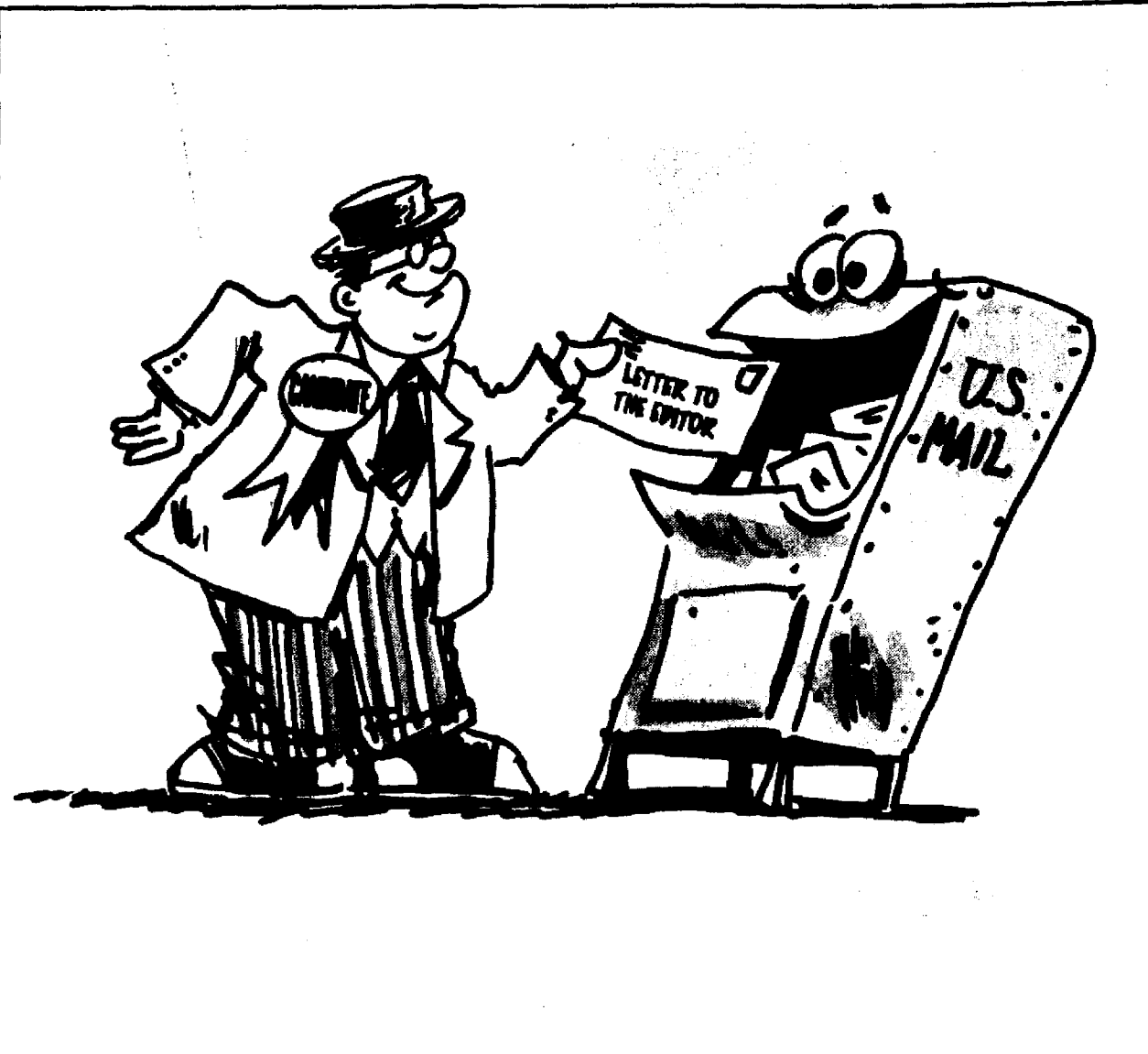
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To The Record-Press:

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The club provides quality youth development programs every day after school, on weekends and in the summertime. We provide much more than just an alternative to the streets.

In a society of an ever-growing number of latchkey children, our boys and girls know our doors are open to them.

We know there is much work left to be done to ensure a strong future for our kids. We are committed to making that happen.

We provide programs and services that significantly enhance children's lives and enable youth to develop skills to become employable; to build knowledge to engage in positive behaviors and safe health practices; and to become responsible citizens.

Our primary focus is to provide programs and services to the youth of Union County.

We meet the needs of these youth by providing programs which can demonstrate significant positive and lasting outcomes.

We are committed to the long-term development of every child who comes through the doors by providing guidance and support.

Every child will experience a series of rich relationships with adults and peers.

We provide programs that are meaningful and delivered at world-class standards.

Young people need to know that someone cares about them and that there are concerned and capable adults to whom they can turn.

Boys and Girls Clubs offer that — and more. Believing in children for 44 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County have been a positive force in the lives of Union County's youth.

We provide a safe and positive environment. The Boys & Girls Clubs have been the difference between success and failure for thousands of youngsters since its founding.

Building men and women — one kid at a time — is the focus of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County.

The caution light is flashing for the youth of today, as the increasing and alarming statistics of youth violence, teen pregnancies, alcohol and drug use are a sure indication that the solutions provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County are needed.

We are the positive place for kids that is committed to helping boys and girls grow into positive, productive adults.

Register your son or daughter today ... it's one of the best things you will ever do!

For further information about club programs, call (908) 687-2697 (Union) or (908) 351-3344 (Elizabeth) or visit the club's Web site at www.ncnatural.com/ucyouth.

RUSSELL TRIOLO
Chief Executive Officer,
Boys & Girls Clubs
of Union County

Retiring waitress tips her customers

To The Record-Press:

After 23 years of waitressing at local restaurants in Westfield and surrounding areas, I would like to take a minute and thank the many, many wonderful customers who became my friends and supporters over the years.

The impact many of you have had on me personally and on my family cannot be put into words.

Raising five children on a waitress's salary was certainly a challenge, but you all make it seem so much easier for me by being there and being my friend.

After over a year of listening to my kids nagging me to concentrate on building up my business, I finally paid attention, and what a wonderful feeling of freedom it is.

I promised I would be totally out of waitress

ing by September, and I was able to keep to that timeline.

Besides booking more business than I ever have had before, the best thing is I am now able to sit and have breakfast and lunch with many of my former customer-friends.

You don't know how much that means to me.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you all very very much for being there for me for so many years, traveling from one location to another with me. I'll never forget your loyalty.

To you, what was a daily smile and a pleasant inquiry about my life, to me was my lifeline, my support, my career.

Each and every one of you will always have a special place in my heart.

LINDA CARTER
Winfield Park

Put blame on county freeholders

To The Record-Press:

Since 1991 Union County rail freight service was dormant and the county freeholders were powerless to do anything about it.

However, thanks to the mayor of New York City we will once again have service.

Surprisingly, the main standing block to the activation of the rail link is garbage.

Because Union County politicians established a protected government monopoly by building the Rahway incinerator, they now must protect

its source of out-of-state garbage.

Without this supply of New York City garbage the incinerator will be forced to close.

All of this blame for this bureaucratic nightmare must rest squarely on the shoulders of the Union County freeholders.

When will the taxpayers be spared all of this burdensome government?

FRANK J. FESTA JR.
New Jersey Conservative Party
Scotch Plains

New swimming coach joins Westfield Y

WESTFIELD — Sean Farrell has joined the Westfield Y as director of competitive aquatics, overseeing its competitive swimming and diving teams.

He had been an assistant coach of the men's swimming team at Arizona State University since 1994 and at Southern Connecticut State

University before then. Farrell was an NCAA Division II All-American, captain and most valuable swimmer at Southern Connecticut State.

He also was founder and head coach of the Sun Devils Aquatics swimming team in Tempe, Ariz. The Sun Devils Aquatics are not affiliated with

Arizona State.

Farrell received a bachelor's degree in biology from Southern Connecticut State in 1993.

Competitive tryouts for Westfield Y swimming teams end tomorrow.

For more information, call (908) 233-2700 or visit the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St.

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Do you ever wonder about this?

Because I am a basically lazy person and spent my Labor Day weekend lounging on the luscious sands of Keansburg, I am relying upon the kind help of Dianne Davis, my spiritual advisor and hedonism coach, for this week's column.

Through the miracle of e-mail, Dianne, who wants to be a standup comedian so she can embarrass her grown children, sent me a list of questions that have always puzzled her.

With school back in session, students at all grade levels are being encouraged to ask questions. One teacher long ago used this durable sentence, "There's no such thing as a stupid question, there's only stupid answers." This is a mantra for all journalists.

If you know the answer to these questions or have any unanswerable questions, please feel free to email me at tygered@aol.com.

Why are "adult movies" so juvenile?

Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?

Do fish get cramps after eating?

Why if you tell a man there are 400 billion stars in the universe he'll believe you, but if you tell him a bench has wet paint, he has to touch it?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?

If man evolved from monkey and apes, why are there still monkeys and apes?

If "con" is the opposite of "pro," then what is "congress" the opposite of "progress"?

How much deeper would the ocean be if sponges didn't grow in it?

Why are there five syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?

If all those psychics know the winning lottery numbers, why are they still working?

Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?

Why do they call it cottage cheese even though it doesn't come from a cottage?

Isn't the best way of saving face is to keep the lower part shut?

Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?

If the universe is expanding, and the universe is everything, then what is the universe expanding into?

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

Who put the alphabet in that order? (Probably somebody whose name begins with "A.")

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

Do married people live longer than single people or does it just seem longer?

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, do the other trees make fun of it?

Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?

Why do we wash towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?

Why are carrots more orange than oranges?

What would a chair look like if knees bent the other way?

Why is it called the Department of Interior when it is in charge of everything outdoors?

Sooner or later, doesn't everyone stop smoking?

Why do some lemon juices have mostly artificial ingredients, while dishwashing liquid contains real lemons?

If Superman can stop bullets with his chest, why does he always duck when someone throws a gun at him?

Why do we put suits in a garment bag and garments in a suitcase?

Why do we wait until a pig is dead to "cure" it?

Why do people in movies and television shows always find a parking space right in front of the door?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?



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Two are charged after fight at St. Bart's festival

Scotch Plains
Jarrett Tunison, 20, of Plainfield and Tarik Huff, 20, of Piscataway were charged with disorderly conduct after a fight at the St. Bart's festival 8:15 p.m. Sept. 5, police said.

Tunison was also charged with unlawful weapon possession for brandishing a knife during the altercation. Huff was charged with resisting arrest after attempting to flee the scene.

A bicycle was reported stolen from a Monica Place yard Aug. 31, police said.

A Jerusalem Road business reported the theft of a computer printer from an office Aug. 31, police said.

The manager of a Park Avenue business reported seeing a female patron shoplift a box of cigars Sept. 1, police said. When she was confronted, the suspect returned the cigars and left in a white car.

Police log

A Route 22 business reported several video game machines were pried open and computer boards were stolen Sept. 1, police said.

A school bus parked in the rear of Park Middle School was entered Sept. 2, police said. Entry was gained by breaking a window and minor items were found missing and an antennae broken.

Jorge Arias, 36, of Plainfield was charged with drunken driving at about 9:30 a.m. on Route 22 after a traffic stop Sept. 3, police said.

Tools were reported stolen from a truck parked at a business in the 2000 block of Route 22 Sept. 4, police said.

Vandalism reports were filed

at Highland and Willow Grove swim clubs Sept. 4, police said. Furniture was thrown into the pool.

A Winchester Drive resident reported damage to a mailbox Sept. 5, police said.

A bicycle was reported stolen from the grounds at the St. Bart's festival Sept. 5, police said.

Westfield

Ari Asin, 32, of Downer Street was charged with the possession of cocaine after a motor vehicle stop on Central Avenue 10:27 a.m. Sept. 2, police said. He was released on \$1,000 bail.

A gas grill was reported stolen from Overhill Road 4:38 p.m. Sept. 2, police said.

A ladder was reported stolen from a Prospect Street residence 2:30 p.m. Sept. 3, police said.



Enrichment pupils have PEP Rally

The 135 students who attended the Primary Enrichment Program of the Westfield Public Schools this summer ended their last day with a full-spirited "PEP" Rally. The celebration included songs by the children, distribution of their Poetry Anthologies and presentation of dictionaries by Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley and School Board President Danielle Walsh. Family members, friends and school principals attended the event.

Dr. Foley was presented with a t-shirt made by some of the children and decorated with their handprints. Shown presenting the shirt to Dr. Foley are (l-r) Elad Figenblat, Katie Lynes, Pat D'Angelo, Raquel Montoya, Leo Powell, and Brigid Ryan. Not pictured are Drew Bergin and Tara Burns.

All of the children in the PEP program, which is designed for students entering first, second and third grades in the fall, submitted poems which were printed and bound in a spiral book as a keepsake. The anthology is available to read in the Superintendent's office and in the office of School/Community Relations at 302 Elm Street.

Scotch Plains police charge four with two gas station robberies

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS—Four Plainfield residents were charged last week with two armed robberies of service stations on Route 22.

Ronald Forbes, 22; Rashawn L. Grimes, 18; Cory Lee Stanley, 22; and Eric M. Johnson, 27 were charged with the robberies committed at the Sunoco station on Nov. 5, 1997 and the Exxon station (Pinehurst Avenue) July 3, 1998. The group was also charged with the possession of a handgun, which they brandished to get the money from their victims.

The investigation was conducted by Detectives William Schultz and Patrick Hamlette.

Bail was set at \$50,000 for each defendant by Municipal Court Judge Joseph Perillo. Grimes, Stanley and Johnson were already being held in the Union County Jail on unrelated charges. Forbes was arrested and charged by the Scotch Plains Detective Bureau at his place of employment in Mountainside and remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of bail.

In the Sunoco station robbery about \$100 was reported stolen and \$1,150 was taken in the

Exxon station robbery.

"Detectives Hamlette and Schultz were able to identify these suspects as being responsible for the July robbery through hard work, dedication and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies in surrounding communities," said Detective Sgt. Brian Mahoney of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

"Their perseverance in pursuing open investigations led them to establish a link between these suspects and the November incident which was more than nine months old," he added. "This is an example of hard work paying off."

Stoner receives national association's award

WESTFIELD — For his role in getting more funding for the National Institutes of Health, Joe Stoner has received the Director's Award of the American Chemical Society.

He is a former chairman of the North Jersey Section of the chemical society, the organization's largest local chapter. Stoner arranged for the North Jersey Section to meet with Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-11th Dist.) about basic spending on research

and development. The meeting eventually led to Congress appropriating more money in that regard.

Stoner has been a member of the North Jersey Section for 27 years and is a sales engineer with Shimadzu Corp., which makes analytical instruments for the pharmaceutical industry. He holds a degree in chemical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The award was presented Aug.

24 during the 216th national meeting of the chemical society in Boston, Mass.

Stoner also is a director of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and was honored for that work in April by Rep. Bob Franks, whose district includes Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The honoree and engineer is a candidate for the Second Ward seat on the Westfield Town Council in the Nov. 3 election.

Group to make recommendation on tentative school referendum

By JON LEDERMAN
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — The road map for the development and implementation of the school district's strategic plan includes a referendum on a bond issue for school improvements that could exceed \$11 million.

Superintendent of Schools William Foley included this recommendation as part of a working plan he presented Tuesday to the Board of Education.

The recommendation came from actions committees on finance and technology. Both have been studying various options for dealing with overcrowded classrooms and upgrading technology throughout the public schools.

Details will be shared with a recently formed Citizens Action Committee that will use the information, along with public input, to prepare a final recommendation for Foley. That committee is scheduled to meet for

the first time tomorrow and prepare its report for the superintendent in October.

Membership on the Citizens Action Committee was finalized this week.

The bond amount has been preliminarily reported to be approximately \$11.7 million. Tax impact to residents for an average assessed home of \$174,000 is estimated at \$18 in the first year, \$37 in the second year and \$56 per

year in the third through fifth years.

The bond issue will cover costs associated with networking the district's schools; building six new classrooms at McKinley School and nine new classrooms at Franklin School; and maintenance to windows and roofs at several of the schools.

Foley is anticipating a public vote on the referendum in December.

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Community Life

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY SEPT. 12

FARMERS MARKET
"Jersey Fresh" vegetables, fruits, etc. Municipal parking lot, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday to October. Call (908) 322-7888.

SPEAKING OF DADS
Frank Ancona speaking about his book "Crisis in America: Father Absence." Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 1-3 p.m. Call (908) 233-3535.

CHARITY SOFTBALL
Genesis ElderCare (Westfield and Plainfield) vs. Magic 98.3, to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. La Grande Field, Second Street, Fanwood, 2 p.m. Adults \$3; children \$2. Call (908) 233-9700 or (908) 753-1113.

SUNDAY SEPT. 13

SHOFAR FACTORY
how to make a ram's horn for the High Holy Days. Union County Torah Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield, 1 p.m. Cost \$2 per child; free for adults. Call (908) 789-5252.

MONDAY SEPT. 14

INTRO TO DISASTER SERVICES first in series of disaster training courses sponsored by American Red Cross (Plainfield Area Chapter), 6-30 p.m. Registration/course location: Call (908) 756-6114.

SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for elderly or chronically ill family members. St. Helen's Church, 1600 Highway Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Call (908) 233-8757.

SING OUT! first rehearsal for 75th season of Westfield Men's Glee Club. Presbyterian Church, 110 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Call (908) 232-0673 or (908) 276-2330.

TUESDAY SEPT. 15

JEWISH STORY AND CRAFTS for children 4-5, with a High Holy Days theme. Union County Torah Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield, 11 a.m. Cost \$3. Registration: Call (908) 789-5252.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF first in 6-part program sponsored by Center for Hope. Hospice Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mount Laurel, 7-9 p.m. Call (908) 687-2111.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 16

PANSY SALE sixth annual sale to benefit benefit Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Ave., East, Westfield, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 16, 17. Call (908) 654-9854.

THURSDAY SEPT. 17

FARMERS MARKET
"Jersey Fresh" vegetables, fruits, etc. Railroad station parking lot, South Avenue East, Westfield, 2-7 p.m. Thursday to Oct. 29. Call (908) 233-3021.

FUNDRAISING MEAL first such event to benefit Scotch Plains Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association. Burger King, Route 22 East, Scotch Plains, 4-8 p.m. Must mention LDA when ordering meal for group to receive portion of proceeds.

Call (908) 322-7265.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW -- along Quimby Street, Westfield, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Street closed 5-9 p.m.) Call (908) 654-4100.

COMING UP

NIGHT ON BROADWAY musical fundraiser for Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave., West, Westfield, 8 p.m. Sept. 19. Admission \$12. Call (908) 232-1221.

CARS AND CRAFTS antique/classic car show and craft fair, sponsored by Fanwood Lions Club and Scotch Plains Lions Club. La Grande Park, Fanwood, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 20 (rain date Sept. 27). Call (908) 322-7851.

FESTIFALL annual arts and crafts/street fair in downtown Westfield, noon-6 p.m. Sept. 20. Call (908) 233-3021.

ROSH HASHANA -- Jewish New Year services of the Union County Torah Center (Westfield). The Westwood, 439 North Ave., Garwood, 10 a.m. Sept. 21, 22. Cost \$50; includes Yom Kippur services (see below). Reservations: Call (908) 789-5252.

MUM FESTIVAL annual event of Parker Greenhouse Farm and Garden Center, 1325 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, Sept. 26, 27. Call (908) 322-5552.

FANNY WOOD DAY third annual street fair/craft show. South and Martine avenues, Fanwood (plus nearby streets), noon-5 p.m. Sept. 27. Call (908) 322-6086.

YOM KIPPUR High Holy Day services of the Union County Torah Center (Westfield). The Westwood, 439 North Ave., Garwood, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 29 and 10 a.m. Sept. 30. Cost \$50; includes Rosh Hashana services (see above). Reservations: (908) 789-5252.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST for Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew (the Apostle Church) (Scotch Plains). The Westwood, 439 North Ave., Garwood, after church, 9 a.m. Mass Oct. 1. Call (908) 322-5409.

OPEN HOUSE for anyone interested in 4-H activities. Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Ave., East, Westfield, 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 9. Call (908) 654-9854.

STREET FAIR sponsored by Westfield Neighborhood Council. Central Avenue and Caciola Place, Westfield, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 10 (rain date Oct. 11). Call (908) 233-2772.

CANDIDATES NIGHT forum for Scotch Plains Township Council candidates, sponsored by Westfield Area League of Women Voters. Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. Oct. 11. Call (908) 232-1853.

CANDIDATES NIGHT forum for Westfield Town Council and mayoral candidates, sponsored by Westfield Area League of Women Voters. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Oct. 22. Call (908) 232-1853.

CARING MINISTRY seminar sponsored by Stephen Ministries (St. Louis, Mo.). First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$15 per person, \$10 per group of 4 or more from same congregation. Call (908) 233-4211.

A TASTE OF WESTFIELD restaurants, bakeries and caterers from Westfield and nearby towns. Temple Emanuel, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Admission \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call (908) 618-2083.



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/RECORD-PRESS

Strike up the band!

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School drum major Gary Fletcher keeps time while the marching band marches in formation during a special preview performance for parents last Thursday night.

Hall to give farewell talk to historical society

WESTFIELD The first general membership meeting of fall 1998 will be conducted by the Westfield Historical Society on Sept. 17, 7-9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

Dr. Homer J. Hall, Westfield town historian, will speak. The subject of the meeting will be the early history of Westfield. Lot 56 and the unusual controversy surrounding it.

Located in the center of town, this lot was to be the future site of the Presbyterian Church. Records of what happened to Lot 56 are highly confused, apparently because they reflect turbulent local politics in the period of 1727-1735. It seems that everyone involved had his own personal agenda regarding this valuable piece of property.

William Miller, the first settler, owned most of the land along

Mountain Avenue. Reverend Nathaniel Hubbard, like Miller, was about 30 years of age, and had been promised 100 acres of land as a consideration for a lifetime of service. He somehow expected that this property in the center of town was what he would get.

Lot 56 was the core of their disagreement, and the location of the property lines of Mountain Avenue and the plot given to the

church were all juggled to fit.

This meeting will be a farewell address by Dr. Hall. He and his wife, Carrell, will move next month to Exeter, N.H., although, Dr. Hall explained, he would be taking lots of notes and drafts for future articles about early Westfield.

The meeting is free and open to the public. The Municipal Building is at 125 East Broad St., adjacent to Mindowaskin Park.

Arts group program set for Wednesday

FANWOOD The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association will sponsor a demonstration of oil painting with water, as done by artist Kathy Kornish of Union.

The demonstration will take place at the Arts Association meeting 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Fanwood railroad station on North Avenue.

Kornish's large fantasy paintings of people and animals include background settings in Europe, Canada and the Americas, where she has traveled extensively. Her art has been featured at galleries in Westfield, Union, Summit, Millburn and Madison.

In addition, Kornish has taught fine art and decorative painting at recreation centers and adult schools.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information, call Tom Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

The Arts Association meets the third Wednesday of most months.



School year begins at Union Catholic

Father Daniel Berry presided over the opening Mass for the school year at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. More than 200 freshmen joined 600 upperclassmen on the 20-acre campus. The school will host an open house on Sept. 20.

Registration is now open for Scotch Plains Day 5-mile race

SCOTCH PLAINS In conjunction with the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association, the Scotch Plains Dept. of Parks and Recreation will again conduct its popular 5-mile race on Oct. 4.

The race has been USATF certified and 500 points can be earned by the runners who accumulate same. The course is relatively flat with two moderate hills. Splits will be at 1, 2, 3 and 4 miles, with water stops. The race features computerized timing by Compuscore.

Registration is now open and fees are \$15 by Sept. 25, \$10 for USATF members or \$15 after that date.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place male and female, for 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60 and over. There will also be trophies for the best male and female finisher, and the mayor's trophy to the first resident of Scotch Plains to cross the finish line, as well as three grand prize drawings for all runners.

Refreshments and race refreshments will also be on hand.

In conjunction with Scotch Plains Day, the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association will host a flea market and provide entertainment during the day.

Various screenings, flu shots, etc. can be arranged through the township health department.

For race registration forms or further information, call 822-6700.

Bookstore offers special evenings for schoolteachers

WESTFIELD - Storytime on Elm will remain open for two special Teacher Evenings on Sept. 15 and 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The children's bookstore located in downtown Westfield has set aside these evenings for the convenience and benefit of teachers and educators. All books in the store will be available at discount and teachers can pick up free posters, bookmarks, and other publisher materials.

On Wednesday night, noted author and reading specialist Betty Miles (*Hey! I'm Reading!*) will be on hand from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., to offer a lively look at how reading works and how adults can help young readers feel confident about trying out new skills. She will provide tips and suggestions in an informal presentation at the store.

Miles is a former teacher of

kindergarten children and graduate students at Bank Street College of Education. She has recently written four titles for a new series in Simon & Schuster's Ready-To-Read series.

Owner Elaine Zack encourages teachers to take advantage of these opportunities to see the wide selection of books for all grade levels, from preschool to high school.

"Storytime on Elm has gained a reputation for having a knowledgeable and experienced staff, familiar with our books and happy to be of help," stated Zack. "We are pleased to serve as a valuable resource for teachers in our communities, as well as for parents."

For more information on Teacher Evenings, call (908) 232-1343, or visit the store at 35 Elm St.



"Leaving for America" is one of Kathy Kornish's works.

Westfield Recreation sponsors art programs

WESTFIELD The Recreation Commission has scheduled art programs with artist and instructor Kathy Kornish.

All programs will run for 10 weeks and begin the week of Sept. 28 at the Community Room, 425 E. Broad St.

"World of Art" for adults and seniors will run 1:30-3 p.m. Monday or Wednesday. This program features drawings and non-

toxic oil paintings with water. Cost is \$40.

"Fun with Art" will run 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday for third through fifth grades and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday for sixth through eighth grades. This program has color drawings and non-toxic oil paintings with water. Cost is \$30.

Supplies are included in the program cost. For registration, call (908) 789-4080.

Cohen will speak at temple

WESTFIELD Temple Emanu-El of Westfield will offer an evening of study and prayer which ushers in the High Holy Day season on Sept. 12, 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Norman J. Cohen, provost of Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, will be guest for the evening. Dr. Cohen, a renowned teacher of Bible, will speak on "Cain and Abel: The Struggle Between God and Evil - A Model of Repentance."

Following Dr. Cohen's discussion and refreshments, the

Salichot Service will begin at 11 p.m. The public is invited to attend this special evening which is underwritten by the Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff Fund for Jewish Learning.

The temple is located at 756 E. Broad St. For more information, call (908) 232-6770.

Prostate cancer lecture on Sept. 17

GARWOOD - The American Cancer Society of Union County will present a program, "What Every Man Needs To Know About Prostate Cancer," 7-9 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Westwood, located at 438 North Ave. in Garwood.

The guest speakers will include Eli Finkelstein, MD, radiation oncologist, and Alan Krieger, MD, urologist. They will discuss early detection methods and treatment options for prostate cancer.

Anyone interested in attending this educational session must register by Sept. 14. Seating is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Light refreshments will be served. To find out "What Every Man Needs To Know About Prostate Cancer," call (908) 354-7373.

During 1998, an estimated 5,700 cases of prostate cancer will occur in New Jersey men, with more than 75 percent of these cases in men over age 65.

Toastmaster launch new season of meetings

WESTFIELD - Toastmasters of Westfield launched the new season of meetings on Sept. 3, with a special board get-together, followed by the regular gathering at the First Savings Bank, South Avenue, Fanwood. Access to the downstairs community meeting room is through the ATM lobby.

The club made plans for training train in the next two months for a special Public Speaking Boot Camp, Nov. 14, in the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

The activity will be a special outreach to area residents with the aim of getting everyone attending up and speaking that day. The program will run from

approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details and contact numbers will be announced in the next two months.

Toastmaster for this week's meeting were club president Sandy Apteker of Mountainside, Karen Sciaraffa of Plainfield, Karen Sciaraffa of Plainfield gave the Opener. Topics Master was David Cohen of Scotch Plains.

The speakers were Michelle Tropper of Scotch Plains, Michael Klass of Morganville, and Bill Hetfield of Plainfield.

The Toastmasters program is an ongoing series of experiences that directly involves members in a variety of communication and leadership situations.

Registration is beginning for Fanwood Storytimes

FANWOOD - Fanwood Memorial Library has announced its Fall Storytime and special programs for children.

Fanwood residents are given priority in those programs where registration is required.

In-person registration for Storytime begins Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. and ends Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. There is no fee or charge for these programs. Each program lasts approximately a half hour.

A 2-Year-Old Storytime with craft begins Sept. 22, running on consecutive Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., concluding Oct. 27. A parent or caring adult must attend with the child. Pre-registration is necessary and attendance is limited to 10 children.

A 3- and 4-Year-Olds Storytime with craft also begins Sept. 22, running on consecutive Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m., concluding Oct. 27. Parents are welcome to attend with their child or to stay on hand nearby in the

Children's Department. A parent or caring adult must be present in the building. Children younger than 3 may not attend this program. Pre-registration is necessary and attendance is limited to 15 children.

A Storytime especially for 4- and 5-year-olds will be held Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 23 and concluding Oct. 28. Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 15 children.

Storytime for Children in grades K-3 will be held 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Pre-registration is not required. Of course, a parent or caring adult must be on hand in the library.

Family Storytime for children of all ages, attending with an adult, will be held on Monday evenings Oct. 5, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. No pre-registration is required.

The evening storytime is come as your are, kids in pajamas are welcome.

DAR to hear talk on Battle of Trenton

WESTFIELD The Westfield Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will hold the first meeting of the season on Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Ellen Lawson.

The program will be presented by Mrs. John Tustin, the DAR Constitution Week chairman, for New Jersey Tustin will speak about the importance of the Battle of Trenton in New Jersey which turned the tide in winning the war for independence.

Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, is observed and celebrated each year to emphasize the responsibilities of protecting the Constitution by reminding fellow citizens of the importance of its preservation.

Members of the Chapter are women descended from ancestors who participated in the American Revolution. Eligible women interested in membership are invited to contact the registrar, Marjorie Gural, at 686-5484 or Lillian Blauvelt, regent, at 232-8674.

Westfield Y is offering fitness classes

WESTFIELD This fall, discover fitness at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St.

For the first time the Y is offering non-members the opportunity to try a fitness class. On Sept. 15 from noon to 1:15 p.m., there will be an introduction to indoor cycling class, which will be repeated on Sept. 19, 5:55-6 p.m.

On Sept. 16, 5:55-6 p.m., the public will have the opportunity to experience the step aerobics sculpt class. This shortened version of the popular cross training class will give a taste of the various types of sessions offered at the Y.

The fee is \$6 per class, but registration is required due to space limitations. Call Karen at (908) 233-2700 for more information.

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Scenes like this one on Picton Street in Cranford were not unusual in the aftermath of Monday's violent squall.

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Squall line ravaged neighboring towns

By PATRICK MATHIAS
RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The hurricane-force winds up to 100 miles per hour that left a path of destruction through Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood also whipped through Cranford Monday afternoon.

As horror movie lightning bolts traced spiderwebs across the sky, the storm's fury uprooted trees and bushes and ripped power lines down, plunging more than 600 Cranford homes into darkness.

While most people had electricity restored by 4 a.m. Tuesday, approximately 10 percent of the township was still without power 24 hours after the storm's arrival.

Public and parochial schools were closed Tuesday, the original ly scheduled first day of the new school year for students.

The devastating storm ironically hit Cranford right after one of the most temperate weekends of the summer. Despite extensive property damage, no serious injuries have been reported.

"The storm hit Cranford at 2:22 p.m.," said Township Administrator John Laezza. "By 3 p.m., the public works department was on the job. The public workers, police and fire department did their usual excellent job, working without sleep through consecutive shifts in order to protect the lives and property of our people."

Laezza said the township quickly transferred several patients on kidney and peritoneal dialysis machines from their homes to locations where lifesaving electricity was available. Moves were underway to provide emergency power to seniors in assisted living residences but power was restored

before implementation became necessary.

More than 100 trees went down in the storm, Laezza said, and at least two houses and eight cars were seriously damaged, including two cars that were totaled. Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) and Bell Atlantic personnel cleared live wires entangled in fallen debris. "Do Not Cross" yellow police tape and sawhorses became a common sight throughout the township.

No flooding was reported, Laezza said.

Commuters faced long delays on Tuesday on Route 22, Interstate 287 and other roads. Traffic lights were still out along Route 22 late Tuesday evening with state police directing the heavy traffic.

Following a special meeting with the Township Committee and members of the police and

fire departments, Mayor Wally Shackell Jr. declared that Cranford was in a state of emergency as of 7 p.m. Monday.

Township Engineer Rick Brown conducted a damage assessment study Tuesday afternoon.

After meeting with Police Captain Eric Mason, the men made a preliminary estimate of the cost of the storm's destruction at approximately \$250,000.

Some residents were thankful, however, that the damage hadn't been worse.

Frank D'Antonio of Williams Street had a tree in his front yard uprooted but was grateful that it crashed to earth just inches away from his house.

"Another little bit and it would have done a job on my roof," D'Antonio said. "Thank God that nobody was killed. It's a big mess but you can always plant another tree."

Saturday's celebrity softball game will benefit Arthritis Foundation

FANWOOD — The Woodlands and Westfield Center, part of the Genesis Elder Care Network will play the staff of radio station WMGK in a charitable softball game 2 p.m. Saturday.

The game will take place at La Grande Field, located at the junction of Marian Avenue and Second Street in Fanwood. Should the bleachers fill up, folding chairs are recommended.

Radio personalities Lou Russo, Andy Gury and Mary Walters are expected to attend the event. All proceeds will benefit the Arthritis Foundation.

The charge is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children.

The Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, is the source of help and hope for the 1.1 million New Jersey residents with arthritis. The Chapter funds

arthritis research and offers programs for people with arthritis and their families including support groups, exercise classes, self-help courses, information and referral services, and free public forums on arthritis.

For information on the Chapter's programs, call (732) 283-1300 or write to Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter,

200 Middlesex Turnpike, Iselin, N.J. 08830.

The Woodlands and Westfield Center, part of the Genesis Elder Care network, offer rehabilitation, skilled nursing, Alzheimer's and residential living services. For directions to the field, call The Woodlands (908) 753-1113 or Westfield Center (908) 233-9700.

Mothers Center will hold consignment sale next week

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will hold its semi-annual consignment sale on Sept. 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue at East 78th St., in Plainfield.

The sale will feature gently used children's fall and winter clothing in sizes from newborn to 14, including coats and boots. Other merchandise will include toys, maternity clothes, and baby equipment.

The Mothers' Center sale is the largest of its kind in central New Jersey. More than 100 con-

signors provide high quality items at a fraction of retail prices.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the activities of the Mothers' Center, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers for mothers. The group offers day-time support and study groups, evening parent education work shops, social activities, and library resources for women throughout central New Jersey. New members are always welcome.

For more information, call (908) 561-1751 or visit the Mothers' Center web site at

Pansy sale aids needy children

WESTFIELD — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County has scheduled its sixth annual pansy sale at the extension offices, 300 North Ave. East.

Sale hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The pansies for sale are long blooming, "Crystal Bowl" hybrid pansies. Each plant will come in a 4 inch pot.

These flowers in deep blue,

purple, yellow and rose will bloom from now through December if they are planted where they receive at least a half day of sun. The pansies will bloom again in the early spring if they are mulched at the first hard freeze.

For prices, call (908) 654-0854. Proceeds will allow needy children in the county to attend 4-H summer camp.

Obituaries

Gabriel N. Freda

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gabriel N. Freda, 85, died Aug. 27, 1998 at the Fair Oaks Nursing Home in Tampa, Fla.

He had been a district sales manager for two companies prior to his retirement.

He was born in Jersey City and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Tampa in 1988.

Mr. Freda was associated with Contadina Products in Brooklyn from 1949-63 and the Sta-Tite Corp. of Arlington from 1963-88. He was a member of the Holy Name Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman

Catholic Church and the St. Bartholomew Council, Knights of Columbus, in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are a son, Ben of Valrico, Fla.; a daughter, Anne Gudzak of Forked River; two brothers, Ugo of Jersey City and Aldo of Rutherford; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church in Forked River. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Arrangements were by the Riggs Funeral Home in Forked River.

Frank Salsano Jr.

FANWOOD — Frank P. Salsano Jr., 32, died Sept. 5, 1998 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was born in Newark and lived in Fanwood for most of his life.

Mr. Salsano attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools and was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

His father, Frank P. Sr., died in 1972.

Surviving are his mother, A. Jackie, and a sister, Deborah,

both of Fanwood; a brother, Adam A. "Bobby" Sr. of Wall; three nieces, two nephews and an uncle.

Services were held yesterday at the Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fanwood Rescue Squad or Fanwood Policemen's Benevolent Association.

Alfred T. Rexer

WESTFIELD — Alfred Thomas Rexer, 87, died Sept. 7, 1998 at Union Hospital. He had been a plastics engineer and salesman for the past 33 years with Petro Technology of Garwood.

A native of Brooklyn, he lived in Westfield from 1947 until he moved to Garwood in 1968.

Mr. Rexer earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1932 from the Polytechnic Institute (now Polytechnic University) in Brooklyn. He was a member of the Society of

Plastics Engineers and a 32nd-degree Mason with Lodge 284, Free & Accepted Masons, in Floral Park, N.Y.

His wife, Ellen G., died in 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Zaluk of Garwood; a sister, Anna; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Private services were held under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Garwood First Aid Squad, 403 South Ave., Garwood, N.J. 07027.

Pauline Cantillo

SCOTCH PLAINS — Pauline Sciarpetelli Cantillo, 70, died Sept. 2, 1998 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She had been a beautician in Scotch Plains prior to her 1973 retirement.

Mrs. Cantillo was born in Port Reading and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1948. She was a volunteer with the Rahway Hospital Twig and a former member of the

Gran Centurions.

Surviving are her husband, Michael; a brother, Anthony Sciarpetelli of Colonia; and three sisters, Rose Boras of Cranbury, Gussie Young of Edison and Carmela Posaski of Fair Play, S.C.

Services were held Saturday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Rosedale Memorial Park, Linden.

Emily Yankielun

WESTFIELD — Emily M. Zienkiewicz Yankielun, 76, died Sept. 2, 1998 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Westfield since 1953.

Mrs. Yankielun is survived by her husband of 50 years, Norbert;

two daughters, Judith and Audrey; and a son, Norbert.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home.

Torah Center will hold services at The Westwood

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center will conduct its High Holy Days services at The Westwood, 439 North Ave., Garwood.

Services for Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21 and Tuesday, Sept. 22. Services for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The services, in Hebrew and English, will be geared toward those who have little or no Jewish background. All Jews are welcome, regardless of religious background, knowledge or level of observance.

Membership in the Westfield-based Torah Center is not required. Seating for all services is \$50 per person. Babysitting will be available.

For reservations, call Rabbi Levi Block at (908) 789-5252.

Decorative finishes subject of workshop at Westfield Y

WESTFIELD — An Introduction to the Art of Decorative Finishes workshop will be conducted at the Westfield Y 16 p.m. Sept. 26.

Taught by local decorative painter Lynne Applebaum, whose work ranges from tromp l'oeil wall treatments to custom furniture painting, this workshop will cover preparation for walls and furniture prior to painting, as well as some basic faux techniques, such as ragging, marbling and sponging.

"The idea behind this particular workshop is to enable the student to understand how to approach a project from start to finish," said Applebaum. "They will be amazed at what they are capable of creating."

Using water-based paints,

Applebaum will show students how to create glazes, mix colors and use a variety of brushes and tools to paint a textured finish on a wall or a piece of furniture. Applebaum has studied this art form at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and the Old Church Cultural Center in Demarest, with noted decorative artist Sandra Holzman.

The fee for this workshop is \$90 per person. Membership in the Y is not required. Bring one-two cans of latex paint in colors of one's choice; participants may also bring along a small piece they have been meaning to work on. All other materials will be provided.

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Football Frenzy inside this section

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Christian singers in church concert

SCOTCH PLAINS - Christian recording artists Cheri Keaggy and Ashley Cleveland will appear in concert 8 p.m. Sept. 11 at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Both Dove Award nominees share their very different and distinctive styles of music in a Two's Company concert.

The passion of these two women comes through in their music. Many of Keaggy's songs reflect her feelings about her family.

Cleveland, with her husky, soulful voice shares music from her newest project *You Are There*. Joining Cleveland is guitarist and record producer Kenny Greenberg.

Tickets cost \$13 in advance; \$15 at the door; groups of 10 or more, \$11. Advance tickets are available at local Christian bookstores or from the church office. Group tickets are available only through the church office. Call (908) 322-9300 for more information.

Of Mice and Men in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — John Steinbeck's *Of Mice And Men* will be performed at the Elizabeth Playhouse, opening Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m., through Oct. 11.

Shows will be given Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. The house is sold out for Oct. 3. Tickets are \$8; \$6 for seniors and students.

For reservations and directions, call (908) 355-0077.

N.J. Book Fair in New Brunswick

NEW BRUNSWICK — The seventh Annual New Jersey Book Fair will be held 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday on George Street in downtown New Brunswick.

More than 75 booksellers, publishers, authors, storybook characters, libraries and other nonprofit organizations will line the street from Albany Street to New Street.

The fair is the largest single display of books and authors in the state. Thousands come each year to buy, sell and trade books of all kinds.

For more information, call (732) 545-0026.

Kid's Forum in Metuchen

A Kid's Forum at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main St., Metuchen, will be presenting *Alice in Wonderland* beginning Sept. 12 and continuing on Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. through Oct. 3.

The production will be directed by A Kid's Forum founder Frank Knox.

For more information, call the box office at (732) 548-0582, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.



Famous faces in Manville



By STEPHANIE BLANCHARD
WEEKEND FILE

MANVILLE — To the left of the entrance door at the Manville Public Library is a wall filled with 23 oil canvas paintings. They're paintings of people you know — Michael Jordan, Winona Ryder, Richard Nixon, Tom Cruise, Bill Murray.

To the right stands Duane Potosky, the proud artist and Manville resident. When asked why a favorite celebrity is missing, he will most likely respond, "I usually don't paint someone I don't care about. I either admire the person or they have such a great look."

The Community Room, just past the library's desk, also has paintings, large portraits including Robert DeNiro, Tom Hanks and Bruce Springsteen. Mr. Potosky prefers to create smaller works, in the 10-by-20 inch range, having painted over 120 separate pieces since November 1996.

"I didn't go to school for art," he noted.

Instead he studied architecture at the New York Institute of Technology during the 70s.

Eventually he found himself in the sign business, painting graphics on the sides of buildings. He and his wife Maria then opened a deli on South Main Street in 1990, renaming it "George's Hard Rock Deli" several years later. Mr. Potosky designed the menus and created wall murals to satisfy his "artistic urges."

Deciding to jump into his passion full time while Maria ran the deli, Mr. Potosky cranked out a number of portraits. Despite a lack of official training, he averages about two paintings a week. He also creates caricatures and personal portraits upon request.

His artwork will be on display at the Manville library throughout September. Other paintings can be found at the Watchung and Bound Brook libraries. There will be a Hillsborough exhibition in November and a showing next year at the Somerset County Library in Bridgewater.



'Little Shop' at Villagers

Audrey II, a plant with humanitarian tastes, looms behind Frank Andrews (Beymour) and Jeff Dworkin (Mr. Mushnick) in The Villagers production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. The production will be presented at 475 Demott Lane, Franklin, on weekends through Oct. 3. For more information, call (732) 873-2710.

Time to go Greek this weekend

WESTFIELD — The annual Greek Festival of Westfield will be held on Sept. 11-13 on the grounds of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 250 Galloway Hill Road.

The Greek word *philoxenia*, which often translates as "hospitality," lies at the heart of the Westfield Greek Festival.

"We want people to enjoy themselves," said co-chairman Tom Castorina, "and we do everything we can to see that they will."

Parish volunteers work to create an authentic atmosphere in which visitors can eat traditional Greek cuisine — favorites like souvlaki, moussaka, spinach pie, baklava and other honey-covered pastries. The church hall is decorated to resemble a *taverna*, but there is also the Mediterranean option of eating outdoors under the large tent. A live Greek band and dancers in traditional costume add to the festivities.

Aside from eating, the festival offers children's rides, crafts and games with lots of prizes. An arcade of small shops will be selling jewelry, tapes and CDs, books and imported items like Greek olive oil and coffee. Food is also available for takeout.

Festival hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon-7 p.m. on Sunday. Takeout and parties may be ordered by phone (908) 233-8533 or fax (908) 233-0623. Donations are \$1 at the door and children under 12 enter free.

The festival is held rain or shine and ample parking is available. For more information, call the church at (908) 233-8533 or visit the church's website <http://westfieldgreek.org>.



Greg Peonias and Nolia Katsolis prepare pastello, a traditional macaroni and meat dish for the Westfield Greek Festival.

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5 S. Greenwood Ave. Hopwell
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• "Camping with Henry and Tom," imaginary 1920s trip with Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison and President Warren Harding. 8 p.m. Sept. 11, 12. Admission \$20 Saturday; \$18.50 Friday, Sunday. Discounts available.
PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE
Brookside Dr., Millburn
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• "Gypsy," revival of Ethel Merman musical with Betty Buckley and Deborah ("Lost in Your Eyes") Gibson. To Oct. 25.

Touchdown!

The winner of Week #1 of the Football Frenzy contest is Richard Stolp of Piscataway.
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Admission \$60-\$25; discounts available.

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VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
(732) 873-2710
• "Little Shop of Horrors," local stage version of the cult movie. 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11-Oct. 3.
Admission \$17-\$8.

COMING UP

CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway
(732) 968-7555, Ext. 2
• "Moon Over Buffalo," local production of the show that brought Carol Burnett back to Broadway. 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-Oct. 10 (plus 2 p.m. Sept. 27). Admission \$13 opening night; \$12 other evenings; \$10 matinee.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick
(732) 246-7717
• "After-Play," comedy written by and starring Anne Meara (mother of Ben Stiller from "There's Something About Mary"). Sept. 19-Oct. 18. Admission \$32-\$22 previews, \$36-\$22 regular shows; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

MCCARTER THEATRE

91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000
• "Electra," ancient Greek tragedy by Sophocles. Sept. 15-Oct. 4. Admission \$44-\$18; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYHOUSE

Amwell Rd., Neshanic
(908) 369-7469, Ext. 3
• "To Kill a Mockingbird," local stage version of the novel/Gregory Peck movie. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18-Oct. 10.
Admission \$12.

In Concert

RIO CLEMENTE

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190
• Jazz pianist from Morristown.
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• Trio performs for a contra dance with Christine Hale, caller. Lessons for beginners 7:30 p.m. Admission \$7.

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8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18
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• Country blues singer/guitarist (former); acoustic threesome (latter). Admission \$5.

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Watchung Circle, Watchung
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• Jazz singer born in Rhode Island.
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Dance

NEW JERSEY DANCE THEATRE ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(732) 246-7469
• Repertory works from the all-children's troupe. Admission \$28-\$14.
SPIRIT OF THE DANCE
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15
Wilkins Theatre, Kean University, Union
(908) 527-2337
• "Riverdance"-style show from England. Adults \$14; Kean faculty, employees, alumni and senior citizens \$10; students \$6.

Film

BRAZIL (England, 1984)

7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17
Loree Hall, Douglass College, New Brunswick
(732) 932-8482;
www.rci.rutgers.edu/~nigrin
• Futuristic work of Terry Gilliam, shown in its uncut European version after its New York run. Members \$4; non-members \$5.
FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS (America, 1998)
7 p.m. Sept. 18, 19
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'Mockingbird' at Somerset Valley

Somerset Valley Players will present "To Kill a Mockingbird," Harper Lee's classic story, Sept. 18-Oct. 11. Here Blair Wagner of Neshanic and Linda Morton of Plainfield rehearse a scene from the production directed by Tony Adase. All tickets are \$12. For reservations call (908) 369-7469. The playhouse is located on Amwell Road in Hillsborough three miles west of Route 206.

Free expo for seniors Thursday

FRANKLIN Middlesex/Somerset Area Celebration 50-Plus, an entertaining and informative lifestyle expo for ages 50 and up will be held at the Ukrainian Exhibition Center, 135 Davidson Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Admission and parking are free. Reservations or pre-registration are not required. Celebration 50-Plus will feature exhibits, demonstrations and seminars on a wide variety of topics including travel, health care, museums, fitness, housing options, insurance, financial consultants, foods, home improvement, crafts and music. The exhibits will be open the entire day from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with entertainment, seminars and demonstrations scheduled throughout the day. All visitors to Celebration 50-Plus will receive free samples, giveaways and chances to win door prizes. The grand door prize, an overnight stay for two with breakfast at the Somerset Hills Hotel in Warren, will be awarded at 3:45 p.m. For more information, call (201) 670-7781.

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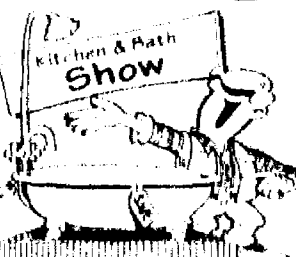
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Jazz Series begins Friday at arts center

WATCHUNG — Brass master Randy Reinhart brought a quartet to the Watchung Arts Center exactly a year ago, and there was hardly a seat to be had in the hall. His concerts for the New Jersey Jazz Society have also attracted overflow crowds.

Reinhart has again assembled a stellar quartet to open the fall season of the Watchung Arts Center's popular Jazz Series. The quartet includes popular pianist Mark Shane, ubiquitous bassist

Greg Cohen and raconteur Marty Grosz, whose humorous asides are as well liked as his guitar work.

They will appear on Friday, Sept. 11, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Reinhart switches effortlessly among cornet, trumpet and slide trombone, making him a self-contained brass section. This talent has been used to great advantage by Paul Lavalle's touring band and Jim Cullum's Band, which

broadcasts nationally over Public Radio from San Antonio.

Shane goes beyond his Teddy Wilson role of that date to play outstandingly in every form of classic jazz piano. His fans especially appreciate his spirited stride work, where a powerful left hand is needed to deliver the pulsing bass beats.

That strong ball sound is in addition to the creative technique of Cohen, whose upright string bass is featured whenever an all-star group wants the best in the business. Cohen is featured on an enormous number of recordings too, since he is the acknowledged "first call" for bass on the East Coast.

Grosz is one of the few jazz guitarist who adheres exclusively

to his acoustic instrument. "It's a different sound," he explains. "You can hear each string being struck. Electric instruments deny you that feeling."

But it is his razor-sharp wit and the patter that goes with each selection that has endeared him to his many fans.

To reserve a seat, call (908) 753-0190.

The Jazz Series at the non-profit Watchung Arts Center has frequent concerts throughout the year, supplemented by vocal, classical and folk music performances, plus theatrical presentations.

Monthly art exhibits surround concertgoers in the acoustic gallery. Classes and other programs are also offered.

Irish dance classes begin next week

BRIDGEWATER — Somerset County Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Patrick Division, will sponsor a series of free traditional Irish dance (ceili) classes beginning on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

These classes are for beginning adult dancers and will be

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Open casting for children theatre's version of *Snow White Goes West*

CRANFORD - Open casting for parts in the Cranford Dramatic Club's Children Theater musical production of *Snow White Goes West*, directed by Madge Wittle, will be held Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. The cast includes the part of the Narrator, a male baritone or tenor. It's a bonus if the actor can play the guitar or banjo but this is not essential to the role.

Quinnie, Snow White's vain and domineering stepmother is a character comedienne role. The

raucous, dance hall queen part requires a mezzo, lusty belt quality. The Dwarf Brothers are seven comedic gold mining characters. Hank, Jake, Mike, Chuck, Pete, Slim, and Shorty require vocal combination of tenor, baritone and bass voices. The actor in the role of Shorty needs to be at least 6 feet or over. All others should be as "vertically challenged" as possible.

Joe Prince, the hero of the story, requires a lyric baritone and Snow White is a soprano ingenue. Mr

Whiteneeds a bass or baritone character actor and can double as Sneaky Sam, Queenie's henchman. Sneaky Sam is a male, farcical character actor. A baritone, the part must be played with swift, comedic, sneaky movements, outrageous facial expressions and enthusiastic delivery of lines.

Snow White Goes West will be performed over two weekends on Dec. 5 and 6 and Dec. 12 and 13. For more information call Wittle at (908) 233-1034 or Linda Giuditta at (908) 232-8934. Auditions will be held at the Cranford Dramatic Club Theater located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford.

For information, directions of tickets call the CDC Theater at (908) 276-7611.



The members of Vasen — Mikael Marin, Andre Ferrari, Olov Johansson and Roger Tallroth — will be performing 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Somerset County Environmental Education Center.

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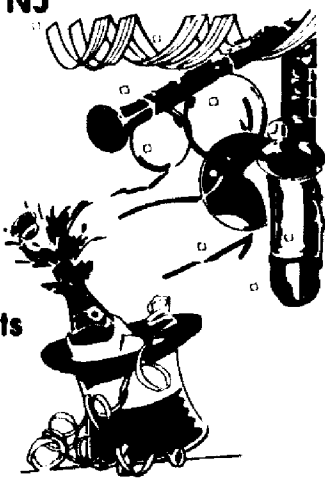
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Swedish quartet coming to Somerset

BERNARDS — Vasen, an innovative Swedish quartet featured on NPR's All Things Considered, will be performing 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance. For more information call (908) 766-9696.

The concert is being presented by The Folk Project, a nonprofit organization which has sponsored dance and music events in New Jersey for more than 20 years.

Vasen, translated to English, means essence, hullabaloo and spirit. The music of Vasen, though it defies description, appeals to lovers of folk, classical, jazz, Indian and rock music. Rooted in the centuries-old folk music tradition of Uppland, the music whirs about complex rhythms, striking melodies and the strains of an ancient instrument called the nyckelharpa. This rare, 16-stringed relative of the fiddle and hurdy gurdy is handled by Vasen's Olov Johansson, the first world nyckelharpa champion.

Other members of Vasen are Mikael Marin (viola), Roger Tallroth (guitar) and Andre Ferrari (percussion — the darabouka and Ecuadorian bombo).

DePalma-Levy sings at church

PLAINFIELD — Bass baritone Samuel DePalma-Levy will perform a vocal recital 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue at West Seventh Street.

The concert is the first in the 1998-99 Crescent Concert Series. Tickets are \$12, \$8 seniors and \$5 students.

DePalma-Levy's program will include operatic arias by Handel, Mozart and Verdi. A native of Chile, he now lives in Plainfield.

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Neil Simon in Bridgewater

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German choir will present free concert

CLARK — The Men's Choir, Die Kuemmler, from Neu-Isenburg, Germany, will present its concert in the new Festhalle at the Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane 7:30 p.m., Sept. 11. Food and drinks will be available in the picnic grove. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. Admission and parking are free.

The Kuemmler Men's Choir is a community choir from the city of Neu-Isenburg, near Frankfurt. With about 40 singers the choir was founded in 1852 and has just celebrated its 135th anniversary. The choir sings secular as well as sacred songs. During the year the choir regularly appears at many local festivities and in churches throughout the central part of Germany where it has won many friends.

The choir sings many international songs in their original language, including French, Russian, Spanish, and English. The choir has toured extensively throughout Germany and Europe.

For its first concert tour in the United States, the choir has prepared a special program of both secular and sacred music including some of the most famous German folksongs (Volkslieder). The choir hopes to be able to bring joy to American audiences who love Germany and German music and especially to former German citizens who now live in the United States.

The reason for the choir's 1998 tour of the United States is to say "thank you" to the population of Alexandria, Minn., and to renew a friendship that started 50 years ago after World War II when the people of Alexandria sent 2.5 tons of clothes to the people of Neu-Isenburg and helped them to overcome the hardships of the first post-war years.

Contours USA Concert and Group Tours, Inc., as well as Horst Stabenow, who is also honorary president of the Deutscher Club of Clark, have organized this tour.

Westfield troupe presents revue

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Players will present a musical revue, *A Night on Broadway*, on Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. This fund-raiser, an evening of comedy and song, will be followed by a reception with the cast and refreshments. The donation for the evening is \$12.

The show is produced and directed by Naomi Yablonsky with Elliot Lanes as stage manager. Included in the cast are Jane Audenbach, Ginger Burd, Linda Correll, Fred Crozzo, Barbara Joy Goldstein, JoAnne Gudin, Melissa Loderstedt, Maurice Moran, Charles Roessler, Drude Roessler, John Schweska, Richard Sihella, Donna Snyder, Jerry Sorrentino, Ken Webb, Mary Branton Webb, and Jessica Zeiss.

For reservations, call (908) 232-1221.

The show will benefit the Westfield Community Players, located at 1000 North Ave. West. The season opens with *White Spirit* on Oct. 17. The next plays of the 1998-99 season are *Prelude to a Kiss*, *Rocket to the Moon* and *Run for Your Life*.

Ray Charles will perform at gala benefit

Concert at New Jersey Performing Arts Center aids Children's Specialized Hospital

MOUNTAINSIDE — Legendary Ray Charles, a performer whose career has made an indelible mark in virtually every form of popular music, will perform Nov. 5 on the state of Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark as part of the 11th annual Umbrella Gala to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH).

Charles, who began his recording career in 1949, won his 13th Grammy Award last year for the song "I'll Be Good To You," performed with Chaka Kahn. In May, he received the Polar Music Award, presented by the King and Queen of Sweden, adding to a remarkable collection of international honors including the National Medal of Arts presented

to him by President Bill Clinton.

The annual gala, sponsored by Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, the institution's fund-raising arm, and the WB11 Care For Kids Fund, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.

The Umbrella Gals is the largest single fund-raiser for the state's only hospital dedicated exclusively to the rehabilitation of children, newborn through adolescence.

Children's Specialized Hospital, founded in 1891, provides care for children with special needs through its facilities and centers in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Union, and Newark as well as outreach programs throughout the state.

The stellar evening includes a

cocktail and buffet reception at NJPAC, beginning at 6 p.m., and the Ray Charles performance, presented by the Metropolitan Entertainment Group, in Prudential Hall at 8 p.m. The Newark Boys Choir will provide entertainment during the reception.

Further information about gala tickets may be obtained by calling the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation at (908) 301-5462. A limited number of performance-only tickets may be purchased on a space-available basis by calling (1-888) GO-NJPAC.

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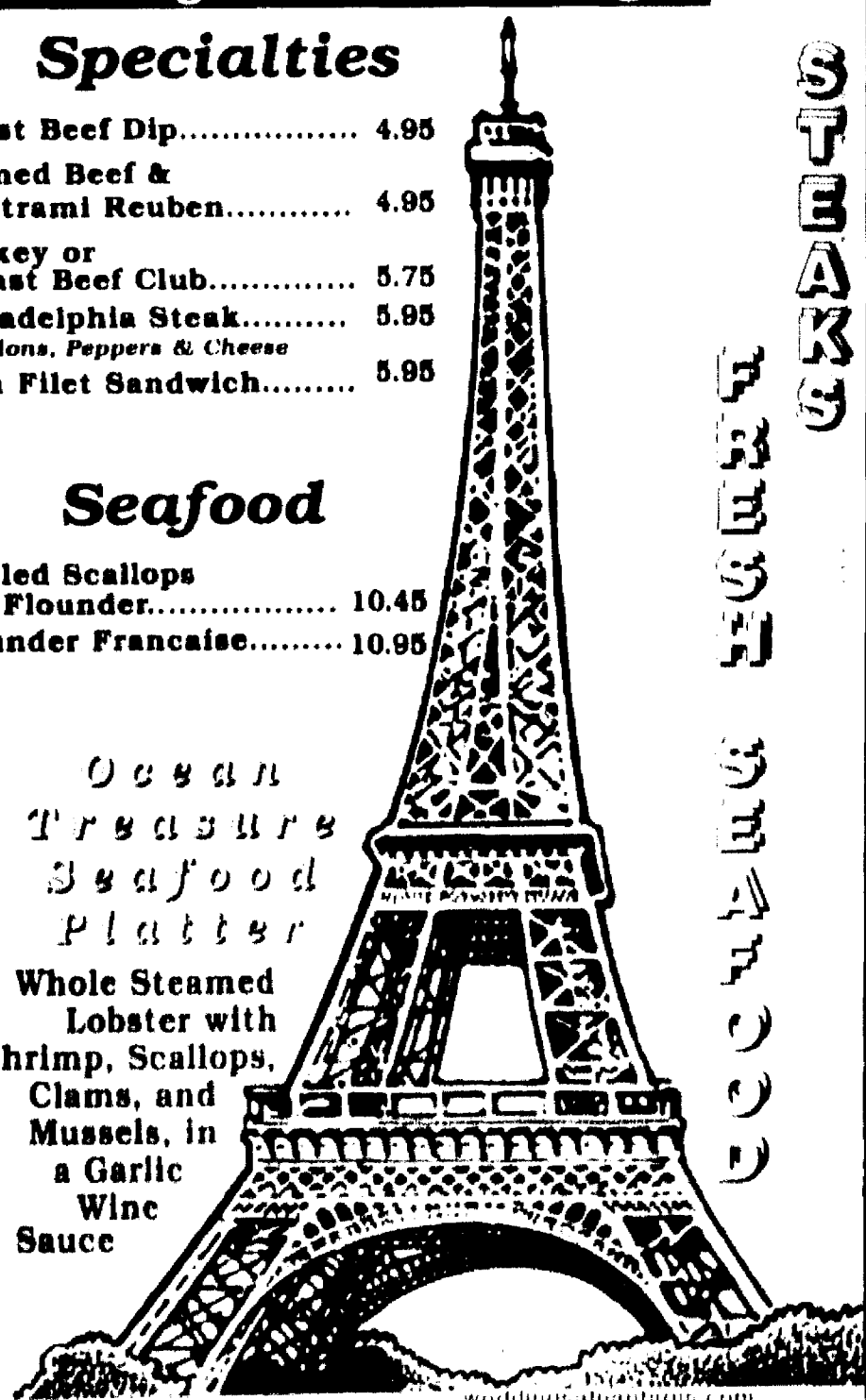
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'Night on Broadway' helps theatre group

WESTFIELD — "A Night on Broadway" is being planned for 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 to benefit the Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West.

The show will feature show tunes as performed by actors from the Westfield Community Players and other New Jersey community theaters. The entire cast and crew are donating their time and talent for this production.

Scheduled to perform are Jane Aulenbach, Carl Barber-Steele, Ginger Burg, Linda Correll, Ferd Cuzzo, Barbara Joy Goldstein, Jo Anne Guida, Melissa Loderstedt, Maurice Moran, Charles Roesler, Drude Roesler, John Schweska, Richard Sibello,

Donna Snyder, Jerry Sorrentino, Ken Webb, Mary Brunton Webb and Jessica Zeus.

Accompaniment will be provided by Anjanette Valiente, the Community Players' musical director. The program is directed by stage manager Elliott Lanes.

John Schweska of Westfield and Naomi Yablonsky are chairmen of the event.

Admission of \$12 includes wine and hors d'oeuvres after the show. Proceeds will go toward upkeep of the theater, its stage and the accompanying grounds.

For more information, call (908) 232-1221. Contributions for the Westfield Community Players are welcome and can be sent to their playhouse.

JCC Nursery School has limited openings

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center Nursery School, located at 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, has limited openings available for the 1998-99 school year.

The school is conveniently located to Westfield, Fanwood, Plainfield, Edison, Clark and Scotch Plains. The nursery school offers classes for children aged 2, 1 1/2, 3 and 4. Diapers are welcome.

Each class is staffed by a certified teacher and a teaching assistant, leaving ample opportunity for hands-on learning and a warm, nurturing environment.

Jewish culture, art, cooking, math and reading readiness activities and socialization are all part of the nursery curriculum. In addition, a music specialist, art specialist and gym specialist visit each class weekly. Regular computer and swim times are also part of the weekly schedule.

Let's Take A Break is offered to children aged 18-24 months. This introduction to nursery

school, meets once a week, giving parents/caregivers the opportunity to savor some time for themselves and children a warm and creative environment to enjoy. The JCC also offers early drop-off, late pick-up, extended day classes, lunch programs and on-site art, computer and dance classes.

The JCC is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the United Way.

For further information on these or any of the nursery school programs call the director, Susan Bennett, at (908) 889-8800.

Glee Club rehearsals will begin

WESTFIELD — Rehearsals for the Westfield Glee Club 74th season will be resumed 8 p.m. Monday Sept. 14 in the choir room of Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Student and adult male singers are invited to come and sing the music for the Dec. 13 and 14 programs which will be introduced by Director Thomas Booth, of Maplewood, and George Lachenauer, of Roselle.

Music is provided by the Glee Club. The rehearsal run-through will be followed by a fellowship time for returning members and new singers to share summer stories and have refreshments.

At the Saturday night concert on Dec. 13, a town-wide children's chorus will again perform two sections of the Winter Concert and join with the Glee Club. The Glee Club program selections will include traditional carols, Hanukkah, seasonal, and fun songs.

Interested male singers are invited to call Dale Juntilla, (908) 232-0673.

Swing dance lessons start at Westfield Y

WESTFIELD — Learn to "swing" at the Westfield Y this fall.

Ballroom dancing has undergone a surge in popularity with clubs opening up in New York and New Jersey, and headlining this wave is Swing Dancing, also known as jitterbug, jive and Lindy. While focusing on the East Coast version, done to jazz and rock and roll, participants in this class will also get an introduction to the West Coast version.

Classes begin Sept. 14 and will be held for seven consecutive weeks from 8-9 p.m. Partners are not required and the fee is \$32 per person. A basic membership to the Westfield Y is required. There will be a practice session following the class for a fee of \$5 per person.

Register at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, or call Karen at (908) 233-2700, ext. 246 for more information.

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Two college courses are being offered for senior citizens this fall.

"American Experience in the 20th Century" will be taught 10 a.m.-noon Friday at the senior citizen apartments, 1133 Boynton Ave., Westfield, beginning Sept. 11. Dr. Christopher Gibbs is the instructor of the course which deals with the Depression, urbanization, the Cold War, the counterculture and other topics of special interest.

"Natural History of New Jersey" will be taught 1-3 p.m. Monday at the senior citizen apartments, 1129 Boynton Ave., beginning Sept. 14. William Duncombe is the instructor of this study of the flora, fauna and geology in the Garden State.

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The courses are sponsored by the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp. in conjunction with the Westfield Foundation and the Learning Is Forever Center at Union County College.

Lunch & Learn

On Sept. 16, the Westfield Y kicks off its fall series of Lunch & Learns for the Sixty and Better Set with a talk on stroke prevention, presented by Mary Jo Candido of the Kessler Institute in West Orange.

This series is free and open to the public. Each program lasts approximately one hour. Bring a bag lunch and enough dessert to share with about four people, and the Y will supply the beverages.

The Westfield Y is located at 220 Clark St. Call the Y at (908) 233-2700 to reserve a spot.

AARP Chapter 4137

Trips sponsored by the AARP chapter:

Sept. 27-Oct. 3 — Myrtle Beach, S.C. Two openings are

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Oct. 16 — Oktoberfest at Hunt's Landing in Matamoras, Pa. Cost is \$39.

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60 and Better Set

The Westfield Y has issued its schedule of fall trips for the "60 and Better Set":

Thursday, Sept. 17 — "World of Finance" tour in lower Manhattan. Includes walking tour of financial district; visits to the New York Stock Exchange and Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and lunch at Fraunces Tavern. Cost is \$75.

Oct. 15 — Tour of the Lower East Side (Manhattan). Includes visits to Eldridge Street Synagogue and Lower East Side Tenement Museum; a walking tour of the Orchard Street neighborhood; and lunch at French Culinary Institute.

Nov. 12 — Tour of the Nicholas and Alexandra exhibit at the Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington, Del. The exhibit is on loan from the Hermitage museum in Russia. Cost of \$75 includes bus, museum admission, museum lunch and tips. Seating is limited.

Dec. 3-4 — Tour of the Brandywine Valley and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Includes visits to Christmas Museum, Peddler's Village and the Longwood Gardens Christmas display. Cost is \$145 per person, double occupancy, or \$175 per person, single occupancy; bus, admission, accommodations, dinner, breakfast and all tips are included (lunch on your own).

All trips leave from and return to Westfield. Payment in full is required on registration; no refunds will be issued unless a seat can be sold. Membership in the Westfield Y is not required.

For registration, visit the Y at 220 Clark St., Westfield, or call Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700, Ext. 246.

Catholic Golden Age Club Chapter 88-A

The club will resume meeting Sunday, Sept. 20 with Monsignor John Gilchrist as guest speaker.

Holy Trinity Senior Social Club

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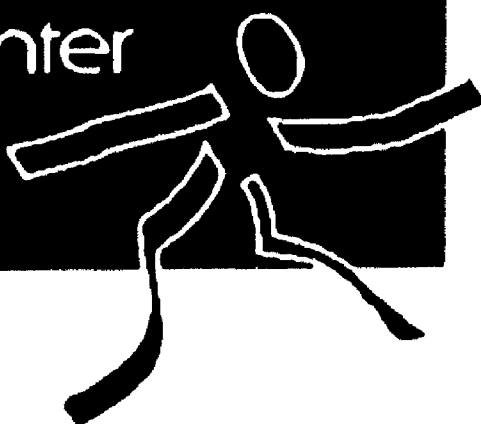
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Presbyterian Church to celebrate Rally Day

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, will hold Rally Day on Sunday.

The event coincides with the beginning of Sunday school 9 a.m. John Konopka of Westfield and Al Latschar of Scotch Plains are instructors for the adult class on the book of Acts.

Banners and flags will decorate the sanctuary for worship services 10:30 a.m. when Rev. Kenneth Hetzel, the pastor, will preach on "The Banner Over Us." The congregation will sing "His Banner Over Me is Love," a hymn whose title also serves as the theme for Rally Day. Mary Ann

Lampon of the choir will sing "Shine, Jesus, Shine."

Child care is available during Sunday school and worship services.

The church's annual picnic will follow 1 p.m. in Tamaques Park, Westfield. Food and games, including a pickup softball contest, will be provided.

Separately, the Gospel According to St. Matthew is the current subject for a Bible study conducted by Hetzel in the church lounge 8 p.m. every Wednesday and 10 a.m. every Thursday. All are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 232-5678.

Altar Rosary Society meets Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., will hold its first meeting for the 1998-99 season at St. Bartholomew School after the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, Sept. 14.

A staffer from the Swiss Pastry

Shoppe will demonstrate the art of cake decorating and serve the cakes for refreshment.

The annual communion breakfast will be Sunday, Oct. 4 at The Westwood in Garwood following the church's 9 a.m. Mass. Rev. John Doherty will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Clem at (908) 322-5409.



Cusimano announces election team

Tom Cusimano has announced the appointment of his election team in his bid for Fourth Ward Town Councilman in Westfield. Joining Cusimano (left) will be manager Loren Weinstein, treasurer John Caravello and publicity manager Don Biglin.

Pre-school recreation program in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS — A recreational program for pre-school children aged 4-5 will begin Oct. 6 at the Towne House Green Forest Park. A variety of games, arts and crafts, tumbling and storytelling will be incorporated.

The children will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. once a week for six weeks on Tuesdays. Volunteers are requested to assist with implementing this pro-

gram and can signify their willingness and availability to give an hour when they register their children.

This program is strictly limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Residential registration started Sept. 8 at a cost of \$25 per child, space permitting, non-residents may register for \$30 starting Sept. 14.

Community briefs

Westfield Hadassah will meet Sunday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold its opening meeting of the year on Sept. 13, 7 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield.

The program will feature members of the Mental Health Association exploring challenging intergenerational conflicts involving children, parents and grandparents. Problems and solutions will be discussed.

A brief business meeting will be conducted by Chapter President Carole Thau. She will report on the 84th Hadassah National Convention held in New York City this past summer.

The community and members are invited to attend the meeting and participate in this provocative program.

Newcomers Club holds Welcome Tea

FANWOOD — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers Club will hold its "Welcome Tea" 8 p.m. Thursday at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Martine Ave.

All new or current residents with a major lifestyle change (baby, job, marriage) are welcome. For more information, call Mandy at (908) 889-4312 or Laura at (908) 889-0337.

LD Association has fund-raiser

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association has scheduled monthly fundraising nights at Burger King on Route 22 East.

The first such event will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday. You must mention the LDA when you order your meal in order for the group to receive a portion of the proceeds. For more information, call Karyn Steele at (908) 322-7265.

Author to discuss book at store

WESTFIELD — "Crisis in America: Father Absence" is the subject raised in the title of a new book by Frank Ancona.

He will appear 1-3 p.m. tomorrow at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., to discuss the book and its context.

The book has been described "the product of years of research, speaking with mothers and fathers, absent fathers, single mothers, and most importantly, their sons and daughters, who are hurt and angered."

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Sports

Devils, Raiders will volley it out in opener

By ALLAN CONOVER
RECORD-PRESS

What's the difference between playing volleyball in the fall instead of the spring?

Oh, about 40 girls.

At least that's the answer Bev Torok would give.

Coming off a third straight Union County Tournament championship, Torok's Westfield High squad is ready to go after another title now that the NJSI-AA shifted the girls high school campaign to the fall.

But just 20 girls — approximately 40 fewer than usual — came out for the team because

many opted for other autumn sports at WHS. The Blue Devils were also hit hard by graduation and of the two seniors who were to return to the starting lineup from last spring's 17-3 squad, one decided to play tennis.

"The numbers are tough this year," said Torok, who's in her sixth year as the Westfield head coach. "We're rebuilding. We're just hoping as the season goes along we'll gain experience and strengthen our skills."

"There's just not a lot of experience right now, so we'll see what happens," she added. "But they'll get there."

The Devils will count heavily

on senior co-captains Melanie Page and Diana Pritsker, whose overall talents are certain to pay dividends as the squad develops.

"They'll both play through all the matches," said Torok. "I don't think we'll be subbing for them. They have all the skills — the defensive ability, serving, the offensive attack."

Promising sophomore Patti Oslislo will step in for the Devils at center, the middle blockers are soph Kelley Masterson and senior Monique Brendel and



defensive specialists are juniors Jen Dachowicz and Sandy Rhein.

"Patti will do very well," said Torok.

"And Kelley and Monique are very tall and have good timing."

The season begins Monday with a local battle — Westfield visits Watchung Conference rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 4 p.m.

In the spring Westfield took both meetings with the Raiders by 2-0 margins and the Devils

have dominated the competition in recent years after SP-F held the upper hand prior to that.

"The tide has turned a bit," said Michele Zarro, now in her 11th year coaching the Raiders. "Westfield has been very good the past couple years. We'll have to see what this year brings. I'm just hoping for a competitive match. It's always exciting when Westfield plays Scotch Plains — it doesn't matter what sport it is."

Scotch Plains, which was 6-8 in the spring, lost top players like Jodi Baker, Mariah Cappio and Colleen McCabe to graduation.

"We're rebuilding a bit," said Zarro.

The Raiders have strong players in senior captains Robin Kraft and Caroline Mattar, who give SP-F valuable leadership as well as offensive firepower.

With Zarro employing a system that utilizes two setters, senior E.J. Lee and junior Thea Lavigne figure prominently in the Raiders' attack.

"They'll be very important to our offense," said Zarro.

Senior center back Katie Lisa is a standout defender and also helping the Raiders will be sophomore Megan Miller, senior Katie Bradshaw and junior Lori Slough.

Girls Soccer



Young Raiders in action today

By JEREMIAH NEELICK
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Frank Butz has no illusions about this year.

When his Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls soccer team launches its season this afternoon at Randolph, only three seniors will be in the Raiders' starting lineup.

"We're young, inexperienced and we will make mistakes," said Butz, the Raiders' head coach. "But we'll still try to press the action."

Pressing on offense puts the pressure on the defense but Butz isn't worried. He'll rely on goalie Christine Bowers and sweeper Joanne Garibaldi to cover the mistakes. Bowers was All-Union County last fall and Garibaldi moves from halfback to sweeper to bolster the defense.

"Joanne is experienced," said the coach, "and she'll be an outstanding player."

In the midfield, senior Stacy Bushinger returns. She'll be joined by freshman Jacquelyn Fiorino, sophomore Renee Zidonik, senior Eileen Sweeney and soph Eryn Bushinger.

Jennifer Miller and Jennifer Doyle, both juniors, will be the Raiders' strikers up on the front line and senior Mariassa Lorenz, recovering from a knee injury, will be unavailable for at least two weeks.

The changes in personnel on the field are also reflected on the bench.

"We've got more depth and speed than last year," said Butz.

Jillian Kosciulecki, who has little experience but is talented, could see time at center midfield and Kerry Quinn could also see some action at striker.

Butz believes his Raiders could be successful in wins and losses but is aware the competition will be difficult. Perennial champion Westfield and Cranford are strong league teams and Summit will also provide a challenge.

"We play some very tough teams," he said. "Our opener is tough. Randolph is always good."



Susan Hinds makes a stop in the nets during a recent Westfield High soccer practice as the Blue Devils prepare for Monday's season debut against Rahway.

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Lots of new faces in Devils' lineup

By ALEX LOWE
RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — Pete Giordano returns for his eighth season at the helm of the Westfield High School girls soccer team.

He is looking to follow up a 1997 performance that saw the Blue Devils finish 16-4-1. Approaching that lofty mark this season will be quite a challenge as Giordano must replace nine starters lost to graduation.

"We're still in the process of selecting players right now," said Giordano, who cited "mixed results" in scrimmages with Old Bridge, Ramapo and West Windsor-Plainsboro as the Devils prepare for Monday's season-opener at Rahway.

"We're moving girls around, trying to see which combination will work for us," he said. "I think right now we're looking for a go-to player."

"This is a team right now which is going to have to perform very well together because there are no real standout superstars on the team as of now," the coach said.

Giordano has 22 girls out for this year's team, including nine returning from last year. He will look to a quartet of seniors to help guide the Blue Devils through a rough early schedule.

Jessica Lutkenhouse and Suzanne Heinkel are girls who were able to put the ball in the net for us last year," he said. "They're going to play up front for us this year. They are captains and we'll need leadership from them."

Leadership will also come from fellow captains Megan Shutt, a senior outside halfback, and Liza

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Yannuzzi, a senior who will play in the middle.

Junior fullback Leigh Kendrick returns as do junior halfbacks Kristen Salmond and Donna Schaller.

"All three of these girls got significant playing time last year," the coach said, "so that should help us. Schaller is coming back healthy after being injured midway through the season."

A pair of sophomores figure prominently in things for the Blue Devils this season: Taryn Wyckoff will fill the role of stopper and Michelle McLaughlin, a backup in goal as a freshman, will play the nets.

"I stop short of calling this a rebuilding year for us because it's not," Giordano said. "But we are really still trying to get a feel for this team."

"I'm looking for better overall play than we've had so far in scrimmages," he said. "We need consistency. At times we've looked very good and at other times we haven't."

Westfield will need consistent play if it's to compete in a Watchung Conference that already includes tough teams like Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

"It's a tough conference," the coach said, "and these teams will be gunning for us every time we play them."

Net results are always positive for Westfield

By ALLAN CONOVER
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The nature of Westfield High girls tennis is the Blue Devils can look ahead to something like the state tournament as pretty much a sure thing, which is why Ed Tirone was talking about playing Millburn in the tournament even before the season is under way.

"We'll be strong again this year but we'll be going head to head with Millburn in the sectionals," said Tirone, referring to the fact that Westfield, formerly a Group 4 school, is now Group 3, along with perennial state

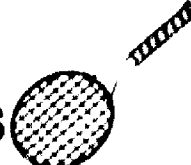
power Millburn. "That probably means you'll have a top 10 team not even advance out of its section."

The Blue Devils, who also visit Millburn for a regular season battle Oct. 19, should have little trouble claiming another Watchung Conference championship and hope to successfully defend their Union County Tournament title this fall.

But last year, when they were 21-4 overall, they saw their four year hold on the sectional play all crown snatched by Livingston.

Westfield is able to coast past most of its league rivals, which

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is why the likes of Millburn, Oak Knoll (Summit) and Pingry (Bernards Township) are also on this year's schedule. The season begins 4 p.m. Tuesday at Linden.

"Except for a school like Scotch Plains-Fanwood, the Watchung isn't generally a tough conference," said Tirone.

in his fifth campaign as the Blue Devils' head coach, "so we try to make our non-conference schedule as competitive as we can."

"That's when winning comes down to good conditioning and being able to win the tough points in close matches."

The Devils, who've been practicing at the Tanager Park courts since Aug. 27, have all their singles talent back from last fall but will be holding their challenge matches this week.

Sisters Jen and Becky Matro, who captured Union County Tournament championships as juniors last year at first and sec-

ond singles, respectively, are back in the Westfield lineup. Another senior is Ilka Netravali, who was runner-up at No. 3 singles in the 1997 county tournament.

Junior Katie Richards, who played second doubles last season, could also work her way into the singles picture but otherwise will again be in a doubles position.

Senior Lisa Gorbaty, a tri-captain with the Matros, and classmate Rebecca Goldberg earned varsity letters at doubles in '97 and other top candidates are sophomore Maggie Wei and freshmen Erin Corbett and Brittany Miller.

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Lionel Hampton will headline jazz festival at Nomahegan Park

—CRANFORD— Legendary vibraphonist Lionel Hampton will headline at a star-studded lineup planned for the Jersey Jazz by the Lake Festival, a celebration of music, food and family sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The free festival will be held Saturday and Sunday at Nomahegan Park in Cranford, and will offer continuous music both days.

Known as the King of the Vibraphone, Hampton played backup for Louis Armstrong and went on to play with Benny Goodman in his quartet. He is one of the few living big band artists who is still touring and recording. In 1996, President Bill Clinton presented Hampton with the National Medal of the Arts, and this year, Hampton celebrated his 90th birthday at the White House.

Beside great music, the festival will have a fully-supervised Kids' Kingdom, featuring a children's stage with entertainment designed specially for kids, including improv acts, theater groups, performers and area musicians. Rides and games will be available throughout the Kids' Kingdom, as will educational and hands-on activities.

Space at the festival will be provided for area restaurants to offer their best dishes, demonstrating the great diversity and quality of the county's food scene. Tents, tables and chairs will be arranged throughout the site to provide a place to take a rest from the music and festivities.

Some of the nation's best musicians will highlight this event, with the theme "What is Jazz?" tying together diverse musicians and musical styles. Since jazz has its roots in so many different

types of music, the festival, itself, will present a wide variety of acts. Beside top-notch jazz musicians, the festival will feature blues, gospel swing, and acid-jazz artists.

While this is the county's first jazz festival, the Freeholder Board has promoted the arts and quality of life initiatives throughout the year. Throughout the summer, free concerts are presented every Wednesday evening under the stars at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

"This Freeholder Board is investing in a better quality of life for Union County residents, adults and children," said Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Part of our responsibility as the county's elected officials is to promote Union County and all it has to offer through family activities such as this. We want everyone to know that Union County is a great place to live and work."

Sullivan added that Nomahegan Park, with its beautiful lake, sandy picnic groves and plenty of open space, is a perfect venue for this event. Each year, hundreds of residents come to arts and crafts festivals featuring artisans, vendors and the county's young artists at the park, and this event works well there, too.

The Freeholders are presenting the event with the sponsorship of Comcast Cablevision and Novartis, and with support from Dock Resins Corp., NJ Transit, ShopRite, Meeker Sharkey, the United Way of Union County, Elberon Development Company and the Port Authority of NY & NJ.



Scotch Plains Township Council candidates Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Geri Morgan Samuel review one of their community surveys.

Township candidates distribute community survey on the issues

SCOTCH PLAINS — Franklin Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Geri Morgan Samuel, the Democratic Party candidates for Township Council, have issued what a press release calls "the first ever community survey to obtain citizen input on issues confronting the township government."

"To my knowledge this is the first-ever attempt by candidates for public office to seek in such a

broad-based manner the views of the residents during a campaign for the Township Council," Donatelli said.

"The questions in the survey are based upon what the residents themselves have expressed to us as their own concerns during our house-to-house, doorbell-ringing campaign," he said.

"The survey contains 18 questions," Bromley said. "Among them are four dealing with preserving open space in Scotch Plains. This is a major concern of ours and clearly is one frequently on the minds of residents as we meet with them."

"There are four questions related to local government services, including preserving spring cleanup, collection of household garbage, the level of services provided to senior citizens, and whether residents feel that they are receiving an adequate level of services in return for the high property taxes paid," he said.

"Townpeople express a yearning to improve the appearance and desirability of our community," Samuel said.

"They cite 20 years of studying downtown revitalization with little in return," she said. "They'd like the honky tonk appearance of sections of Route 22 cleaned up through planning and zoning initiatives."

"Noise pollution from overhead aircraft is another topic often presented to us by the voters."

"Local residents want a more open local government that is responsive and accountable," she said. "They want to know more about the council's role in investigating the firing of the police chief's gun in the Sears store (in Scotch Plains). They see a need for better communication between the Board of Education and the council to avoid overcrowding in the schools. Residents question the cost of allowing certain municipal employees to drive township-owned vehicles back and forth to work."

"The survey contains questions of these items as well because they are issues in the forefront of many residents' minds," Samuel said.

"The development and issuance of this survey represents a commitment on our parts to reach out to local residents so that they become a part of the local government," the candidates said in a joint statement within their press release.

"Should we be elected to the three seats expiring on the council we shall commit ourselves to being responsive and accountable to the people of Scotch Plains," the statement said. "Their comments, suggestions and criticism will be welcomed at council meetings."

Results of the survey will be made public, according to the press release.

For a copy of the survey, call (908) 754-5911.

Entertainers are announced for street fair

WESTFIELD — Janet Turner and Claire Lazarowitz, entertainment committee members, announced the first group of entertainers to be featured at the Westfield Neighborhood Council's Street Fair.

Those groups already signed up include: the Westfield Five and Drum Corp., the New Jersey Workshop for the Performing Arts Jazz Band, and gospel singers from local churches. Also per-

forming will be the Deirdre Shea School of Dance, Chun's Black Belt Academy, and the Summit Folk Dancers.

The fair will be held on Oct. 10 (rain date Oct. 11) on Cacciola Place and Central Avenue between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

In addition to entertainment, there will be rides, fairway games, and food prepared by community members.

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"Everyone has unique gifts and talents which should be cultivated to ensure maximum individual development," said Elaine Sigal, a Westfield resident. "Our goal is to provide an environment in which growth in breadth and depth are encouraged."

To provide students the best possible supplemental education, the Enrichment Center offers courses for elementary school, middle school, high school, and gifted and talented students. All instructors are certified and experienced teachers.

The elementary school program has a kindergarten enrichment program designed to offer half day and full day kindergarten additional rewarding education. Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are days to explore Spanish, French, phonics, and reading, science, and math. A new, unique math program using playing cards as a teaching tool has been added for the first grade. Second and third graders can improve reading and phonics skills, explore foreign languages, including Italian, refine penmanship, study Junior Great Books, write creatively, and have fun with math while reinforcing and advancing math skills. Fourth and fifth graders can improve study skills, discover test taking anxiety with a course in test taking skills, improve reading comprehension, refine penmanship, improve map skills, and study grammar and spelling. A Junior Great Books program features creative and expository writing in addition to

shared inquiry and discussion. Math enrichment is available, including "girls only" sections designed to build esteem in math and to create enthusiasm for this subject.

A Gifted and Talented program is in place for grades K-8. From Egyptology to Advanced Math, students will be challenged academically and creatively. Advanced reading and writing programs are also offered. Students registering for gifted and talented classes should be performing well above grade level and should have a strong interest in the subject matter. Classes run for 10-12 weeks. All classes are taught by certified teachers.

Middle School children are offered classes in study skills, reading comprehension, test taking skills, Junior verbal SAT, Junior math SAT, and writing skills. The Write Necessity was created by Sigal. This potpourri of English skills encompasses grammar, sentence structure, writing skills, reading comprehension, and vocabulary development.

The Enrichment Center's High School Program offers SAT II classes (subject matter tests) in biology, chemistry, history, foreign languages, math, and writing. Students can take advantage of other courses: Study Skills, Essay Writing and Test Taking Skills.

SATs are of major importance to high school students. The Enrichment Center offers numerous verbal and math classes to prepare for this test. Students pay on a weekly basis. The Enrichment Center offers individualization and flexibility. Classes are scheduled from Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and Sunday through Thursday, 3:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0110 for the free fall 1998 brochure. Classes begin the week of Sept. 28.

Real Estate

Weichert honors sales associates, new staff

Edzek named 'top producer'

Carole Edzek, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Westfield Office, won the office's top listing award to earn top producer honors for July.

Edzek has been a consistent million dollar producer throughout her 12 years in real estate sales. An all-around real estate professional, she has special expertise in relocation and new homes sales.

Edzek is a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. She is a past chairman of the Eastern Union County Board of Realtors.

Weichert's Westfield office is located at 185 Elm Street.

Fry earns sales awards

Niki Fry, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Westfield Office, was the July office leader in sales and dollar volume.

Fry, a licensed real estate professional who joined Weichert in 1997, has earned honors for her listing, sales and production accomplishments. Before she entered real estate sales, Fry was fashion designer, working for European and American design-

ers including Yves St. Laurent, Emanuel Ungaro, Jones New York and Phillips Van Heusen.

Weichert's Westfield office is located at 185 Elm Street.

O'Connor joins Weichert, Realtors

James M. Weichert, president, has announced that Patricia O'Connor has joined the Westfield Office of Weichert, Realtors as a sales associate.

O'Connor is a newly licensed real estate professional. Before entering real estate sales, she was an antiques dealer at pat's passions.

The longtime Westfield resident is married and has three children. She has been active as a leader of Brownie Troop 325 and assistant house chairperson for the Service League of Westfield.

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Manfra earns July office award

Pat Manfra, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Westfield Office, has won the July office award for the greatest number of marketed listings.

It is the most recent award for the 20-year veteran of real estate. Manfra was director of sales, new homes and land development for

another real estate company for 15 years before joining Weichert. A licensed broker, he is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

Among his many accomplishments are repeat membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Club and the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.

Manfra, who is married and has two children, resides in Scotch Plains.

He is an alumnus of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H., where he studied economics and business management and administration.

Reed joins Westfield Weichert office

WESTFIELD — James M. Weichert, president, has announced that Lola E. Reed has joined the Westfield Office of Weichert, Realtors as a sales associate.

Reed is a newly licensed real estate professional. She brings 20 years of experience as an office manager for a medical group practice to her position with Weichert.

Reed and her husband have two children and are residents of Cranford.

Weichert, Realtors' Westfield office is located at 185 Elm St., Westfield.

Realtor participates in sales celebration

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — A Summer Sales Celebration to honor Century 21 sales associates for their efforts attracted hundreds of Century 21 real estate experts from throughout the area. Attending the event in Monmouth Beach were Beverly Dempsey, Evelyn Sherwood, Andrea Lacerda, Guy and Toni Moretti of Century 21 Moretti Realty in South Plainfield.

Lacerda was honored for her accomplishment in generating the most gross closed commission in a six-month period. Sherwood was honored with an award for the most closed sales and Dempsey received the most successful listing award.

Joe Mancuso, regional director for Century 21 of the Northeast, Inc. in Central and Southern New Jersey, applauded the award winners for their hard work and commented on the real estate market.

"I think that consumers were a bit overcautious at the beginning of the year but the low interest rates, steady home prices and favorable financing programs have helped to create record sales in much of New Jersey," he said. "The efforts of our Century 21 real estate professionals have worked in helping our homebuy-

ers, sellers and investors make informed decisions in such a lucrative marketplace. You should all be applauded as the top real estate professionals in your markets."

Guy and Toni Moretti, owners of Century 21 Moretti Realty, said they are "proud of the achieve-

ments of these three professional agents."

Lacerda, Sherwood and Dempsey service homebuyers and sellers in Central New Jersey. Century 21 Moretti Realty is at 225 Maple Ave.

For more information, call (908) 755-5300.

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Although an expert title search normally will disclose title problems of record before completion of a real estate purchase, human error in the process can change the outcome.

In one instance, a couple purchased a residence from a woman, the proceeds being used to pay off the seller's first mortgage and pay costs of the sale including an owner's title insurance policy. The balance then was forwarded to the seller, who had moved to another state.

After the closing, a lender unexpectedly claimed an additional mortgage lien against the property for a balance owed by the seller, on an equity line of credit she had obtained while in ownership. The buyers contacted their title insurance company, which determined the previously undiscovered additional lien was valid and paid the balance due so the mortgage could be

released of record.

The title company made a claim against the seller and a settlement was reached. But the insured buyers were spared financial loss and dealing with the problem, which were handled by the insurer.

With the possibility of title hazards that may be overlooked or may be impossible to detect, the structure of title insurance is an important safeguard, according to the American Land Title Association. Although emphasizing risk elimination, a title policy offers financial protection through negotiation by the insurer with third parties; payment for defending against an attack on title as insured, and payment of valid claims.

For free information on owner's title insurance, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Owner's Title Insurance, American Land Title Association, Suite 705, 1828 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

NAPS

Hints to help when you're packing to make the move

Millions of Americans are thinking about boxes and tape — moving season.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in every five households will hit the road as a "mover" this year. Most of these will only be moving locally, and 75 percent of them will do it the old-fashioned way — as do-it-yourselfers.

However, with careful planning and organization, there's no reason a move shouldn't go smoothly for everyone involved. To help people master a more successful move — whether they move around the block or across the country — AT&T offers these tips:

Plan ahead

Take advantage of convenience services such as 1-800-MOVE-AT&T, which provides movers with a simple, efficient way to have their AT&T services and calling plans move with them.

The details

At least one week before you move, call the local phone company to notify them of your move and, where appropriate, to get your new phone number.

Call your long distance company to notify them of your move, and be sure that your long distance calling plans, calling cards and other services move with you.

Don't forget to have all of your other services — water, electricity,

gas, cable, etc. — turned off at your current home.

Stay connected

You might be knee deep in boxes, but you still want to keep connected with relatives, friends and business associates. Things such as calling cards, cellular phones and prepaid calling cards can come in handy.

According to AT&T, moving to a new residence is becoming a fact of life for many Americans, with the average person moving 11 times in his or her lifetime.

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Weichert Realtors

More buyers are opting for a spot in the 'exurbs'

By James M. Woodard
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One of the most significant trends in today's real estate market is the changing locations of homes that appeal to prospective buyers.

For some buyers, the closer they can locate to the downtown area and the point of their employment the better. That means a housing unit in the downtown core area or nearby suburbs. But an increasing number of buyers are looking for homes in the "exurbs" — beyond existing suburbs.

High-tech communications capabilities are having a major impact on the choice and locations of most desirable homes in today's market. With a state-of-the-art computer, business affairs can often be handled from a home office, and an increasing number of corporate executives and employees are taking advantage of that capability.

Therefore, distance of home to point of employment is decreasing in importance. Now families can often get more home for their money and enjoy a better lifestyle

by selecting a home outside a metro area. "We find that corporate employees are now working from home a day or more per week," said Michael Evans with Kenneth Leventhal, the real estate group of Ernst & Young LLP. "As a result, they just don't seem to mind driving farther on the days they do commute — as long as they can buy 'more house' for their money further out."

For builders, the trend suggests that even more housing will be developed in the exurbs.

"It's time to rethink the typical home and diversify housing even further than we already have," said Steve Friedman, director of housing for Kenneth Leventhal. "Nationally, conditions are now reminiscent of the late 1980s when housing prices skyrocketed in many markets while new construction slowed."

"Given these conditions, home builders may need to look closer at market niches, such as vacation homes, second homes, housing in exurbs (beyond the suburbs), and even multi-family housing."

The Leventhal firm recently completed a study of home affordability in the United States. They found the three most affordable markets are Oklahoma City, Richmond and Kansas City. Here, the average proportion of a family's income going for housing costs ranged from 17.4 percent to 18.4 percent.

The least affordable housing markets are New York City, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Here, housing costs clobbered from 37.2 percent to 43.5 percent.

Homeowners in New York and coastal California pay roughly twice as much of their income to acquire housing as those in many urban areas in the Central and Southeast United States.

It's interesting to note that geographical "affordability pockets" are sometimes located very close to areas with super-high housing costs. For example, in both Sacramento and Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif., housing requires less than 24 percent of the median family income.

Incidentally, the amount of money paid for homes in California exceeded

\$10 billion in May, the second time ever that threshold has been crossed. A total of \$10.24 billion was spent on 44,657 new and resale homes and condos.

Better home values may soon surface in Hawaii where home ownership hasn't exactly been accessible in recent years, the Leventhal report noted. "The value of a Honolulu mid-management home has dropped \$100,000 in just the past two years."

Q. Is it legal for a bank to engage in real estate brokerage activities?

A. A federal law was recently passed by the House of Representatives that allows financial institutions to offer consumers a broad array of financial services, but restricts their ability to engage in real estate brokerage and title activities.

The Financial Services Act of 1998 would permit banks to affiliate with securities firms, insurance companies and other entities that are "financial in nature" under a Financial Holding Company structure that would be regu-

lated by the Federal Reserve Board.

Q. How many homes are expected to be sold this boom year?

A. About 4.53 million existing homes will be sold this year, it was projected by the National Association of Realtors. That would reflect a 7.5 percent increase over the record 4.22 million home sales posted last year.

This year's heavy activity is fueled, in part, by increasing numbers of nontraditional households entering the market, such as immigrants, singles and older people trading down, an association report stated.

"This reflects a shift that will continue in years to come. It will reshape the nation's housing market over the next decade."

Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. (c) Copley News Service 1998.

NAR voices concern over proposed changes to wetlands permitting

Proposed change to the national permitting system used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for development of wetlands need careful examination to ensure that the new procedures strike an appropriate balance between environmental concerns and economic opportunities, according to a representative for the National Association of Realtors.

Michael F. Ford, vice chair of NAB's land use, property rights and environmental forum, discussed plans by the Corps of Engineers to replace a portion of the current system of wetlands regulation, known as Nationwide Permit 26 (NWP 26), during testimony today before the Corps. The hearing in Washington is one of several being sponsored nationwide by the Corps to obtain public

comment on the changes. The Corps and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulate the nations' wetlands.

The new proposal calls for replacing NWP 26 with several new or modified "activity-based" permits. Currently, NWP 26 is set to expire in March 1999. Each of the replacement activity-based permits would be subject to several conditions that must be met for the individual permit to be valid.

NAR supports the proposed activity-based system of NWPs. "This type of permit rightly places the focus on the activity within a wetland, instead of a wetland itself, thereby allowing for greater flexibility to determine appropriate mitigation alternatives," Ford said.

NAR realizes the vital ecological purposes served by wetlands, including flood control, preventing erosion and providing habitat for wildlife, Ford noted. However, the association is equally concerned with how wetlands policies affect real estate owners. For instance, the Corps is extending the scope of the replacement NWPs to cover all aquatic resources in the United States, creating a much broader regulatory process than simply examining the impact of a particular development activity on a wetland.

The inclusion of all aquatic resources in the permitting process raises questions regarding possible mitigation for any losses of those resources, as well as questions over how the national goal of "no net loss" of wetlands might be applied to aquatic resources. "Depending in the answer to those questions, NAR has significant concern about the scope and complexity of this new regulatory activity," Ford said.

He also addressed the proposal's creation of regional "conditions" that will be applied to the new permits. These regional stipulations would be based on the function and characteristics of the wetland, plus the nature of the activity and the potential impact to the wetland. According to Ford, the Corps should delay establishing new national permits until the regional conditions have been determined, and he suggested that such conditions not be mandated. "This process works best when it is bottom-up, rather than top-down. The process for setting regional conditions should be as open-ended as possible," Ford said.

He pointed out that because more than 70 percent of the U.S. wetlands are owned by private citizens, wetlands regulation is directly linked to the larger issue of protecting private property rights.

"Realtors believe federal wetlands regulation should be strengthened to preserve the right of all private property owners to determine the best use of their land," Ford said. "We recognize that some restrictions on property serves everyone's interest, but we believe all citizens have the right to use real estate with the confidence that the value of their property will not be unduly diminished by governmental action."

Weichert staff members earn honors

Several staff members at various offices of Weichert, Realtors have received honors.

Nancy Smith, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Basking Ridge Office, has been honored by the New Jersey Association of Realtors as a member of its Distinguished Sales Club.

Created in 1994, the award recognizes sales associates who have earned membership to the State Million Dollar Club for at least 10 years. Smith earned silver honors in 1997.

Smith, who won the office's top sales award for the month of May is a consistent top producer whose achievements include repeat membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, most recently in 1997.

As a member of the company's Ambassador's Club, she is counted among the top two percent of Weichert's 7,500 sales associates.

Smith is a seasoned real estate professional and licensed broker. She is a member of the Hunterdon-Somerset Association of Realtors and Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

A Basking Ridge resident for more than 20 years, Smith is married and has two children. She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts and marketing at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Smith may be reached for real estate transactions at Weichert's Basking Ridge Office, (908) 766-7600, located at 22 Henry St.

Carol Richter, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Basking Ridge Office, has won the May office award for the greatest listing dollar volume.

It is the most recent office award for Richter, who was honored by the New Jersey Association of Realtors as a member of its Distinguished Sales Club. Created in 1994, the award recognizes sales associates who have earned membership to the State Million Dollar Club for at least 10 years. Richter qualified at the silver level for closed transactions of at least \$5 million, for the eighth time in 1997.

In 1997, Richter's accomplishments placed her among the top one percent of Weichert's 7,500 sales associates as a member of the

President's Club. She qualified for the company's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Club.

Richter reached a career milestone when she qualified for Weichert's 100 Marketed Club in 1997. She previously qualified for the company's 100 Sales Club.

She is a member of the Hunterdon-Somerset Association of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service.

Married and the mother of four children, Richter lives in Millington. She is a former teacher and an active volunteer with the American Heart Association.

Richter may be reached for real estate transactions at Weichert's Basking Ridge Office, (908) 766-7600, located at 22 Henry St.

Gerry Seylaz, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Basking Ridge Office, led the office in listings during May to earn top producer honors.

It is the most recent office award for Seylaz, whose numerous achievements include membership in Weichert's 1997 Ambassador's Club. As a member, she is counted among the top two percent of the company's 7,500 sales associates.

Seylaz is also a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, and a bronze award winner in the 1997 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.

A licensed real estate professional for five years, Seylaz is a member of the Hunterdon-Somerset Association of Realtors and Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

The Gillette resident is married, has three children and three grandchildren. She is a parishioner at St. Vincent de Paul Church, where she was employed as school secretary.

Seylaz may be reached for real estate transactions at Weichert's Basking Ridge Office, (908) 766-7600, located at 22 Henry St.

James Madalone, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Warren Office, has qualified for the company's 1998 President's Club.

Awarded to the top one percent of Weichert's 7,500 sales associates, membership in the

President's Club is the highest annual sales honor bestowed by the company. It is an honor Madalone has won each year since 1992.

It is the most recent honor for Madalone, who earned four of 15 regional awards in 1997 on his way to gold honors in the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. Madalone, who has earned state honors every year since entering real estate sales 10 years ago, has reached the gold level six times and silver level four times.

In 1997, he was honored by the New Jersey Association of Realtors as a member of its Distinguished Sales Club. Created in 1994, the award recognizes sales associates who have earned membership to the State Million Dollar Club for at least 10 years.

His career accomplishments now exceed 600 transactions for a dollar volume exceeding \$100 million. Madalone's achievements in 1997 elevated him to the company's 300 Marketed Club, and earned repeat membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Madalone, who is also a licensed broker, is a member of the Somerset, Middlesex, Hunterdon County and North Central Jersey State Multiple Listing Service.

A lifelong resident of New Jersey, Madalone is married and has two children.

He may be reached for real estate transactions at Weichert's Warren Office, (908) 757-7780, located at 61B Mountain Boulevard.

Dawn Bernstein has joined the Warren office of Weichert, Realtors as a sales associate.

Bernstein is a newly licensed real estate professional and a member of the Hunterdon-Somerset Association of Realtors and Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Before entering real estate sales, she was owner and manager of All Sports, a retail sporting goods business.

Bernstein, who resides in Bridgewater, is a member of Temple Shalom.

She is a graduate of Stockton State College in Pomona, N.J., where she earned a bachelor's degree in business management.

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Realty firm marks 10th anniversary

Ken Worden, broker and owner of Century 21 Worden & Green, recently announced the 10th anniversary of selling bank corporate properties.

The firm has been working with many of the major banks and mortgage companies in the county including Freddie Mac, Citicorp, Summit Bank, Chase Manhattan, Owen Federal Bank, Bank of New York, GE Mortgage and EMC Mortgage.

Heading a 10 member department, Worden has attributed its success to the hard work and perseverance of the associates, not only to market foreclosed properties, but to also assist owners of homes about to be foreclosed upon in resolving their financial situation through refinancing or sale of the homes.

Two of the original members of the department, J. Donna Schenke and Mark Garay, have more than 20

years of combined real estate experience in all areas of real estate. Teamed with Schenke and Garay and also multifaceted in real estate are Brian Graham, Bryan Tucci and Otto Palagay. Anthony Scarpa and Sharon Umba also bring their years of experience to the department.

Covering most of New Jersey, the REO or bank foreclosed department has listed, sold, managed, marketed and sold more than 2,000 properties. Not limited to single family residential listings, the department has listed and sold multifamily homes, commercial buildings and land included in the marketing and managing of the property are a complete appraisal of the property to determine the fair market price, repairs to the property (ranging from major renovations to replacing carpeting and paint) and property preservation (including lawn care and snow removal).

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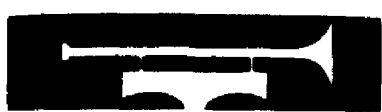
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Automotive

Chevy's new S-10 ZQ8 truck has safety upgrades

By Mark Maynard

COURTESY NEWS SERVICE

I'm too old for this truck ... which is probably why I liked it so much.

The Chevrolet S-10 ZQ8 test truck - in glossy apple red paint - is a two-wheel drive sport truck.

It's not about being a big and bouncy test truck. It's more like a sport coupe with function - a 6 1/2-foot cargo bed.

A ZQ8 option package transforms a dutiful S-10 into a quick ratio, rear-drive sporty car. It's fun and simple like a convertible Camaro but with a bed to tote a half ton of stuff.

Chevy gave the S-10 a mild redesign for '98 that changed the grille, front and rear ends, head lights, a new air dam and side rub strips.

Safety upgrades

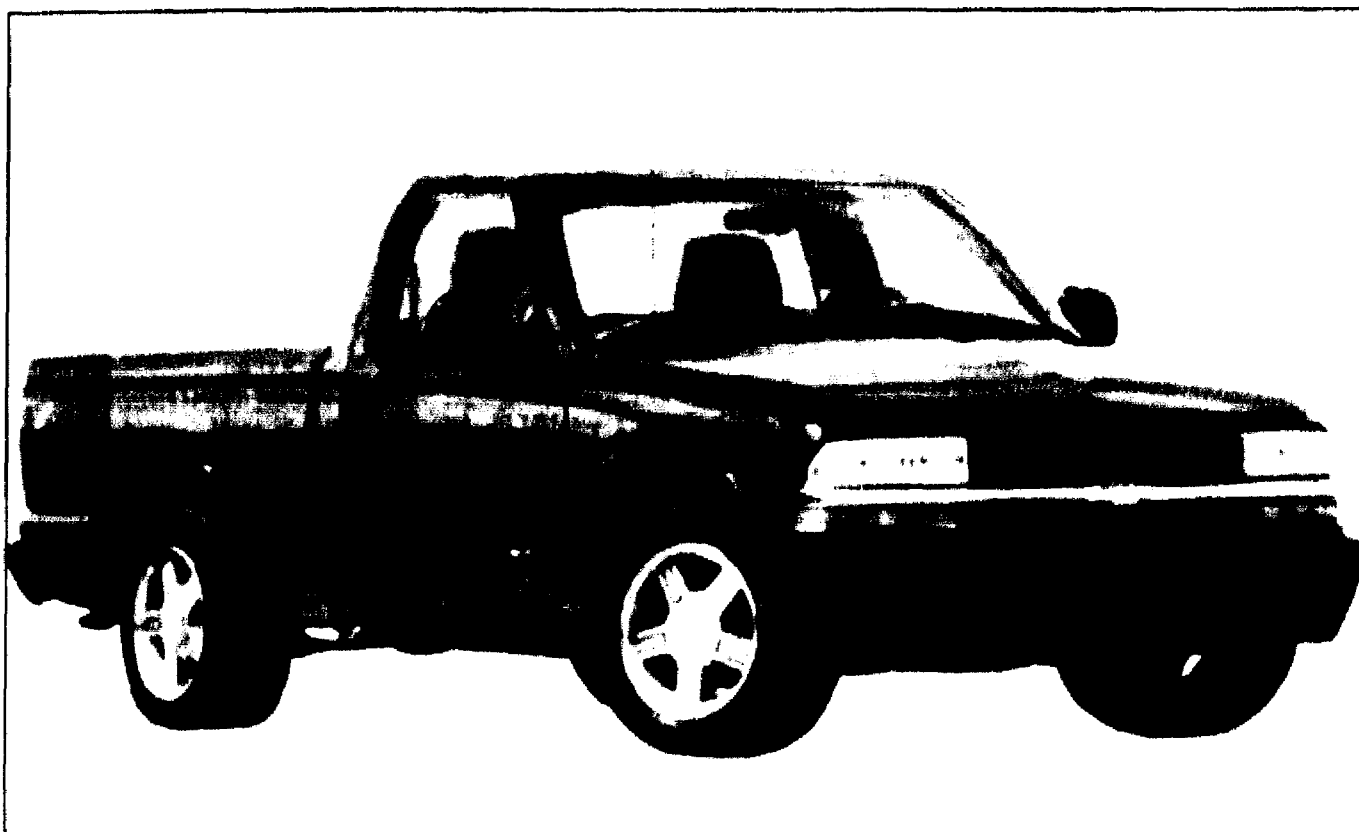
include a standard driver's air bag and a passenger bag with deactivation switch. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard on all models and four-wheel disc brakes are standard on four-wheel drive trucks and optional on 2WD.

The instrument panel was redesigned to incorporate knee bolsters for driver and passenger (which prevents "submarining" in a collision) and given an easier-to-read gauge cluster.

Other nice features include:

Retained battery power so you can listen to the radio or close a window up to 20 minutes after you've switched off the engine.

Battery rundown protection, which automatically turns off interior lights if you forget to. And



if you space out and forget to turn off a turn signal the driver is reminded with a polite chime after three-quarters of a mile.

The 4-cylinder test truck was fairly basic with full cloth bucket seats and fold-down center armrest, a 5-speed manual transmission with a handy mini console and cup holder and crank windows. A special feature of the LS trim is the dual sun visors with covered, lighted mirrors and a slide-out panel to track that allee of sun that manages to sneak around the rearview mirror.

The truck also came with air conditioning (\$600), tachometer (\$69), tilt steering and cruise control (\$395) and the LS trim package.

The window sticker, with dis-

counts and other charges, came to \$15,005.

On the inside, it's trucky but expected. There's a durable plastic look to its interior pieces and an almost exaggerated size to buttons and switches for readability and gloved hand operation. And there's good head room at 39.5 inches and plenty of leg room at 42.4 inches.

The 120-horsepower 4-cylinder gave zippy performance, helped along by the 3.73 rear-axle gear ratio, but it is the ZQ8 sport suspension package that made this truck special to drive. For \$455, it adds:

- A reinforced frame.
- Lowered ride height.
- De Carbon gas-charged shock absorbers.

• Front urethane bounce bumpers.

• Front and rear stabilizer bars.

• Rear axle vibration damper.

• Quick-response variable ratio steering.

• Locking differential.

• 16-inch Goodyear GA P235/55R16 tires on alloy wheels.

The rich, well-applied paint, lowered ride height, tires and wheels make a sharp-looking package - good enough for an admiring glance over the shoulder as you walk away. And that's a good trick for \$15,005.

Mark Maynard is automotive editor at The San Diego Union-Tribune. Contact him at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com.

1998 Chevrolet S-10 ZQ8

- Body type: Fleetside 2-passenger, regular-cab compact pickup with 6 1/2-foot bed
- Drive system: Front engine, rear drive
- Engine size & type: 2.2 liter OHV 4-cylinder
- Horsepower: 120 at 5,000 rpm
- Torque: 140 foot-pounds at 3,600 rpm
- Transmission: 5-speed manual
- Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 10.7 seconds
- EPA fuel economy estimates: 23 mpg city, 30 highway, 26

octane recommended

- Fuel capacity: 19 gallons
- Payload: 1,171 pounds
- Maximum trailer weight: 2,000 pounds
- Front head/leg room: 39.5/42.2 inches
- Overall length: 190.1 inches
- Wheelbase: 108.3 inches
- Curb weight: 3,003 pounds

Options on test vehicle: air conditioning, \$805; tachometer, \$69; tilt steering and cruise control, \$395; ZQ8 sport handling package, \$455.

Preferred equipment group, \$402; LS decor, aluminum wheels, AM/FM cassette stereo with clock.

Standard features include: Dual outside mirrors, vinyl bench seat, lighted glove box, intermittent windshield wipers, platinum tip spark plugs, extended life coolant, aluminum stainless steel muffler and tailpipe.

Safety features include: Dual front air bags with cutoff switch for passenger bag, knee bolsters, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, Passlock anti-theft system.

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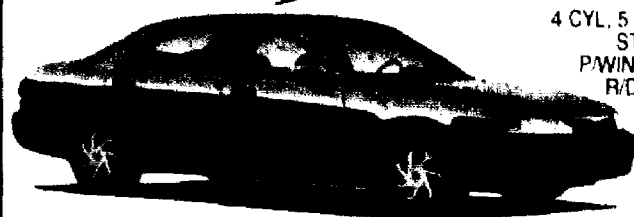


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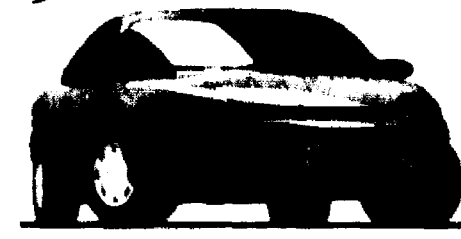


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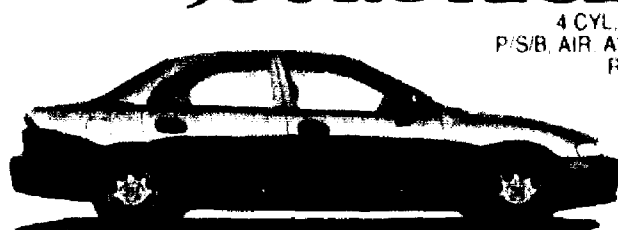


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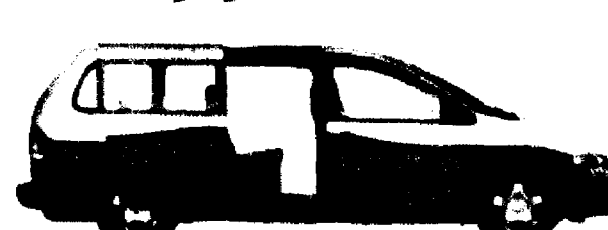


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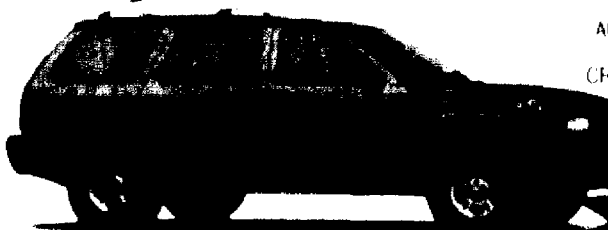


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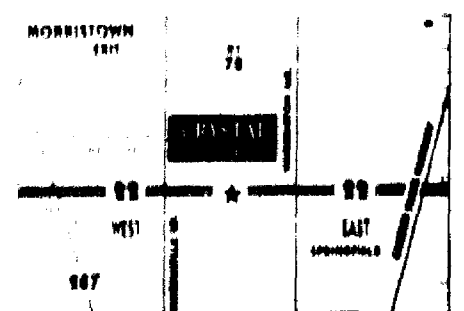
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