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Sheep to Shawl Day at Miller-Cory House

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum at 614 Mountain Ave. will hold its annual "Sheep to Shawl Day" 1-5 p.m. Sunday. You can see the entire process of how woven cloth is produced from woven fibers. Carding, spinning and weaving are part of the process.

As farmers did in the 18th and 19th centuries, Jeremy Mills will shear sheep by hand. Early records of the Cory family indicate that there were at least eight sheep on the farm in 1802. The sheep for Sunday's program will be provided by Beverly Eaton of the Somerset County 4-H program.

In addition, children can try their hand at crafts. Tin piercing and felt-making as done in early America will be demonstrated. Home-baked cookies, lemonade and other baked goods will be available for sampling.

The gift shop will have books and crafts on wool processing.

Admission is by donation. For more information, call (908) 232-1776.

Postal Service holds cleanup day

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Postal Service is sponsoring its third annual "Clean Your Files Day" on Thursday.

The Scotch Plains Post Office on Park Avenue will be among those participating in the program designed to promote recycling of paper in the workplace. Postal employees will clean out the files and recycle office paper no longer needed.

Amish quilt sale set for April 24

WESTFIELD — Amish Country Quilts & Crafts will hold a sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the armory on Rahway Avenue.

More than 250 quilts and 500 wall hangings will be featured. Quilts are for twin, full, queen and king size beds. Wall hangings are smaller quilts used like artwork on a wall.

Pillows, dolls, art work, toys, furniture, rugs, books and other items from Lancaster County, Pa., will be available as well.

The free event is the first to be held in New Jersey by Jane Benton, who collects handmade items from the Lancaster County farms of her Amish friends and neighbors to take to the sales.

For more information, call Benton at (717) 786-8487.

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Open space referendum on ballot

BY JON LEDERMAN

R-P CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council announced on Tuesday its intention to include an open space referendum on the ballot for the Nov. 2 election.

If passed, the referendum would enable the township to set aside tax dollars to support the addition of five new athletic fields, creation of passive parks and improvements to existing recreation areas

by 2003.

The fields would accommodate baseball and soccer. At least two of them would be full-size adult fields.

A dollar amount was not given.

"The (township) is in dire need of additional ballfields for participants of all ages," Councilman Martin Marks said.

"Our efforts began last year with the announcement of (Councilman William) McClintock's five-year plan," Marks said. "Since then Mr. McClintock and I have

made a recommendation ... and everyone on the council supports it."

More than 1,500 people are enrolled for youth soccer in Scotch Plains and more than 800 for youth baseball, according to Marks.

The plan includes adding the new ballfields; improving drainage at the existing fields; purchasing and developing property; and preparing fields at the Union County Vocational and Technical School for baseball and soccer.

"The vo-tech field will be ready for use this summer and will be the first of our five new fields," the councilman said.

With open space rapidly disappearing in New Jersey, local needs for passive recreational activities will also be taken into account, according to Marks.

He said the recently purchased Terry Lou Zoo could be ideal for a passive park with walkways, plantings and improvements to the streams and pond. The his-
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Off to a fast start

The Westfield High School Blue Devil baseball team is off to a fast start this spring. Here first baseman Will Hannia waits for a throw. For more on the baseball team, see page C-1.

Partisanship on council draws critics

BY JON LEDERMAN

R-P CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council was criticized by residents Tuesday for the angry, partisan displays that have occurred during recently televised council meetings.

"I voted for you but I am appalled at the way you roll your eyes and cut people off," one woman told Mayor Geri Morgan Samuel at the council meeting.

The speaker said it appeared that Samuel has an obvious dislike for Councilman Martin Marks, who has sparred with the mayor over several issues since January.

"Maybe Mr. Marks shouldn't sit next to you," the speaker said. "I'm a parent and when my children aren't getting along I separate them."

Samuel joked that Marks was

sitting next to her because he had requested that he not sit on the end this year.

"Mr. Marks," the speaker continued, "the election is over and you should deal with it."

"You may not be happy with how the Democrats ran their campaign, but the election is over and the residents have chosen," she said. "You should deal with it and move on."

The reference was to Marks' recent charges that Samuel lied during the campaign about tax increases in Scotch Plains between 1992 and 1997, when the township was governed by an all-Republican council.

Samuel also was criticized for looking at her fingernails and showing obvious distaste when challenged on issues or presented with differing views.

"You should view the tape and
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Four vying for three Westfield board seats

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Four candidates are running in Tuesday's election for the three available seats on the Board of Education.

Incumbents Annmarie Puleio and Arlene Gardner are contested by Genevieve Weber and William Wallace for the three-year seat.

Arlene Gardner

"I think my law and education background has enabled me to contribute to the board's deliberations," Gardner said. "I would like to continue as a member of the board to help fashion well thought out solutions to the challenges facing Westfield Public Schools such as increasing enrollment."

"Over the next three years, we need to review and revise our social studies, science and computer technology programs so that they are challenging, up to date and well-articulated," Gardner said. "We also need to establish benchmarks which clearly outline what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level."

"This will enhance accountability and educational equity to ensure that our children obtain the skills and knowledge that they need for state tests, college and the working world," Gardner added.

Gardner is director of the New Jersey Center for Law-Related Education at Seton Hall University. She has served three years on the board. She is chairwoman of the Policy Committee and a member of the Curriculum Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. She has also been a member of the Finance Committee and the Facilities Committee. She is the liaison to Edison School and former liaison to Tamaques School.

She has a BA in political science from Douglass College, Rutgers University and a law degree from Georgetown University.

Gardner, 48, has lived in town for 14 years. She lives on Carleton Road with her husband Edward Israelow, her daughter Hannah, 15, who is a freshman at the high school and her son David, 12, who is a 7th grader at Edison Intermediate School. Gardner is a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Annmarie Puleio

"In my first term on the Board of Education I worked hard to see the strategic plan come to completion, the plan sets forth our goals and strategies for the future and most importantly provides a context for decision making by the board, administrators, and professional staff," Puleio said.

"I'm seeking reelection in order to continue to set high curricular standards, attract and support good teachers and to address the facilities issues associated with growing enrollment and instructional needs."

During her three years on the board she has served on several committees and has most noted for her role in the strategic plan for the district. She was chairwoman of the Long Range Planning Committee for two years and a member of the Curriculum Committee for three years, the Policy Committee for three years, the Secretarial Negotiation Team, the Facilities Committee and a liaison to CAAP (Concerned African American Parents of Westfield). She has been a member of the Wilson School PTA for six years, a member of the Westfield League of Women Voters as well as the College Women's Club.

Puleio has a BA in psychology from William Paterson University and a MA in education from Seton Hall University.

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Eruption of enthusiasm

Third-graders at Tamaques School in Westfield are studying geology with the help of a 7-foot volcano, complete with a crater and lava. The science project was coordinated by teachers Laurie Wood and Frank Fuzy. Posing with their teachers are Michael Downer and Neal Huskey, Shaquan Herron, Cathryn Winchester, Emma Byer and Katherine Douglas.

Downtown is ready for Spring Fling on Sunday

WESTFIELD — The fifth Annual Spring Fling will bring thousands to downtown Westfield, on Sunday.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce sponsors this popular spring classic. There is no admission for all-day musical entertainment, nearly 300 quality craft exhibitors and many children's activities. More than 20 food specialists and some of the local restaurants will be offering their tastiest fare.

On the stage area at the corner of Broad and Elm streets will be various entertainers, including children's storyteller Kathryn Weldener, the fabulous Zucchini Brothers (the Beatles of chil-

dren's music) and jazz group, "One More Once." Musical and magical entertainers will stroll throughout Downtown Westfield during the day. A full schedule of entertainment coordinated by DJ and singer, Bob Mole, begins at noon.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts on East Broad Street will present musical entertainment and demonstrations throughout the day. Maine musician Tim Janis will perform his light instrumentals at a location near Prospect Street. The Mystic Warriors, South American musicians from the Andes, will play near Quimby and Elm Streets.

A special Kids Expo is planned along

East Broad Street near Prospect Street. The area will feature several fun activities for parents to enjoy with their children. Children will love the pony rides and the wonderful petting zoo located in the parking area of PNC Bank at North and East Broad streets.

New this year is the "Ultimate Safari Rides," a lifelike, radio controlled, mechanical tiger and elephant for children to sit on and ride. A Moonwalk, temporary tattoos, and face painting are other family activities. Many of the child-related crafts will be in that area, as well.

More than 20 food concessions will tempt the hungry with tasty selections of

London Broil sandwiches, kebabs, buttery fries, nachos, sausage and pepper rolls, gyros and zepoles. Those who enjoy international flavors can feast on teriyaki barbecue, Greek foods, calzone, and Italian sausage. Local restaurants Cosimo's Pizza, Domino's and Ferraro's are planning Spring Fling festival menus. For the adventurous with a sweet tooth, Lawrence Caterers of Oakhurst will sell fried Oreos. Some of the lighter fare includes cotton candy, ice cream, fresh fruit Smoothies and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

More than 20 local businesses will be

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Westfield students learn about careers in law

More than 30 seventh-grade students at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield gave up sitting with friends in the cafeteria during lunch period to attend Career Talk Soup. The program featured Lisa Alter who talked about her career in the legal profession as an attorney specializing in entertainment and copyright law. Coordinating the visit were guidance counselors Brenda Benimeo and Deborah Lyons.

Four vying for three Westfield board seats

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Paterson University's honors program. She has lived in town for nine years.

Puleio, 45, lives on Kimball Turn with her husband Dr. Joseph S. Sini, her 11-year-old daughter Anne and her 7-year-old son Robert who both attend Wilson School.

William Wallace

"The reason I am seeking election to the board is to make sure that those projects funded by the bond are brought to their completion," said Wallace who supported the passing of the \$11.7 million bond in December.

"Because of my experience in the area of finance, I feel I would be an ideal candidate to serve on the board," Wallace said. "I could assist the board in establishing financial policies, as well as planning and reviewing the annual budget."

Mr. Wallace said if elected to the board he would pledge his

time, his business experience and his willingness to keep an open mind on all issues brought to the board.

Wallace was appointed by the school board to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee on Capital Projects last year. He is vice president of Chapdelaine & Company in Manhattan, where he has specialized in municipal securities for the past 15 years. He has his BA in Sociology from Brooklyn College and an MBA in International Finance from Long Island University.

He has lived in town 10 years and has coached girls soccer for the past three years. He is a member of the New York Municipal Bond Club.

Wallace, 44, lives on Warren Street with his wife Beth Ann, his daughters Dylan, 9 and Keegan, 8 who both attend McKinley School.

Genevieve Weber

"I want students in the

Westfield public school system to have the same benefits that I had while I was a student," said the 1994 Westfield High School graduate. "I want to make sure that we are using our investment in technology wisely because I feel that is important for the future."

"As probably the youngest candidate I think I would bring a new perspective to the school board because I was a student in the school system as opposed to being a parent of a child in the school system," Weber said. "I know first hand what our students need to succeed in an interdependent world."

Along with emphasizing technology she supports foreign language development.

"Learning another language means developing skills that are necessary for the whole development of an individual such as public speaking, communication skills as well as being a key to learning

about other cultures, geography, world history."

"If I'm elected, that sets a role model for kids in our school system, especially for community service," she said.

Weber graduated from Georgetown University where she majored in Japanese and international business. She is a sales planner manager at Lucent Technologies in the Asia Pacific and China Region for data networking systems.

She is an interviewer for the Georgetown Alumni Admission Program and a member of the Youth for Understanding International Exchange.

Weber, 22, lives on Barchester Way. She has lived in town for 20 years and is the daughter of Martha and Nicholas Weber. Her sister Christine, 19, is a freshman at Villanova University and her brother Jeffrey, 16, is a junior at the high school.

"Westfield was the only school district in western Union County that experienced a decrease in per pupil spending," said Superintendent of Schools William Foley. "While overall per pupil spending was down in Westfield, we have been able to actually allocate more monies into the classroom and decrease administrative costs for the fourth consecutive year."

"The new budget has been carefully developed to provide for continued priorities within the district's strategic plan to ensure continued excellence in education," said Chairwoman of the finance committee. "We are also addressing new core curriculum content standard requirements set by the state."

One of those standards is foreign language instruction in the second and sixth grades. The new budget will support the new curricula with textbooks and staff. Included in the \$106,457 cost for world language textbooks are health, social studies, fine arts and language arts textbooks.

Dr. Foley emphasized that the new budget supports three major initiatives: technology, textbooks and training of teachers.

The technology portion of the budget included funds to continue the second phase of networking of Westfield High School that will link over 200 workstations to the library and the world wide web.

At the elementary level, 20 additional computers will be earmarked for the fifth grade and 110 computers with monitors and computer furniture will

be added to the fourth grade.

The budget also provides appropriate computer training for fourth and fifth grade teachers.

Dr. Foley said he wants computer technology to be a "seamless part of the curriculum."

The school board is decreasing physical education classes to substitute English, language arts and math classes.

"We're trying to squeeze time into an already compacted curriculum," Dr. Foley said.

The major expenditures for 1999-2000 are \$22 million in instruction, \$6 million in instructional support and \$6.4 million in Special Education. The budget is under cap by \$54,130 and represents the same dollar increase as last year which is \$.07 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

With a \$556,291 increase in state aid, Jacobson said the district was able to "play a little bit of catch up" this year.

"Prior to this they were woeful in funding special education that they mandated," she said.

The district also got back \$61,488 from the state. The adjustment was made because when the board made its enrollment projections, it underestimated the number of students for the year. The bulk of the increase is hitting at the elementary level. The total enrollment for the district is up about 500 students from 1993 to 1998.

"We are at the mercy of the state mandates and state control," said Finance Committee Chair Susan Jacobson, noting that Westfield only receives about 7 percent of its funding from the state. "Some districts get about 60 percent from the state, we're not one of them."

"So we really need to rely on property taxes and our taxpayers to fund education," she added.

Jacobson and Dr. Foley said in the past the board had to "scramble to find funding."

"The downtown is thriving," Dr. Foley said. "Stores that were vacant are now filled and obviously that increases taxables and that helps us."

"I would like to acknowledge Bob Berman and Tamar Sydney Gens for their thorough and prudent examination of every line item, the finance committee for being diligent and conscientious in their review of district needs and the entire board for its unanimous support of the budget."

Partisanship draws critics

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see your body language it's not nice," another resident said to the mayor.

That resident scolded the council for not leaving its partisanship and personal feelings in the conference chambers where the council meets privately.

Still another resident urged the council to learn how to

"agree to disagree."

"Disagreements are good," he said. "They result in the best ideas for the town. But the tenor of the disagreements need to change."

Councilman William McClintock said that despite the public appearances, the Republicans and Democrats on the council agreed on issues 90 percent of the time.

Open space referendum

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historic Fraze House on the zoo property could be used as a museum or community center.

Marks said the funds could also be used to improve the condition of the clubhouse at Scotch Hills Country Club and add a

concession area on the country club's property.

"This should appeal to all ages and it's important that the community get behind this quality-of-life issue," he said.

The councilman said the referendum would not affect the 1999 municipal budget.

Choirs will be at JCC April 21

SCOTCH PLAINS - "Israel in Song - 51 Years to Celebrate" will be the theme of this year's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave. The entire community is invited.

Appearing that evening will be four choirs: the Lower School Choir of Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford, the Middle School Choir of the Solomon Schechter Day School in West Orange, the Adult Choir of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, and Kof Hafayla, an a capella singing group from Rutgers University Hillel.

Audience participation is encouraged.

This program is designed for the entire family. Admission is free and registration is encouraged.

Israeli food will be available 6:30 p.m. prior to the beginning of the show. Call Daniel Liberman at (908) 889-5370 for more information.

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Spirited school board race in township

Seven contesting three Scotch Plains seats on board of education

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Seven candidates are vying for three seats in Tuesday's Board of Education election.

For the two Scotch Plains seats incumbents Morris H. Gillet and Edward J. Saridaki are contested by Dominic Bratti, Ava McNamara and Donald E. Sheldon. Incumbent Jessica D. Simpson is contested by Victoria Manduca for the Fanwood seat. The seats are three-year terms.

Dominick Bratti

"Even though the school system was an important factor in my decision to move to Scotch Plains, the birth of my son has focused my attention more on the schools since he will be attending them in a few years," Bratti said.

"Over the past year, I have followed in the local paper the labor dispute that was going on with the teachers and since that is my area of expertise I felt that I would have something to contribute to the board in its next term," said Bratti who is labor and employment attorney for Grotto, Glassman and Hoffman in Roseland.

"As I see it now, there is a lot of lingering animosity between some members of the current board and the teachers," Bratti said. "I would like to open up a dialogue with the teachers union, put away past hostilities and work on behalf of our common goal, the education of our children."

"I live only a few houses down from Coles School and watched them building the addition to the school," Bratti said. "Although I was glad they built the addition to address the overcrowding problem I thought it could have been more well planned out."

"Obviously we have an overcrowding issue that needs to be addressed and I would like to see it addressed quickly, but in a way that is consistent with long term goals," he added.

"Essentially my goal while I am on the board will be to act quickly to improve both the facilities and the quality of education while not placing too much of an added burden on the taxpayers."

Bratti, 36 has lived in town for seven years. He lives on Aberdeen Road with his wife Donna, their 17-month old son and his mother Anna.

He is an assistant secretary for the Youth Consultation Service Board, a non-profit corporation which provides residential and outpatient children's psychiatric health care and educational services to children in northern New Jersey. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1996 and serves on the Finance Committee and Operations Committee.

He is also a member of the New Jersey Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Morris Gillet

"I initially ran for the board because I felt I owed something to the community, it gave my sons a fine education and enabled them to go on to college and pursue their interests," Gillet said. "They were well prepared by the district and I feel that they had given that to my family and I should give something back to the district."

"My experience on the board over the last six years has given me great insight into how the system works and how it should work," Gillet said. "I believe we have a

very fine school system but as the world changes it has to be fine tuned and improved by bringing technology into the classroom."

"Technology is not just something you learn about, it is something you learn to use as a tool to augment the rest of your learning," Gillet said. "It opened up a world of information so that everything is at a student's fingertips; it's the pencil of today's work."

He has been on the board six years and served on the negotiations committee for three contracts for the teachers and two contracts for the Teamsters. He was the board's house and grounds liaison as well as the budget and finance liaison.

Currently, he is the liaison to the Union County Educational Services Commission. He served on the technology action team when the district initiated its strategic plan.

He was president of the music boosters at the high school and helped form the music boosters at Terrill Middle School, serving as the first president.

He has been a PTA member for 25 years. He is a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association.

He has been a certified swimming referee at high school, YMCA and swim club meets for the past 25 years.

Gillet attended Lafayette College where he majored in biology.

For four years he has owned a retail paint and wallpaper store in Gillette. Prior to that he ran a manufac-

turing operation in Garwood.

Gillet, 57 has lived in town for more than 30 years. He lives on Raritan Road with his wife Karen. Their three children all went through the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system. His son Jason, 22, is a TV film editor in Manhattan; his son Brad, 19, is majoring in music at the University of Miami; William, 30, is the director of special education at a school district in Pennsylvania.

Ava McNamara

"I will work hard to represent the interests of the community and make decisions based upon everyone's best interests," McNamara said.

"If elected I believe we will have a board that is representative of our community. It is time for new leadership with fresh insights and initiatives."

"I believe that the board must strive to maximize citizen input in adoption of programs and policies," she said. "The schools belong to the residents of the community and the community must be involved in all decisions that impact on the quality and cost of our children's education."

"Only by providing greater accessibility to the board and school administrators, can the board increase its credibility with the public."

"We need to address the over crowding in our schools and review all the viable options available to us to alleviate this problem," McNamara said. "We need to have district wide standards for leveling in our middle schools. We must allow for children to learn and function on different levels and nurture them and address their needs."

She is the founder of Paralegal Services. McNamara served as an Internal Auditor for Lincoln Federal Savings and Pohly Savings & Loan.

She is a member of the PTA Learning Disabilities Association and the International Dyslexia Association as well as the JCC of Central New Jersey.

McNamara is a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains. She graduated

from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1977 and earned her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University in 1981, majoring in political science with a minor in accounting. She attended Upsala College Paralegal Studies program and Seton Hall Law School.

She lives with her husband Paul and their three children: Mitchell, 7 who attends first grade at McGinn School; Joshua, 4, who attends the preschool program at Brunner School; and Jake, age 2.

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Donald E. Sheldon

"I have a deep personal commitment to the value of education particularly public education for all students," Sheldon said. "I believe strongly in being of service to others and to one's community."

Sheldon says his experience in all components of education as a parent, a public school teacher, counselor and administrator as well as a former member and president of the school board enable him to be objective while dealing with the problems and difficult decisions which constantly are presented to the school board.

"I believe every child should be prepared with a foundation for being a lifelong learner," Sheldon said.

"I want to see an educational program which prepares all of our children to be successful in the 21st century through necessary revisions of the curriculum, professional development of the staff and expansion of classroom space to meet increasing enrollment," Sheldon said. "And to do this within realistic financial limitations that can be supported by the community."

He said education must be based on a strong foundation in the basic skills of communication, mathematics, study and research as well as the use of technology while maintaining high standards for the achievement of each student.

Sheldon completed six years as a member of the school board from 1992 to 1998, serving five years as president. He has served as vice-president of the Garden State Coalition of Boards of Education, as a member of the New Jersey School Boards Finance Committee, is a charter member and past president of the Special Needs and Principals Advisory Committee of Union County, president of the New Jersey Pupil Personnel Administrator's Association. He is a charter member and vice-president for Case Management of the Tiny Tim Fund and serves as an elder in the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains.

He has a master's degree and a doctorate from Columbia University. He served as Director of Guidance and Director of Special Services for 23 years in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools. Sheldon, 71, and his wife Alice have lived in Scotch Plains for more than 30 years. They have four children who graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Lions celebrate anniversary

Union County Freeholder Donald Goncalves, (left), presents a resolution to William A. Doyle, president of the Westfield Lions Club, (right), on behalf of that service club as it celebrates its 75th anniversary on April 18. The club purchased ambulances for the town in 1928 and 1933; supported the Union County Association for the Blind, The Lions Eye Bank and Recordings for the Blind; and collected used eyeglasses for Eyes for the Needy. Lions Club has participated in projects which include the Adopt-A-Street clean-up program and sponsorship of a Leo Club at the Roosevelt Intermediate School. The Lions started the Easter egg hunt in Mindowaskin Park that is still conducted.

SP-F school budget up by 1.88 percent

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recently finalized its proposed budget for the 1999-2000 school year in the amount of \$44,551,453.

The budget was reviewed for the public at a formal budget hearing and adopted unanimously by the board.

The budget is \$822,403 over the current spending plan, up by 1.88 percent.

Voters will be asked to approve the tax levy to support the general fund in the amount of \$39,401,685.

The total local tax levy will be up by 2.99 percent overall although each constituent municipality is responsible for a prescribed share of the total school taxes based on a state formula.

The proposed budget would require a school tax rate in Scotch Plains of \$3.29, an increase of 3.13 percent and in Fanwood, a 1.54 percent increase will bring the school tax rate to \$3.96.

The proposed budget includes over \$600,000 in program improvements.

Among the planned improvements are reading and language arts texts, mathematics software, an expanded elementary literacy program in first and second grades, a regular and special education team teaching pilot, supervisory support for the growing non-tenured teaching staff, increased staff in strengthened art and music programs, an expanded world language program in the seventh grade, new middle school texts in world language, math, science, language arts, and health, expanded Internet access,

after-school assessment preparation courses, and additional middle school athletic teams.

High school improvements are planned in the areas of world languages, special education, math, the "Living with Children" program, test preparation, Internet access, and in the Fitness Center and athletics.

Additional technology equipment will be provided from Kindergarten through 12th grade and an additional technology assistant will be hired.

Staff professional development activities will remain a top district priority and programs are being planned to minimize teacher classroom absences.

Due to the loss of a non-renewable grant from an outside source, the board has had to increase its appropriations for Resolve Community Counseling Center's services in the schools.

Voters are reminded that more complete budget information will be available in the district's newsletter, "Perspective" and on SP-F TV-34.

The annual school election will be held on April 20, with polls open from 2 to 9 p.m.

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Commentary

The responsibility for our children

Participation in next Tuesday's school election will be dismal.

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, voter turnout has gone down in recent years, from 18 percent of registered voters in 1996 to 14.2 percent last year.

That's disappointing. At a time when the quality of public education ranks high among the public's concerns, it's puzzling why the turnout is so low.

"The local school board plays a critical role in the education process," said Charles V. Reilly, president of the New Jersey School Boards Association. "Statewide, local boards of education oversee the expenditure of more than \$12 billion in local, state and federal funds. They set the policies under which our public schools operate. They make decisions about curriculum, staffing and facilities that have a very real impact on our children's education and the quality of life in our communities."

Reilly's words should be taken seriously by all New Jersey voters. The biggest chunk of your property bill goes towards public schools; that's why your vote on the budget is so important. And though the state's control of education has increased in recent years, the local school board still has a considerable amount of power in shaping the quality of education in a school district.

"Voters must choose wisely when it comes to the issue of education in their community," Reilly said. "It's a decision that affects the future of our children."

If New Jersey voters do not go to the polls next Tuesday, they should not complain and whine about the public school system. By casting a vote, residents can make a positive difference in their communities.

The future of the public school system depends on involvement by all members of the community. Whether or not our own children attend school, we share a collective responsibility for all the young people in our towns. That's why we should all vote next Tuesday.

Libraries are a national treasure

This is National Library Week, the time of year when we should go out of our way to express our gratitude to these national treasures in our own hometowns.

Libraries are no longer just a place to read and borrow books. Throughout Central Jersey, libraries have kept pace with the latest technology, offering videotapes and access to the Internet. The world can be found within the walls of your local library; but it's up to us to discover it.

Our local libraries are wonderful resources. The knowledge and pleasure found within the thousands of volumes on the shelves is infinite; yes, you can find wonderful things on the Internet but no one has yet discovered a substitute for the simple joy of reading a book cradled in your hands.

Libraries also offer a variety of programs for people of all ages. Libraries have a multitude of programs to introduce children to the pleasures of books. But increasingly, libraries are hosting programs for adults, including training on the Internet.

There is a lot going on at your local library. You should stop in and see the world in your own backyard.

Letters to the editor

Meridians had a great time

To The Record-Press:

Many residents are not aware that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has provided an intergenerational program for many, many years. I want to write on behalf of the seniors their pleasure in the 1999 event which was one of the best!

The Scotch Plains Meridians want to thank the principal of the High School, Mr. David Heisey and the rest of the staff involved — teachers, cafeteria workers, and the bus drivers who all worked so hard to provide an enjoyable experience for all. The

food served and the care and attention of the students showed how much effort went into planning this event.

We especially want to note the very talented young people who were in the cast of "For Me and My Girl" and who performed some of the play for us.

We are looking forward to future events that will again enable the younger generation to interact with the "youthful," active senior population in town.

LAURA NEGELE
Secretary
Scotch Plains

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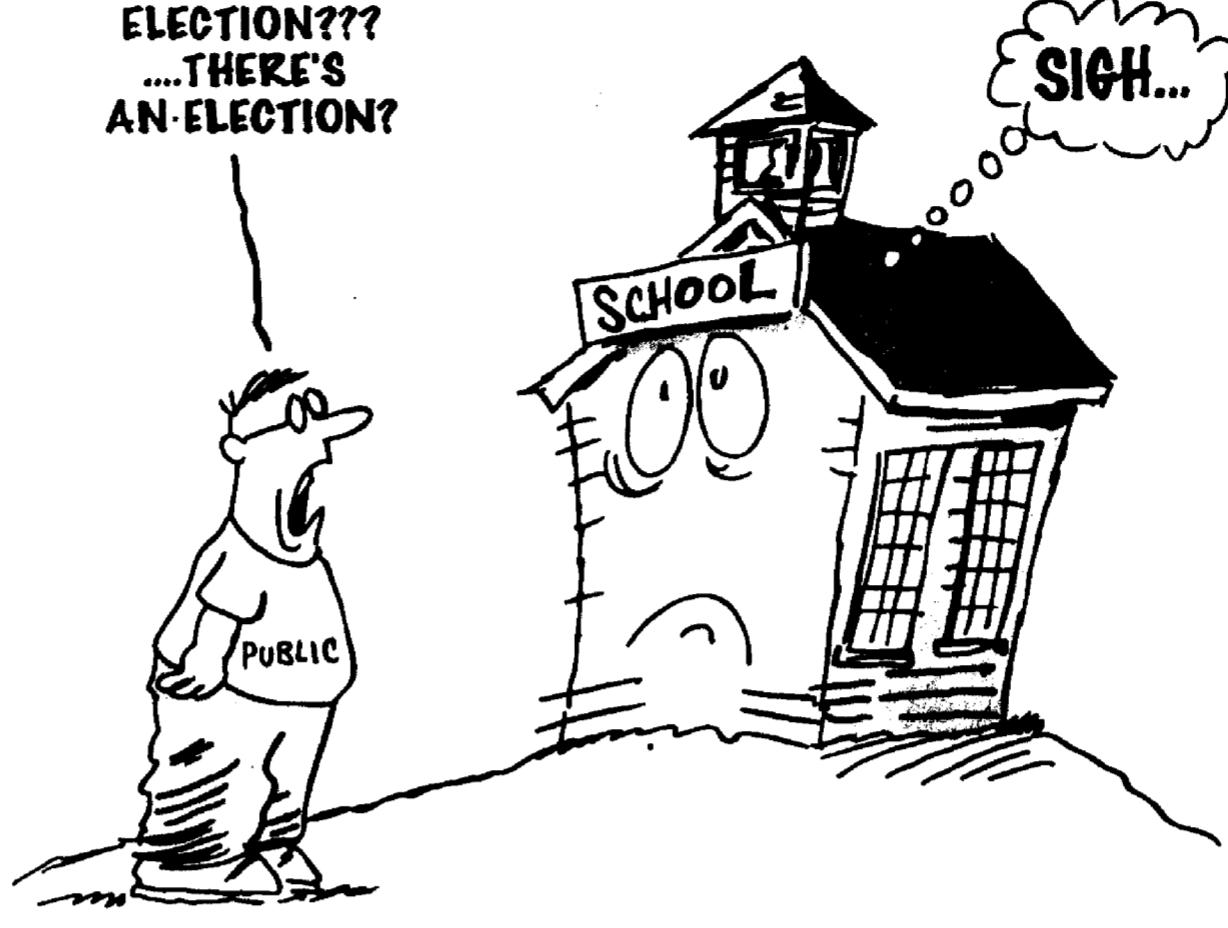
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It's OK to revel in nostalgia

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Not so long ago nostalgia was just a wistful collection of memories. A song from long ago on the radio was enough to send your mind spinning backwards in time. You reveled in reminiscence with sighs and smiles until something rude jolted you back into the present. Nostalgia was harmless.

But nostalgia can be mysterious and fickle, sometimes warping reality into a picture distorted by the myopia of time. That's the nature of nostalgia. It was never *that* good and it was never *that* bad. You remember what attracted you to a long lost lover, but you forget what tore you apart. You remember being slugged by the playground bully, but you forget his mother bringing in cupcakes for the entire class on his birthday. Memory is a mythmaker and like most myths, we edit out the bad and the mundane in favor of the extraordinary and traumatic. Myths are not allowed to be mediocre.

This is a potent time of year for nostalgia. There is something in the soft spring twilight that, to borrow the words of T.S. Eliot in the opening lines of "The Waste Land," mixes memory and desire. After toiling in the office all day, you don't want to hear the news on the car radio so you search for a station with a song you recognize. Suddenly, like a lightning bolt from a clear sky, the classic rock station plays a song that takes you back years and years to a time when you felt more alive than you do today. You remember another spring night long ago when everything seemed possible and every obstacle the world presented could be overcome with a double dose of faith and beer.

Perhaps you will remember the first dance at your prom and the awkward moves that dissolve with the omnipotent rhythms of the heart, the coolness of her dress evaporating the sweat from your nervous palm.

Perhaps you will remember stepping to the plate in a Little League game and hearing the exhortations of your teammates, coaches and parents with runners juggling nervously at second and third, as if they had to score quickly because they have to go to the bathroom. You remember the pitch coming at you as big as a full moon; you remember the sound of the bat meeting the ball and then everything is a blur, like slow motion dream of fireworks, that ends with you being carried off the field a true hero for the first and possibly last -- time in your life.

Perhaps you will remember reading a novel — maybe Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward, Angel* — and, by a coincidence created by the benevolent muses, hearing a distant train somewhere in that perfect spring night. In that moment, you will remember, the rest of your life appeared before you like an unfolding road map and your heart beat faster as you prepared to embrace your destiny.

But we're grown up now and those magical moments no longer happen. Our lives fall into a routine and though we may be very, very happy in our everyday lives, our souls cannot help but sigh that the romance of life has faded like an oil painting left in the sun too long. Every day is no longer a new journey of discovery; the burdens and responsibilities of a cynical age leave little room for wonderment. We live in a serious, sober time; Calvin Coolidge's adage that the "business of America is business" possesses more validity today than it did seven decades ago. The rush to preserve the quality of our lives pushes aside more ethereal pursuits. Perhaps that is a good thing, but sometimes we all need a little silliness of the non-destructive kind to give our lives a little perspective.

But for too many people this spring night will be just another night and it will soon fall into the shredder of memory. How sad. But for some of us there will be still be magic in the night.

Letters to the editor

Leopards don't change their spots

To The Record-Press:

When reading about statements suggesting qualifications of candidates for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education (letter, April 9) we felt compelled to respond to some issues raised by Edward J. Saridakis Jr.

It is our conviction that a board member must thoroughly dig into every issue before it comes to a vote. The administration provides detailed information about every item. When board members have questions they should contact the administration for clarification so that differences are resolved before a final vote is taken.

The statement that the New Jersey School Boards Association recommends that board members not be former or current educators was such a surprise that Donald Sheldon called Frank Belluscio, director of public information at the association. Mr. Belluscio was even more surprised that this was referred to as a policy of the association. He stated that the NJSBA has never had such a policy, and that approximately 17 percent of board members were educators in a recent survey of school boards throughout the state.

It is essential that all segments of the community be represented on the board. Experience and maturity bring wisdom. People whose children have passed through the system can look back upon those years and help make decisions on how to improve a total system that has benefited their children. A truly dedicated board member keeps in contact with the principals, the supervisors and the district administrators so that informed decisions can be made.

People who work or have worked within the system often have a perspective that others may not see or be aware of. As a result their input is of immeasurable value in the board's deliberations.

The two issues raised in this letter that we both concur with are that honesty and open-mindedness are essential in representing the communities, and the leopards seldom do change their spots, regardless of what is said during a campaign.

MORRIS H. GILLET
DONALD SHELDON
Scotch Plains

The writers are candidates for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

Admiration for two candidates

To The Record-Press:

I am writing this letter in support of Don Sheldon and Butch Gillet in their quest for reelection to the Board of Education in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

I have known both of them for years and have the utmost respect and admiration for both gentlemen.

They both have a proven record of service to the citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Both have been on the Board but also have given to other organizations that benefit our children.

Don has been vice president of the Tiny Tim Fund since I can remember. In this capacity he

interviews potential recipients of aid from our fund, and he negotiates with medical providers for the best possible reimbursement for their services.

Butch and I are both past presidents of Music Boosters, and in this capacity we dealt with a huge budget and multiple fund-raisers to make the yearly trip possible.

I feel that both Don and Butch have our children's best interests in mind. I urge you to vote for Don and Butch. We need their experience and loyalty. I recommend them whole heartedly.

PEGGY TAN
President, Tiny Tim Fund
Scotch Plains

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If you would like help organizing your announcement, call Tina McAleer at (908) 575-6703 and ask for a form.

UNICO chapter will mark 25th anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter of UNICO National will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a dinner-dance April 24 at the Italian-American Hall in Scotch Plains.

As part of the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States, the chapter has given back to the community more than \$200,000 in scholarships to more than 190 students and over \$200,000 to many local charitable causes and sponsored events.

The funds have been raised with the help of many dedicated volunteers at the annual four-day Labor Day Italian Festival held in conjunction with St. Bartholomew's Church in Scotch Plains.

The chapter also has been actively involved in promoting Italian culture and heritage through shows at the former Garden State Art Center and through articles in the organization magazine, helped fund research for Cooley's Anemia, mental health programs, food baskets at Christmas and Thanksgiving, Easter baskets, Christmas and Easter programs for Down's Syndrome kids from McAuley School in Watchung, worked with the Ayuda Toy Drive at the former Rahway State Prison, participated in many Italian-American Awareness programs, helped fund a chair for Italian studies at Seton Hall University, helped send needed clothes and supplies for the earthquake victims in Italy, has an anti-bias program, Brian Piccolo sports programs, gives to many local programs, and has just recently spearheaded a drive co-sponsored with the local Italian-American Club and the Knights of Columbus Council 5730 to erect a permanent monument commemorating the founding of America by Christopher Columbus.

The chapter relies on the funds raised at the Labor Day Festival for its charitable and scholarship programs. A recent new fund-raiser is a golf outing with the net proceeds earmarked for a specific charity cause. The national organization and chapters now accept women as members.

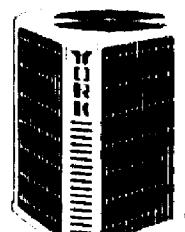
Dems elect officers

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Democratic Club has elected officers for 1999.

They are David B. Littman, president; Theresa Leone, Daniel Regan and Harold Burwell, vice presidents; Joyce Festa, secretary; Peggy Hoff, assistant secretary; Eugene Leporiere, treasurer; Walter Chinoy, sergeant-at-arms; Philip Weiner, Kenneth Lipstein and Louis Beckerman, trustees.

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Daisies visit Fanwood Library

Daisy Troop 289 recently made bookmarks for children who visit the Fanwood Public Library as a service project. Presenting the bookmarks to librarian Ms. Staub (seated) are Stefanie DeVizio, Brittany D'Annunzio, Ryann Morrison, leader Donna D'Annunzio, Rebecca Kreyer, Ryan Laguna, Julia Babis and Lindsay Laguna.

Cultural Arts Committee has full schedule of summer concerts

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee has released the schedule of the 20th Annual Village Green Concert Series.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's own Moonglowers and Sensations will kick off the concert series on Thursday, June 3.

Then, starting July 1, there will be a concert every Thursday evening, through Aug. 26.

Starting time for the following concerts is 7:30 p.m.:

June 3 — Moonglowers and Sensations (Jazz/Song and Dance).

July 1 — Captain Hawkers and the All Stars (Oldies).

July 8 — Hanover Wind

Symphony, "America, Her History Through Music" (Orchestra).

July 15 — Kamar the Magician Magic Show (for children and Verdict (Reggae).

July 22 — Saturday Night Fever (70s Disco).

July 29 — Thunder Rose (Country and Western).

Aug. 5 — Carnaby Street (60s British Pop).

Aug. 12 — Crescent City Maulers (Swing).

Aug. 19 — The VooDUDES (Mardi Gras).

Aug. 26 — New Power Soul (Swing, Rock and Dance).

There will be entertainment for children, from 7:30 p.m. on

July 15 and Aug. 26. Classic cars will be exhibited at the July 1 and August 12 shows.

Anyone interested in placing an advertisement in the concert program booklet or sponsoring beverages at a concert should call Laura Botto at the Recreation Department, 322-6700, extension 220.

This year's committee is:

Laura Botto - Executive Director,

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Wiener.

B'nai B'rith will honor Arthur Fried

WESTFIELD — Arthur C. Fried, a former Westfield councilman, Union County freeholder, and former president of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, will be honored with a B'nai B'rith Distinguished Achievement Award at a testimonial luncheon to be held at L'Affaire on April 18. Former Westfield Mayor H. Emerson Thomas will introduce Fried at the event.

B'nai B'rith will recognize Fried for his civic leadership in Westfield over the past 48 years. In 1995, Fried was recipient of the prestigious Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian Award from the Rotary Club in Westfield. Until recently, he served on the Board of Adjustment for more than 16 years and is currently a trustee of Fairview Cemetery. Fried also was a director of the Westfield Y

Board and was chairman of its Speaker's Bureau. Over the years, Fried was on the Board of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and is a member of Temple Emanu-El, B'nai B'rith, the Old Guard of Westfield and Echo Lake Country Club.

Following three years of service in the U.S. Army during World War II, for which he later received a Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and five campaign ribbons, he spent 23 years with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey as director of public relations. He also worked in sales with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 33 years.

To attend this award luncheon, call either Paul Thau at (908) 771-0866 or George Popper at (908) 232-1897.

Fanwood Republicans announce candidates

FANWOOD — The Republican Municipal Committee has announced its slate of mayoral and Borough Council candidates for the Nov. 2 election.

Councilman Louis C. Jung will have the party's nod for mayor. Councilman Stuart Kline will run for re-election and Thomas P. Ryan Jr. will run for Jung's council seat.

Jung has been a councilman for six years and a Board of Education member for 12 years. He is northeastern public affairs manager for Exxon Co. U.S.A., a division of Exxon Corp. Jung graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

Ryan is an attorney with the Manhattan firm of DeMaggio & DeMaggio. He has been involved with the proposed redevelopment of the Dean Oil property and the effect apartments would have on Fanwood. He holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham University and a law degree from the Fordham law school.

Wilks scores well on German test

SCOTCH PLAINS — Alison Wilks, a sophomore at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School who participated recently in the American Association of Teachers of German national test, has been notified that she achieved a score in the 94th percentile of all 23,000 students who took the test.

She was one of six finalists in the northern half of New Jersey and her scores earned her eligibility to receive a scholarship trip to Germany.

In addition to these outstanding results, particularly for a sophomore student, Alison also competed recently in the Rutgers University Declamation Contest where she captured first place against many junior and senior students.

Ketzenberg & Org. has opened office in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Ketzenberg & Org. Inc., a 52-year-old heating and air conditioning company has opened a branch office at 615 Central Ave.

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Super Science Saturday

Students at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains were recently treated to Super Science Saturday, an annual event sponsored by the PTA. Third-grader Colleen Hagerty is preparing to examine specimens under a high-powered microscope manned by PTA volunteer Kim Rivera.

Korecky named to dean's list

WESTFIELD — Kelly Korecky has been named to the dean's list her first semester at Bucknell University.

A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 of a possible 4.0 to be named to the dean's list at Bucknell.

Korecky, a 1998 Westfield High School graduate, is the daughter of Lorre and Ed Korecky of Lincoln Road. A first-year student in the College of Arts and Sciences at

College Club will meet Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will meet 7:45 p.m. Monday, April 19 at the First United Methodist Church, 1171 Terrill Road.

Kristen Pay will speak about diet and nutrition.

A registered dietitian, she has been the head dietitian at a Lakewood nursing home for the past three years. There will be time for questions from the audience.

Pay graduated from Montclair State College (now Montclair State University) and completed an internship at the University of Medicine and New Jersey.

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Wallcoverings can unify a space with both pattern and color and make a room visually more exciting and welcoming.

The wallcoverings department at your local home improvement retailer should carry a variety of colors, patterns, materials and textures. Before thumbing through books or browsing the aisles, talk to an expert first about what mood you want to create and which problems - if any - you want to overcome.

"Wallcoverings have come a long way," said Vicki McCann, a design expert with The Home Depot. "They actually aren't made of paper anymore and are designed with the do-it-yourselfer in mind. Materials won't rip, shrink or wrinkle nearly as easily as they did years ago."

Most wallpapers come prepasted with a slow-acting adhesive, allowing even the most squeamish beginner time to hang it as carefully as they need.

How much do you need?

Measure the height of each wall from the baseboard to the ceiling line and then measure the perimeter of the room. Multiply these two numbers to get the area in square feet. Next, divide this figure by 50 square feet, which is the area a double roll - regardless of width - will cover. This includes an allowance for trimming and waste, but depending on the repeat, waste will vary. Large patterns usu-

ally will have more waste. Give yourself a comfort level and buy an extra roll.

Colors can vary slightly from one roll to another, so match lot numbers on each roll to be sure the paper came from the same press run. Write down the dye lot number for future reference because if you need more rolls, it's important to order from the same dye lot to avoid slight color differences.

Today's wallcovering are made of vinyl, vinyl-coated paper or cloth, fabric and textiles, natural grasses, foil or Mylar. Vinyl or coated vinyl coverings are the easiest to hang, clean and remove, said McCann.

Other types of wallcoverings such as foil, cork, burlap and help can give a room a unique look but require special handling and are more expensive.

Wallpaper borders can give an otherwise ordinary room architectural effects. Simply add a strip of border to the top of a wall at the ceiling line, or lower where a chair rail would go, to visually spice up a boxy or rectangular room.

It's important to select a wall-

covering with a scale that relates to the size of the room. You wouldn't want to use a tiny pattern in a large room and conversely, a bold design probably would not do well in a small space.

If you're tired of an ordinary

roof overhead, consider papering the ceiling or a room to make it more intimate, or visually raise a space by choosing a striped pattern on the walls to emphasize a vertical feeling.

Tools you'll need

- * A **wall paper tray** is used for wetting prepasted strips.
- * **Smoothing brushes** come in varying nap lengths: short for vinyl paper, long for fragile wallcoverings.
- * The **trimming tool** holds the wallpaper while trimming.
- * Either a **paste brush** or **paint roller** is used for applying adhesives.
- * A **scissor** or **razor knife** is used for trimming paper.
- * A **seam roller** presses down seams where strips meet.
- * A **wall paper table** provides a flat surface.
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Tips for a successful garage sale

By Karen Enslie, RD, FADA, CFCS

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The months from April through September are "prime time" for garage sales. Garage sales are a great way to earn a little extra spending money and clear out clutter.

Want to make your garage sale a success? Consider these suggestions from Dr. Fred Waddell, an Extension specialist at Auburn University in Alabama.

* Plan ahead. Set aside a closet or space in your garage to collect and put price tags on items.

* If you're planning a neighborhood sale, use different colored price tags. It's easier to divide up the profits afterwards when each

person's items are identified.

* Get an early start. Remember that serious bargain hunters will be up and out shopping around 7 a.m.

* Don't try to sell stained or broken items unless they are antiques and can be fixed. Items that do sell well include: wooden chairs and tables, lamps, small appliances, wicker baskets, patio furniture, lawn and garden tools, baby items, shop tools, sports equipment and fishing gear.

* Display similar items (e.g., appliances) together, and leave room for people to move about.

* Borrow or rent a portable coat rack because clothing sells better if it's hanging. Small clothing items can be folded neatly on a card table.

* Most yard sale buyers live within a few miles of you, so offer to deliver large items if a buyer seems interested but hesitant.

* Have plenty of change and small bills. You don't want to turn away a customer because you can't break a \$20 bill.

* Beware of people looking for more than what you're selling. Keep your curtains closed and house locked, and accept only cash.

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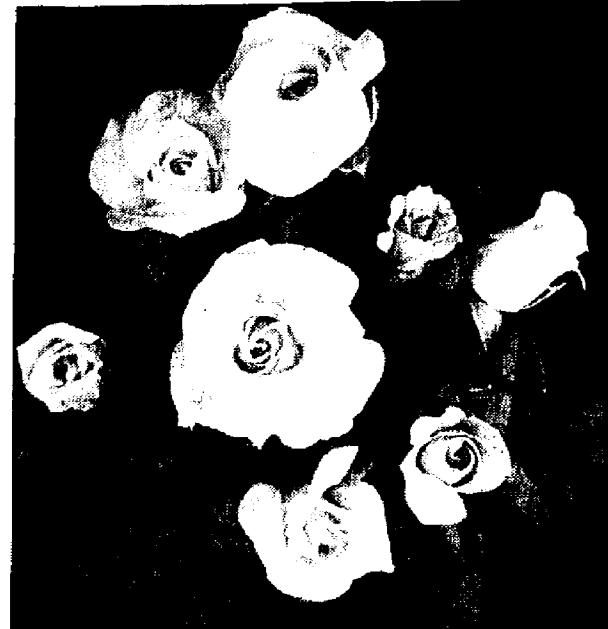
Despite what you may have heard, roses are easy to grow! In fact, with very little effort you can have roses that will make your garden the envy of the neighborhood.

The rose is, of course, our national flower, and every garden should have at least one. Whether you've never grown a rose before, or perhaps you've had a less than successful experience with roses in the past, the American Rose Society urges you to try, try again!

Today's roses are more pest- and disease-resistant than ever before, and they have simple requirements — lots of sun and water and a little fertilizer. Roses grow in all climates, and depending on the varieties you choose, fulfill a myriad of garden requirements, from landscape plantings to flowers for cutting.

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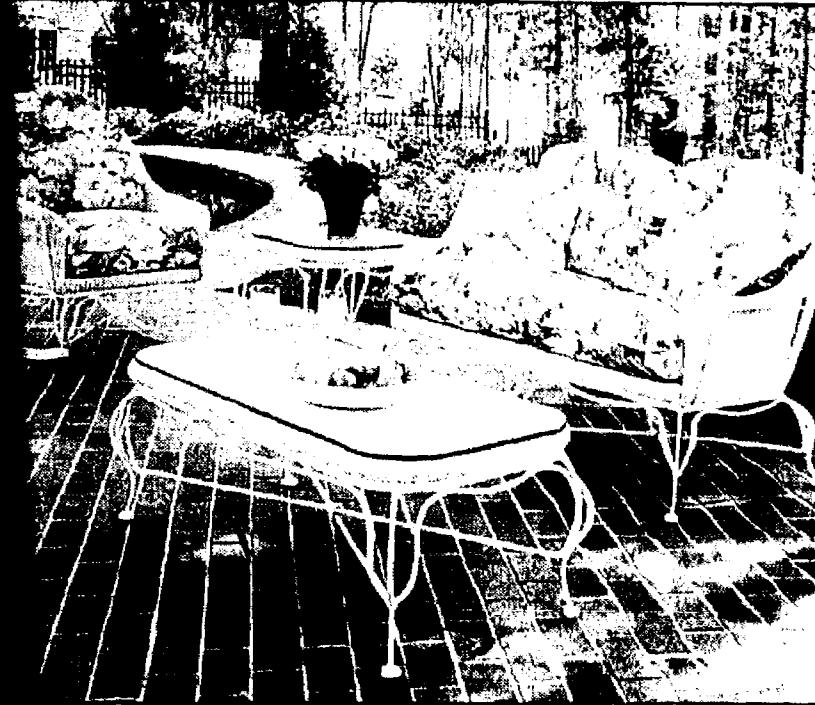
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Wicker wonderland: Indoor-outdoor wicker shrugs off the elements



Spring, summer, fall or winter, transitional indoor-outdoor wicker features weather-resistant elegance for a garden party that lasts year-round. Photo courtesy of the Home Furnishings Council.

With winter behind you and spring home-improvement projects well underway, the warmer weather brings to mind thoughts of sunshine, barbecues and relaxing outdoors. And, when it comes to relaxing, there could be nothing more appealing than a white wicker chaise longue under a shade tree, and nothing more inconvenient than having to haul it to shelter at the first sign of rain. After all, spring can be a very wet season.

What if you could combine the comfort and the breezy, "belle poque" elegance of wicker with the weather resistance of wood or aluminum? Pour a cool glass of lemonade and put up your feet, says the Home Furnishings Council. Wicker with an attitude is here.

Made from woven wood products or extruded resins, the new generation of indoor-outdoor wicker is exactly what its name implies: handsome, comfortable furniture that looks terrific indoors, while standing up to the outdoor elements.

"The biggest problem with natural rattan and wicker is that it expands and contracts, and the feet pull the moisture right up into the frame," says Dale Campbell with Lloyd Lenders, a leading manufacturer of indoor-outdoor wicker. "We use an aluminum frame instead, which eliminates swelling and splitting, and the legs have plastic capped feet."

While the frames are aluminum, the look of the lines is entirely traditional, and startlingly close to natural wicker. In our indoor-outdoor collection, the woven materials are triated, which looks much more natural than a single color," says Peter Schultz, with California-based Casual Living Worldwide. "It is hard to tell the difference."

An added benefit of this next-generation wicker is its versatility. Because it doesn't fray or decay with outdoor use, it looks good enough to move into a sunroom or even living room for winter enjoyment.

"I live in the middle of Wisconsin, and I leave our wicker pieces out on the deck year-round," says Schultz. "They get wind, snow, rain — and the next year they'd look good anywhere in the house. I think they'll be around a lot longer than any of us."

Bottom line? Durable, double-duty wicker gives you double the use: move a wicker rocker indoors in November, where it lends a breezy, summery touch to a winter room; and move it back out in spring or summer, for comfortable lawn-lounging.

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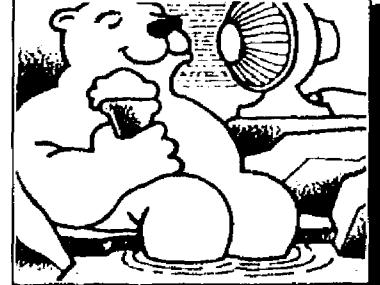


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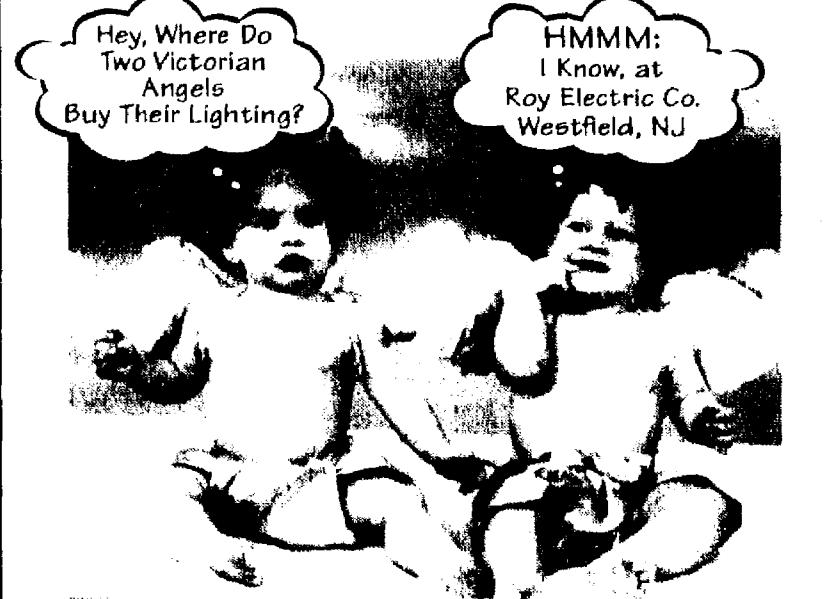
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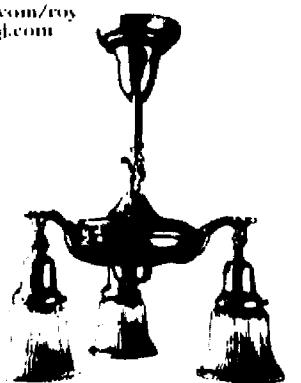
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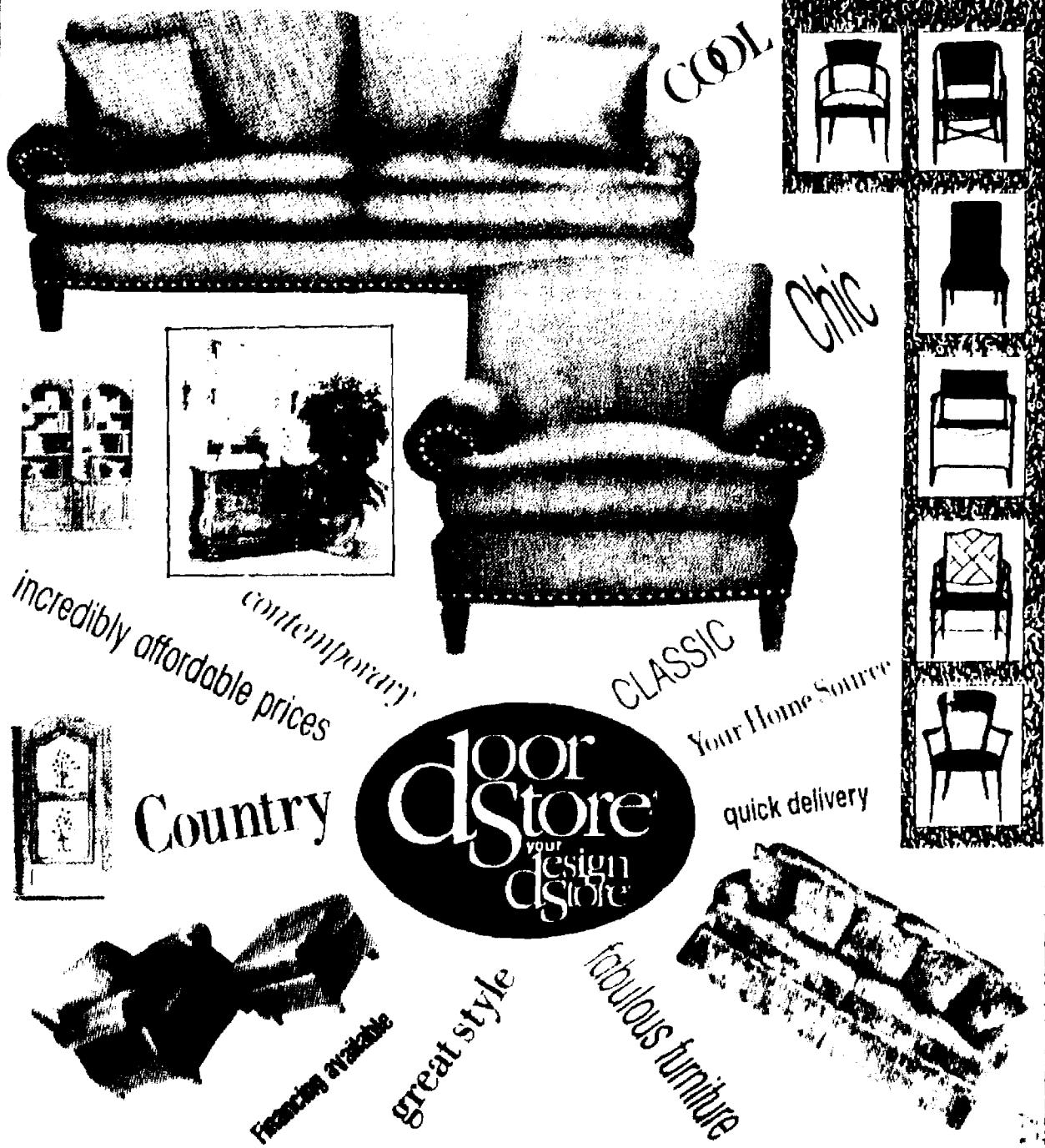
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Nowhere is this optimism and individualism easier to express than in the home.

Melanie Wood, vice president of design for flooring manufacturer Mannington Mills, and immediate past president of the Color Design Group, says, "Consumers essentially are looking to create balance and harmony in their lives — between indulgence and spirituality, between work and play, between growing old gracefully and staying young physically and mentally, between a high-tech workplace and the comforts of home."

According to Wood, going too far in any one direction doesn't work.

Most people strive for that Goldilocks-like "just right" sense of contentment.

This desire for real balance naturally incorporates personal viewpoints and emotional expressions, with the line softening on following prescribed standards.

Wood suggests that to achieve balance in the home, you should:

* Trust your intuitive and creative powers as well as

your practical and cautious nature.

For new home projects from kitchen remodeling to basement finishing, take into consideration your very first thoughts about what would be exciting and aesthetically satisfying, before you contemplate what is practical and easy to live with for years.

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* Surround yourself with products that offer customization.

"Being able to have your surroundings accurately reflect who you and your family are is important to people's sense of themselves and how that is reflected to the outside world," Wood explains.

Home interior design items that offer customization, like paint, cabinetry and cabinetry hardware, window treatments, tile surrounds, and tableware (which can be mixed and matched), let homeowners make an individualized statement and express their own personality.

Wood emphasizes, "The wonderful thing about the advent of the new millennium is that the closer we get, the fewer expectations and rules there are about what the American home looks like."

This enables consumers to pick and choose elements that appeal to them emotionally, intellectually and spiritually, and perhaps that is the best definition of life in the next century — a happy balance of all those aspects and influences."

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Most homeowners want a fence built for privacy and to keep the children and dog close to home. But the old saying, "good fences make good neighbors," may only apply if the folks next door like what you're planning to build.

It's always a good idea to talk it over with them first, even if it's just to let them know what you have in mind. You may be surprised, they may want to chip in on the cost of building and maintaining the fence.

When planning a fence, make sure to check local building codes for setback requirements from your property line. There also may be restrictions on the height of the fence and building materials that can be used, so it's important to check with your homeowner's group, too. Before you start digging postholes, be sure to locate underground utilities.

Also, take a look at all the different types and styles of fencing available.

Wood is still the most common material for fencing, probably because it's easy to build with and can be made into just about any style you want. The cost may seem high at first, but you're likely to

Prolong the life of your fence

Annual maintenance will prolong the life of a fence. Reseal the tops of posts every year by saturating them with wood preservative and reseal the entire fence, from top to bottom, every two or three years.

Also pay special attention to the wood members near the ground level to prevent rot. Trim back vegetation so it can't hold moisture against posts and bottom rails. If you want to paint, stain or seal your fence, apply the finish to posts, rails and fence boards before you nail up the fencing boards.

save time and money later on with maintenance and repairs. Wood fenceposts, boards and gateposts should be made of pressure-treated boards, or a naturally rot-resistant species like redwood or cedar.

Vinyl fences are becoming more popular because they are easy to install, come in a variety of colors and sizes and can be built to fit any size yard. Vinyl fences come with ready-to-assemble gates, posts, post caps, fence boards, and rails. Sections come in 6- and 8-foot lengths and pre-cut heights of 4, 5 and 6 feet are available at most home centers.

Chain-link fences, although less than beautiful in appearance, are

sturdy, durable and easy to put up. They can withstand years of punishment and are inexpensive to repair.

If you're looking to define a property line, a rustic-looking rail fence may be just right. The picket fence, a traditional favorite, is best used to dress up a front yard or define a garden. Vinyl picket fences are low in maintenance but, like their wooden counterparts, don't get high marks for security or privacy.

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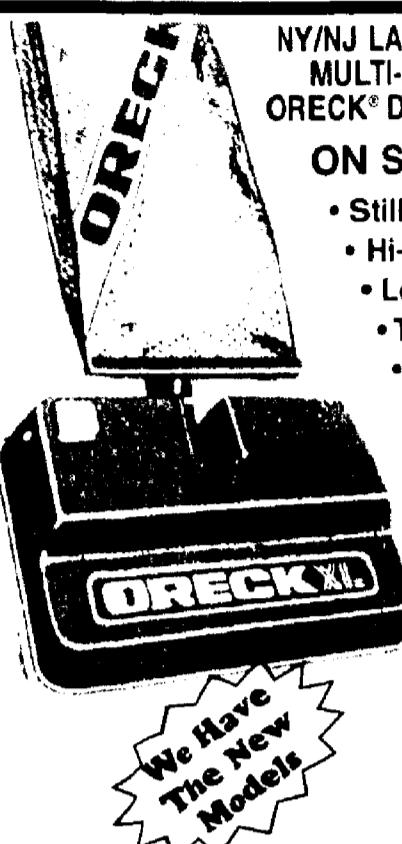
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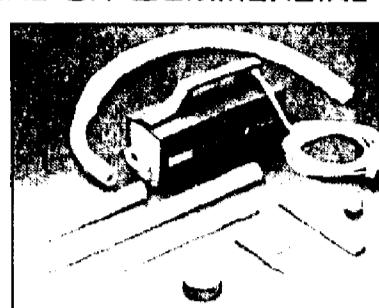
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1. Evaluate — Assess the area to be painted to determine if there are any surface imperfections that need repair.

2. Make a list of the materials you will need. Don't forget surface-preparation materials (i.e. caulk, primer, etc.) and paints, applicators, dropcloths, scrapers, ladders, masking tape, etc.

3. Prepare the surface thoroughly following the instructions on the paint-can label. Be sure to:

• Scrape all the loose paint from the area until most of the bare surface is exposed.

• Sand to dull and make the surface as smooth as possible.

• Use a commercial cleaner to wash the surface carefully, then rinse thoroughly.

4. The general rule of thumb is to always use a primer. The exception is if you're covering an existing paint with a similar color or darker color and the surface is in good shape. However, primers never hurt and only can enhance your result.

Tip: Try the water test — To determine if a previously painted surface needs to be primed, sprinkle a little water on the area to be painted. If the water soaks in, a primer is needed.

5. Paint the surface following the instructions on the paint-can label. When more than one can of paint is needed, mix some of the old paint with the new for uniform color. This is called boxing.

• Do not try to overspread or stretch paint because a thin film will affect the paint's durability.

• Paint from top to bottom, starting with the eaves and fascia. Walls are next; then trim.

• Always keep a wet edge to your painting job. After painting a section, immediately paint the next area before drying. If painting lap siding, follow a board all the way across until reaching a natural break (i.e. a window or door), before going on to the next board.

6. Weather can affect paint's durability by interfering with the drying and curing process.

• Ideal temperature for exterior painting is between 60°F and 90°F. Do not paint if, over the next 24 to 48 hours, the temperature is expected to drop below 45°F or if rain is in the forecast.

• Do not paint in bright sunlight, which can cause paint to dry too fast.

Do-it-yourselfers can visit their local Sears paint department, where specially trained sales associates can answer questions about the painting process. Consumers also can call the Weatherbeater Paint Pros at 1-800-9-PAINTS from anywhere in the continental United States from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST on Saturdays. Useful painting tips also are available on the Internet at <http://www.Sears.com/paint>.

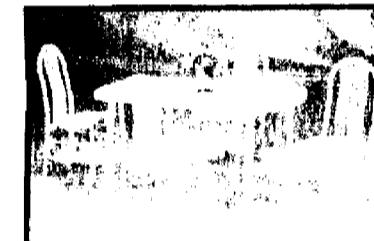
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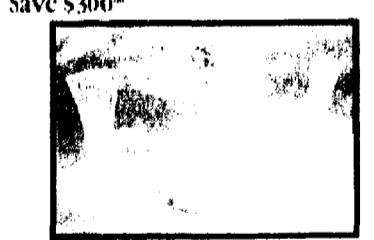
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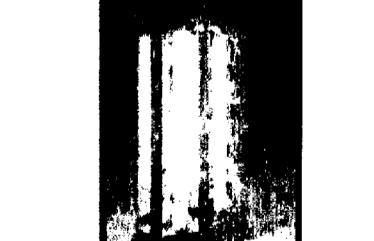
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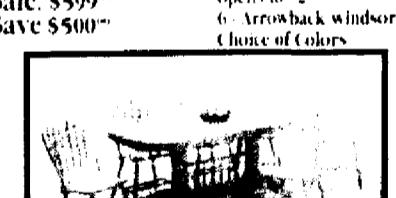
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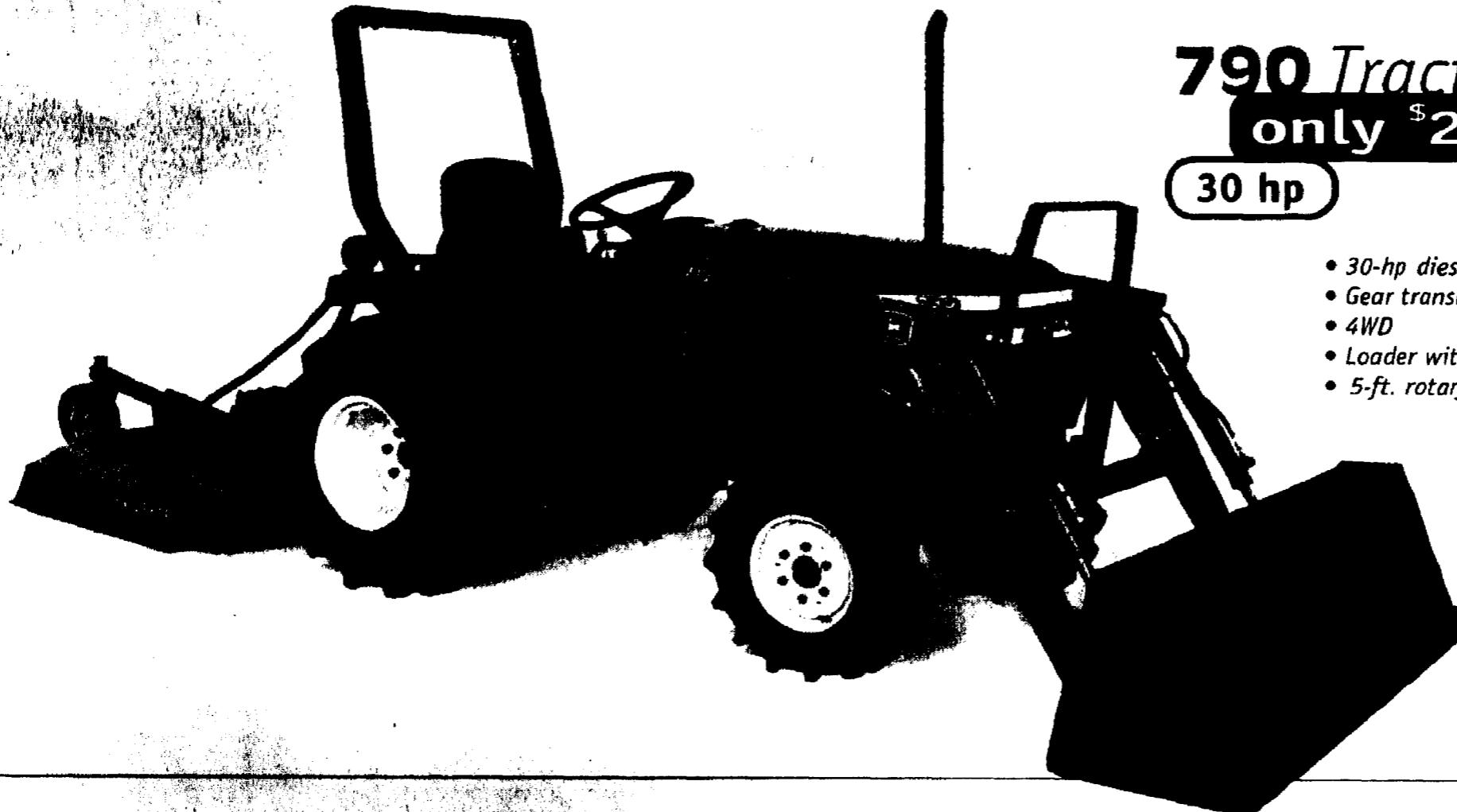
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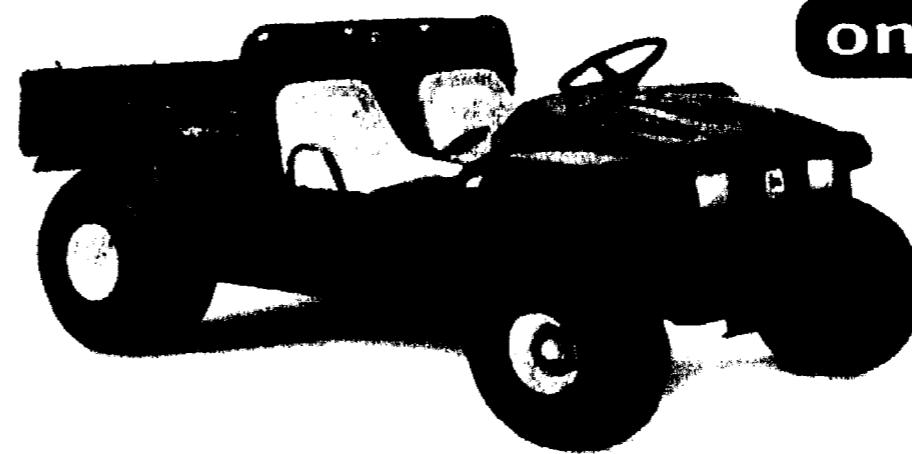
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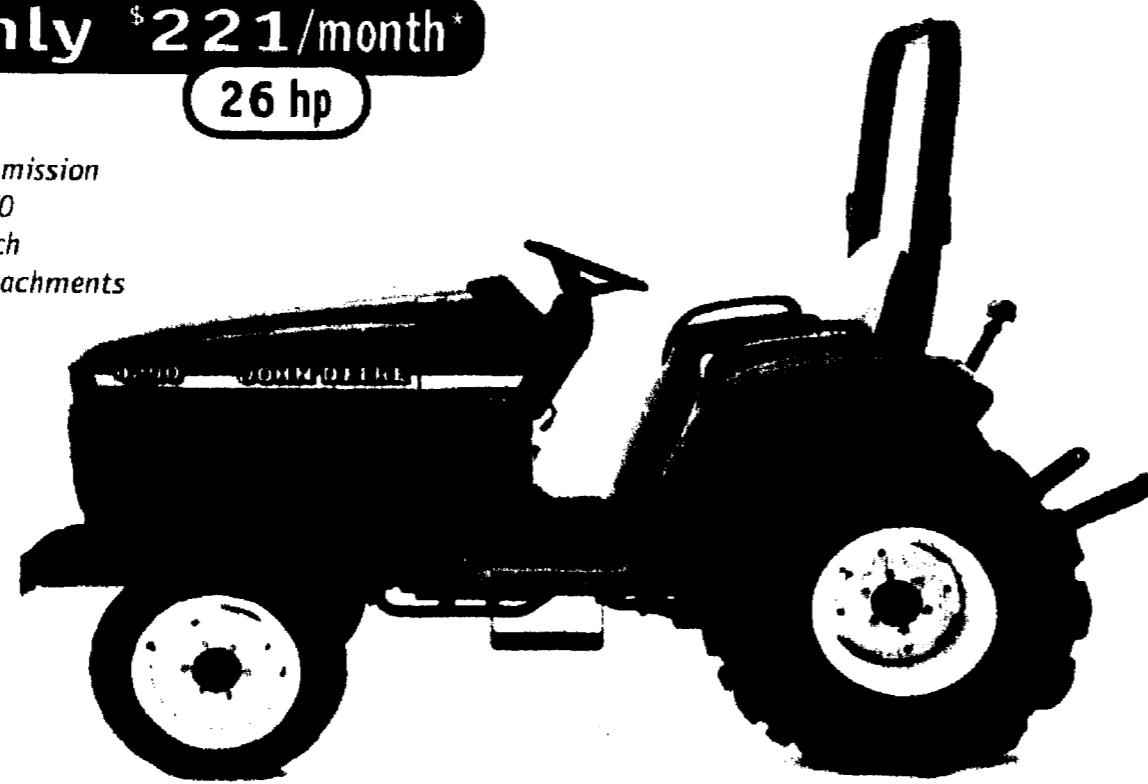
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APRIL 18

SHEEP TO SHAWL DAY — annual event of Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 1-5 p.m. Admission by donation. Call (908) 232-1776.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 21

TEA AND FLOWERS — presentation with a related boutique. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, 12:30 p.m. Cost \$15. Call (908) 276-7407.

SPRING CONCERT — of Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Mendelssohn Octet at Westfield High School, Dorian Road, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Call (908) 789-4548.

METRO RHYTHM — rehearsals of all-woman a cappella chorus, First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. New singers welcome. Auditions: Call (908) 654-8641 or e-mail manfredonia@postbox.esi.cuny.edu

COMING UP

CLEANUP DAY — 10th annual event in Fanwood, 8:30 a.m. April 24. Meet at railroad station on South Avenue, Fanwood, for cleanup assignments. Registration: Call (908) 654-7404.

AMISH QUILT — and craft sale. Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24. Free admission. Call (717) 786-8487.

'Passport to Education' dinner-dance on May 7

WESTFIELD — The Education Fund of Westfield is planning its second annual "Passport to Education" dinner-dance to raise funds for technology in the Westfield school system.

The event will be 7 p.m.-midnight Friday, May 7 at the armory on Rahway Avenue.

More than 500 people attended last year's dinner-dance with \$15,000 being raised.

Admission of \$50 includes a hot and cold buffet, three live bands and a disc jockey.

Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any PTA or PTO, the Westfield Y or the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. In addition, tickets can be purchased online by visiting westfield-nj.com.

For sponsorship information, call Debbie or Darryl Walker at (908) 654-4100.

The Education Fund is a nonprofit organization "whose mission is to support and enhance the educational programs of the Westfield Public School District," according to a district press release.

May 5 fashion show to raise funds for Women for Women

WESTFIELD — The first benefit for Women For Women of Union County will be held on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Talbots of Westfield located at 219 North Avenue.

The benefit will feature a "Night of Fashion" with all the latest spring and summer fashions.

The fund-raising event will help to support the agency's programs which include one-to-one counseling with a staff of trained therapists, support groups for self-esteem, meditation and wellness, separation and divorce as well as support groups for children of families experiencing

divorce. Headquartered in Garwood, Women For Women serves the needs of women in Union County.

Tickets for fashion show are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. Local ticket outlets include Talbots, Vicki's Diner, Baron's Drugs and the Town Store Bookstore in Westfield, Encore Books in Garwood, and Richard Roberts Ltd. in Scotch Plains.

Tickets may also be ordered by calling Women For Women at (908) 232-5787, 511 North Avenue in Garwood. There will be refreshments and door prizes so come join us for an evening of fun and fashion.

Girl Scouts will have art auction

SCOTCH PLAINS — An art auction has been scheduled to benefit the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, whose service area includes Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

The auction will be Thursday, May 20 at the Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road. Preview is at 7 p.m. with bidding to begin 8 p.m.

For more information, call Debra Lampert-Rudman at (908) 232-8238, Ext. 209.



Sharing the love of reading

First-grade students in Anita Prato's class at J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains are sharing their love of reading with newborn babies at Overlook Hospital in Summit. The student donated books to the hospital's NICU with the inscription, "Enjoy our storybook and become a lifetime reader." Nurses from Overlook came to the school to accept the donations. Pictured here are Ann Marie Gorman, clinical nurse supervisor, Lisa Bucher, Mrs. Prato and her first-graders.

Tour of Notable Homes on May 1

New for 1999 is be a home decorated with Feng Shui principles

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra will host its 15th annual Tour of Notable Homes May 1 and already the organizers are hailing it as the "tour of the century."

Five exquisite homes are being showcased this year, including a beautifully updated Arts and Crafts Classic Revival-style home and a unique 118-year-old Gothic Tudor, whose owner will also display his extensive arts and antiques collection. The homes will be open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For the first time the tour will also feature a house decorated using Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese art of placement. Tour participants will learn how furniture arrangements and colors can be used to maximize energy flow and create a harmonious environment.

Feng Shui is fast becoming a popular theme in home and office design, as frenzied executives and homeowners strive to eliminate the tensions from their lives. Deirdre Malacrea and Renee Trabert, co-chairwomen of this year's events, are pleased to offer this new dimension to the tour.

"The 1999 tour is truly the tour of the century and therefore, it is most fitting that we showcase homes this year whose styles are firmly rooted in tradition and yet, reflect the future of home design and decor," said Malacrea.

For those interested in a more in-depth presentation on Feng Shui there will also be 45-minute seminars offered at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for an additional fee of \$12. Nancy SantoPietro, internationally known author and expert on Feng Shui, will lead a private

tour and discussion on the subject in the home of Jeaneane Willyard, a Feng Shui consultant who is graciously opening her home for the tour.

SantoPietro has the distinction of being one of the first female westerner trained by Professor Lin Yun, Grand Master and spiritual leader of Tantric Buddhist Black Hat Sect Feng Shui. She uniquely blends the principles of Feng Shui design with her skills and experience as a psycho-spiritual therapist.

SantoPietro's first book, *Feng Shui Harmony By Design*, sold more than 60,000 copies in the United States and abroad. Its success heralded her as Feng Shui expert and led to her appearances on many television and radio shows.

Ticketholders interested in attending SantoPietro's seminar can reserve space by returning the response card attached to the tour ticket.

"We encourage interested guests to respond early as space is limited and we expect the demand to be large for this unique opportunity to hear from a leading Feng Shui consultant in this intimate setting," said Trabert.

Trabert also urged tour participants to take advantage of all the day's festivities.

"We are proud to offer our guest a full day of activities, including free refreshments courtesy of Trader Joe's of Westfield, a plant sale and live musical performances by Westfield musicians, Paul and Janet Somers," she said.

"We have also enhanced our traditional raffle to include a wide variety of merchan-

dis and services assembly in gift baskets and appropriate for participants to enjoy themselves or to give to others for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations and children's birthday's," added Trabert.

Guests will have the chance to win a variety of merchandise, certificates and services provided by area businesses.

"We are truly fortunate that so many individuals and businesses in the Westfield area recognize the social, educational, aesthetic and, of course, economic benefits of quality cultural organizations like the Westfield Symphony Orchestra," said Malacrea. "Their generosity and the generosity of the five homeowners who have so graciously opened the doors to their homes this year, is indicative of the spirit of community that makes this event possible."

The Tour of Notable Homes is the Friends' largest annual fund raiser and all proceeds from the tickets, plant sale, seminar and raffle directly support the orchestra and its educational outreach programs, including its music enrichment workshops.

Tickets for the tour will cost \$20 if purchased in advance and \$25 day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased at various outlets in Westfield, Mountainside, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Summit. These include: Baron's Drug Store, Bergdorf Realtors, Caldwell Banker Realtors, Lancaster Ltd., Music Staff, The Town Bank of Westfield and Weichert Realtors, all in Westfield; Patterson's Interiors in Mountainside; Irmie's Hallmark in Fanwood; Richard Roberts Ltd. in Scotch Plains; and Big Hollow Gallery in Summit.

Poetry reading will be benefit for the homeless

FANWOOD — A special benefit for the homeless will be held 12 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at the Patricia M. Kurian Cultural Arts Center, 129 Watson Road.

The benefit will feature three "Can of Corn" poets. Hosts for the program are Mayor Maryanne Connolly, Borough Council candidates Patricia Plante and Adole Kenny and mayoral candidate William Populus.

Admission is free. All who attend are asked to bring symbolic "cans of corn" in the form of canned and nonperishable food. Donations will be given to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church food pantry and the Elizabeth Coalition for the Homeless.

For those who cannot attend, food will be collected from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Kurian Cultural Arts Center. Baby food and baby items are especially needed.

The "Can of Corn" project was established during the early 1990s by Joe Weil and Deborah LaVeglia, two of the readers for the April 25 program. His firsthand experience

with homelessness led him to explore the possibilities of poetry with a purpose, poetry as a medium for social service," according to a press release announcing the benefit.

The project that Weil and LaVeglia formed is essentially a service program designed to provide a supplemental food source for the needy in conjunction with a series of poetry readings.

Weil is the editor and publisher of Black Swan Review. In addition to writing two books and many poems, he has appeared on stage with the now-deceased Allen Ginsberg.

LaVeglia is co-director of Poets wednesday, a Wednesday-night poetry reading at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge.

Also appearing as a reader will be Nicholas Kolumban, who came to America after a failed 1956 uprising in his native Hungary. He has translated poems from Hungarian in addition to writing his own poetry.

For more information, call Kenny at (908) 889-7223.

Students are named to honor roll

Ten high school students from Scotch Plains were named to the honor roll for the third marking period at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison. The students honored:

Grade 11 — Atul Jain and Eric Rosenberg, both of Scotch Plains, and Matt Martinelli of Westfield.

Grade 10 — Stephanie Fraser and Samantha Schackman, both of Scotch Plains, and Beth Tregger of Westfield.



Puppeteer entertains children

Students at the Westfield Coop Nursery School recently enjoyed performances of "The Giving Tree" and "The Selfish Giant" given by Myra's Puppets. The students were also given a peak at what happens backstage at a puppet show.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

Old Guard of Westfield

Activities of the Old Guard.
April 22 — Arthur Bilenker on Pearl Harbor.
April 29 — Richard Muscatello on cases.

Meetings are 10 a.m. every Thursday at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield. Weekly meetings include guest speakers, films and committee reports. Group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events, shuffleboard and the Merrymen chorus.

The Old Guard is open to retired men and counts an average of 80-100 at each meeting. For more information, call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

60 and Better Set

Trips scheduled for the "60 and Better Set" by the Westfield Y:

May 28 — Brooklyn Botanical Garden and Brooklyn Museum. Includes "Impressionists in Winter: Effects de Neige" (snowscapes), special museum exhibition. Cost is \$75.

June 17-18 — Overnight trip to Inner Harbor (Baltimore, Md.). Includes tours of Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, Pa.) on the way and U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, Md.) on return. Cost per person is \$220 single occupancy, \$175 double occupancy or \$160 triple occupancy.

Payment in full is due upon booking a reservation. No refunds will be issued unless a seat can be sold. Westfield Y membership is not required. For more information, call Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700 or visit the Westfield Y.

Catholic Golden Age Club Chapter 088-A

Trips sponsored by the Catholic Golden Age Club:

Friday, April 23 — New York City, including luncheon, South Street Seaport and Lower Manhattan cruise. The bus will leave 10 a.m. and return 5:30 p.m.

May 21 — Hunts Landing (Pennsylvania) with breakfast, luncheon, open bar, show and dancing. The bus will leave 8:45 a.m. and return 6:30 p.m.

June 24 — "A Day at the Races" at Monmouth Park, followed by dinner at Squire's Pub. The bus will leave 10:30 a.m. and return 8:30 p.m.

All trips leave from and return to St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church.

For more information, call John at (908) 322-1804 or Charlie at (908) 889-2152. The public is invited to the club's meetings and trips.

Golden Agers Club

The Golden Agers Club meets 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Each meeting includes conversation, cards, bingo and projects for charitable institutions. Refreshments are served.

Officers for 1999 are Jeanette Rotella, president; Olga Bruce, vice president; Marge Van Duyne, secretary; and Josephine Masi, treasurer.

Once a month, food is collected and donated for those in need. Peanut butter and jelly is collected for donation to the Emmanuel cancer group in Scotch Plains. In addition, teddy bears have been dressed for children in hospitals.

Trips sponsored by the Golden Agers Club:

Thursday, April 22 — Italian show at Three Little Bakers in Wilmington, Del. The bus will leave 8:45 a.m.

Thursday, May 13 — "Sight and Sound" show at Willow Valley in Lancaster, Pa. The bus will leave 9 a.m.

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Obituaries

Meyer Allen Freiman; pharmacist, SP official

SCOTCH PLAINS — Meyer Allen Freiman, 63, a pharmacist and municipal official in the township, died April 6 at his home.

He owned the Park Drugs pharmacy on Park Avenue from 1960 until his retirement in 1995. Mr. Freiman also was the past chairman of the Scotch Plains Industrial Advisory Committee and during the early 1970s served for three years on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

While in the Army he was the poison control officer and chief of the pharmacy at Rodriguez Army Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mr. Freiman joined the Army

James V. Stancati

FANWOOD — James V. Stancati, 81, died April 9, 1999 at his home in Brick. He had been a business owner and a past president of the Fanwood Lions Club.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Fanwood before moving to Brick in 1984.

Mr. Stancati owned the Aljay Tool and Die Corp. in Manville from 1942 until his retirement in 1980. He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A son, Nicholas, and a daughter, Antoinette Gibson, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Lucy

Christine Bachert

WESTFIELD — Christine Bachert, 85, died April 11, 1999 at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains. She had been a food service worker in the Westfield school system prior to her retirement.

Mr. Bachert was born in Ozone Park, N.Y., and had lived in Westfield since 1948. She also was a den mother for a Cub Scout pack and a volunteer with the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

Mrs. Bachert was born in Newark. She lived in Irvington, Union and Colonia before moving to Westfield in 1996.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Joseph's

MAPLEWOOD — Her husband, Rudolph, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, George P.;

two daughters, Judith W. Schmidt

and Susan L. Gandy; six grandchil-

dren and four great-grandchil-

dren.

Graveside services were held

Wednesday at Greenfield Cemetery in Hempstead, N.Y.

Arrangements were by the

Gray Funeral Home. Memorial

contributions may be made to the

American Cancer Society.

MARY J. SHEVLIN — Mary J.

Shevlin, 86, died April 7, 1999 at Rahway Hospital. She had been an avid walker and from 1968-73 was a packer at the Union plant of Red Devil Inc.

Mrs. Shevlin was born in Newark. She lived in Irvington, Union and Colonia before moving to Westfield in 1996.

She was a member of the Altar

Rosary Society at St. Joseph's

MARY J. SHEVLIN — Roman Catholic Church in Maplewood.

Surviving are four sons, Robert,

Jack, Raymond and Richard; a sister,

Rose O'Mahoney; 12 grandchil-

dren and five great-grandchil-

dren.

Services were held Friday at the

Gasselin Funeral Home, Edison,

followed by a funeral Mass at St.

Joseph's Church.

Burial was in Hollywood

Memorial Park, Union.

EVELYN M. PETRY — Evelyn M. Petry, 78, died April 6, 1999 at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood. She once was a Girl Scout leader in Scotch Plains and a volunteer with the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

Mrs. Petry was born in Elizabeth and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Toms River in 1986. She formerly was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

A funeral Mass was celebrated

Saturday at St. Joseph's Roman

Catholic Church in Plainfield.

Her husband, Salvatore, died

in 1990.

GABRIELLE STABENOW — Gabrielle

DUCHANE STABENOW, 64, died

April 11, 1999 at Muhlenberg

Regional Medical Center in

Plainfield. She was born in the

former Czechoslovakia and

lived in Scotch Plains before

moving to Westfield in 1980.

Mrs. Stabenow was a member

of the Deutscher Club of Clark.

Surviving are her former

husband, H. William; a son,

Gerald; five sisters, two bro-

thers and two grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday

at the Walter J. Johnson

Funeral Home in Clark. Burial

was in Rosehill Cemetery, Linden.

Memorial contributions for a

memorial fund may be sent in

care of the Deutscher Club of

Clark, Featherbed Lane, Clark,

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YOLANDA PELLEGRINO — Yolanda

Rossi Pellegrino, 83, died April

7, 1999 at her home in Plainfield.

A homemaker, she was born in

Trenton and lived in Scotch

Plains before moving to

Plainfield in 1952.

Mrs. Pellegrino was a parishioner

of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic

Church in Plainfield.

Her husband, Salvatore, died

in 1969.

KATHERINE BERZANSKIS —

Katherine Matunas Berzanskis, 80, died

April 11, 1999 at Overlook



A warm welcome

Brownie Troop 152, which meets at St. Bart's Church in Scotch Plains, designed "baby bundle" baskets to be presented to the Arc of Union County for its new child development center to be opened in Cranford. Pictured are (front row) Tessa Schaaf, Judy Fitzpatrick, Samantha Avis, Kayla Hetem and Kaitlyn Bennett; back row, Krystna Chmura, Megan Gartner, Mary MacDonald, Kiersten Schiller, Meaghan Gaynor, Brownie leader Donna Gartner and Arc executive director Frank X. Caragher.

Westfield High School students will be presenting spring music festival

WESTFIELD — Two concerts on consecutive Wednesdays will mark the spring music festival of the Fine Arts Department at Westfield High School.

Both performances are free and will be in the WHS auditorium on Dorian Road. The public is invited.

The first concert 7:30 p.m. April 21 will feature the WHS Wind Ensemble and Concert Band under the direction of Michael Raymond Wojcik.

The Wind Ensemble will play

the "Emperata" overture, by Claude Smith; "Salute the Duke," to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Duke Ellington; and the "Light Cavalry" overture, by Von Suppe. The Concert Band will perform "Air for Band"; a "John Williams Concert Celebration"; selections from "Aladdin," "Star Wars" and "E.T."

Also performing April 21 will be the Mendelssohn Octet under the direction of Michael Stewart, a musician with the New Jersey Symphony

Orchestra.

The second concert 7:30 p.m. April 28 will feature the WHS Chorale, Madrigal Singers and Symphony Orchestra.

The Chorale will sing the "Magnificat," by Johann Christian Bach. The Symphony Orchestra will perform a Bass Concerto by Dragonetti; "Serenade for Strings" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and music from "The Empire Strikes Back" score by John Williams.

For more information, call (908) 789-4548.

Nominees sought for human rights award

WESTFIELD — Nomination of candidates for the Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award is sought by the Committee for 1999. Candidates must be young adults of the Westfield community, of high school or college age, who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights.

It will be offered to a person who has shown: openness and friendliness to persons of all races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; unusual personal dignity; the

willingness to risk for what he or she believes is right; unqualified acceptance of others; respect for diversity; personal integrity; caring and willingness to listen; the ability to lead by example.

Nominations should be type written, no more than two pages in length, and should indicate not only organizations with which the candidate was affiliated and responsibilities which he or she has assumed, but should also contain stories or examples that illustrate the criteria listed above.

Nominations should be mailed to the Co-Chairs of the Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights

Award Committee, Ann Harris and Barbara Hollister, First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090, no later than April 30. Please include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two references we might contact.

Presentation of the award, which will consist of a certificate and a monetary award, will be made in the spring of 1999. In addition, the winner's name will be placed on a plaque in the foyer of the First Congregational Church, Marc's home church. All nominees will be publicly acknowledged in appropriate ways.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Center salutes Duke Ellington

WATCHUNG — To celebrate its Duke Ellington Centennial, the Watchung Arts Center will have two special concerts this week.

The King's Road Swing Band will play a largely Ellington program on April 16 and Derek Smith will play a program of Ellington piano classics on April 23.

King's Road is a full-sized swing band, sporting four saxophones, three trumpets, four trombones, plus a rhythm section consisting of guitar, string bass, piano and drums. A dance floor will be provided for those who enjoy listening on their feet, and there will be ample seating for passive listeners.

The emphasis will be on the enduring legacy of Duke Ellington, although there will be occasional Benny Goodman and Count Basie pieces. Drawing from their book of 300 original arrangements, King's Road is able to interpret the early swing charts and commercial dance tunes from the great bands of the era.

The format of the concert will be a dance party, with the audience invited to take to their feet, especially for the Goodman and Basie numbers. Vocalist Nancy Nelson, always popular with New Jersey audiences, will be featured.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. event are only \$15 (\$10 for Watchung Arts Center members) and may be reserved by calling (908) 753-0190. A message may be left outside of office hours. Tickets will be held at the door. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Ellington's solitary and group recordings provide inspiration to many musicians, including pianist Derek Smith.

Smith was the pianist selected this year for The Chickenfat Ball, a yearly jam session to which only a few top players are invited to play for dedicated fans. He has also been a regular at the annual Piano Spectacular, a showcase for exceptional keyboard talent hosted by the New Jersey Jazz Society.

He may be the most recorded pianist in his field, too, although he often plays anonymously. He's recorded with such diverse company as the Modern Jazz Quartet, Benny Goodman, Dizzy Gillespie and Burt Bacharach. His keyboard work has figured in three major movies, on the Tonight show with Doc Severinsen's orchestra, and in concert with such notables as Sinatra, Pavarotti, Steve Allen and Sammy Cahn. The Grammy nominee has been the leader on 20 albums and sideman on many more.

Given the intimacy of the room, reservations are strongly encouraged. Tickets at \$10 will be held at the door.

CP League plans craft fair

CRANFORD — Although it is still winter, participants in the Cerebral Palsy League's Vocational Program are thinking spring. They have been working to prepare for the spring craft fair to be held April 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cranford facility, 61 Myrtle St. They will sell their own creations including dried flower pictures, ceramic plates and vases, placemats and novelty items. Craft fair coordinators are in the process of inviting several independent craft vendors to sell their own products, as well. Shoppers may purchase gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations and other celebrations. There will be 50/50 raffle drawings throughout the day. Refreshments will be made available by the Center. Vendors are encouraged to call (908) 709-1800, ext. 103 or 114.

The Cerebral Palsy League opened its new Cranford facility in July 1997 because there was a need to expand and develop new programs for secondary school students and adults with disabilities. The building is being completely renovated and is serving as a vocational center. The program offers a variety of services and activities to assist adults with moderate to severe developmental disabilities become more independent and employable. To increase their job readiness skills, they perform bulk mailing tasks, which are subcontracted to the organization. The adults also participate in cooking, banking, stress management and exercise group. The Cerebral Palsy League's Cranford facility is in the process of accepting more severely disabled and medically frail individuals into the adult program.



Shirley Wallitsch's "Summer Time" captures the spirit of a hot city.

Westfield gallery features urban landscape on canvas

WESTFIELD — New Jersey's urban landscape is chic, vibrant and energetic. With a bold color palette and a heavily textured impasto exploding on the canvas, North Plainfield artist Shirley Wallitsch will hold a one-woman exhibition highlighting a body of work rejoicing in the vivacity of the Garden State.

The exhibition will be at the Elm Tree Gallery, 116 Elm St., April 24 through May 20. An opening reception will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday April 24.

The entire solo show, "Contemporary Urban Views," is a celebration of both the many subtle nuances and detailed characteristics of the Jersey cityscape.

Painting tall buildings in their glorious density and positioned on askew angles, Wallitsch depicts with pulsating color and force. Through the eyes of this New Jersey resident, the audience is treated to a cathartic interpretation comes away with a positive sentiment and new appreciation.

"I paint the world I live in," said Wallitsch. "My paintings are a record of the events and impressions I receive. Since moving to New Jersey, I have had the opportunity to make a body of work committed to the landscapes that surround me."



Wallitsch's work expresses the ebullient spirit of New Jersey.

the water towers, the factory buildings, the bridges, the smoke stacks."

Painting tall buildings in their glorious density and positioned on askew angles, Wallitsch captures the spirit of urban complexities. Her innovative juxtaposition of brush colors, orchestrating hot pink against royal purple and sunflower yellow, so traditionally foreign to New Jersey scenes, draws the audience into the canvas. The depths of New Jersey's powerful life energy is reflected in the layering of oils with a tactile quality that is visually palatable.

"Through color and form, I translate and express the feelings of how this world touches me. This is a journey and a discovery," said Wallitsch. "There seems to be infinite possibilities of relationships. Each color has its own voice and in relationship with other hues, another voice is heard and so on until an entire chorus is heard and felt."

At once, Wallitsch makes you consider New Jersey from a totally different vantage point than its false and stale reputation. The work actually arouses a knowing smile that life centers in the state, not as you exit it.

For more information call (908) 233-6118. Westfield Art Assn. To Hold Members Exhibition

Westfield Symphony will perform fairytale in concert

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Symphony Orchestra will culminate its current series with Engelbert Humperdinck's opera, *Hansel & Gretel*, performed in concert and in English at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 130 Mountain Ave., on April 24 at 8 p.m. General admission is \$25; seniors \$22; students \$15. Call (908) 232-9400 for information.

Written in the Wagnerian idiom, the opera is based on the beloved fairytale as told by brothers Grimm in *Kinder und Hausmarchen*.

For the Westfield performance, Conductor David Wroe has chosen a group of award winning soloists and the New Jersey Children's Choir.

Junie Hawley will sing the mezzo-soprano role of Hansel. Hawley has performed with major opera companies and orchestras from coast-to-coast. The Washington Opera honored her as its Young Artist of the Year at the Kennedy Center.

Her repertoire encompasses operas and concert works from the baroque period through the 20th century.

The role of Gretel will be sung by soprano Jennifer Ayres. She is the recipient of several awards and fellowships and is a regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions (Boston).

She can be heard on the Centaur CD label.

For a change of pace, Maestro Wroe has chosen tenor Martin C. Hurt to sing the role of Witch. Hurt recently appeared with the New England Lyric Operetta and debuted with the Metropolitan Opera Guild. Upcoming is his debut with Utah Opera Festival.

Baritone Richard Hobson returns to Westfield Symphony after his triumphant appearance as Porgy in last season's production of *Porgy and Bess*. He will sing the role of Father. Hobson's other credits include recent appearances with The Dallas Opera, Baltimore Opera,

Mississippi Opera, Shreveport Opera and Michigan Opera Theater.

Other soloists assembled by Wroe are sopranos Katherine Johnson and Jennifer Carnahan who will perform the roles of Mother and Sandman.

The New Jersey Children's Choir is currently in its seventh season. The group has appeared on PBS, has been heard on WQXR classical radio and performed in such locations as the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the United Nations, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and NJ Performing Arts Center.

Its mission is to provide quality vocal music education to auditioned children, ages 8-16, from New Jersey communities. Lourdes Armada is the choir's music director.

The libretto for *Hansel and Gretel* was originally translated by the composer's sister and the work was first performed in 1893 at Weimar, Richard Strauss conducting.

UCAC presents 'A Chorus Line'

RAHWAY — After 15 years on Broadway, where it won 10 Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *A Chorus Line* will dance its way onto the stage of the Union County Arts Center. Performances are scheduled for April 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., and April 18 and 25 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$19, with student and senior discounts available. Call (732) 499-8226.

A Chorus Line tells the story of a group of dancers at an audition for a new Broadway show. The dancers tell their life stories and dance their way through the audition as they sing "One (Singular Sensation)" and "What I Did For Love," two songs which became instant hits on the country's pop charts.

A Chorus Line features Michael Danek as Zach, the director of the new musical, Leslie Becker as Cassie, the former star who needs a job in the chorus to survive, and Allen Hidalgo as Paul, one of the dancers who meets his future head on during the audition. Danek appeared in the Broadway production of *A Chorus Line* as Don and Zach, and has been featured in Broadway productions of *Woman of the Year*, *Hello Dolly!* and *Copperfield*.

Becker's New York appearances include *Beauty and the Beast*, and the recent Broadway tour *Show Boat*. Hidalgo has appeared on Broadway in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *Candide* and most recently *Chicago*.

The cast is rounded out with young professional dancers whose credits range from national to European tour, from cruise lines to major regional performances. Featured in the company are Vonnie Roemer as Diana Morales (recently seen at Paper Mill in *Gypsy* starring Betty Buckley), New York cabaret performer Suzannah Taylor as Sheila, and Chris Lockamy as Gregory Gardner, reprising his acclaimed performance from the recent national tour of *A Chorus Line*.

More than half the company has performed in productions of *A Chorus Line* around the country, and nearly all are professional dance instructors or have served as dance captain for major musicals around the globe.

Directing *A Chorus Line* and recreating Michael Bennett's original Broadway choreography is Chorus Line veteran Amy Uhl. Uhl has appeared as Cassie and Bebe in various productions of the show, and is mounting her fourth production of *A Chorus Line*.

Musically directing this production is UCAC veteran Mark George, who will head up a 17-piece orchestra in the Arts Center's newly renovated orchestra pit.

"The original marketing proclaimed that *A Chorus Line* was simply 'The Best Musical Ever,'" said producer Marsha C. Watson in a recent interview. "Though it no longer holds the record for longest running show in Broadway history, it still holds power in its simple, yet effective stories. Michael Bennett's groundbreaking original production influenced a generation of theatergoers and forever changed the way we think of musicals."

The Union County Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts, is located in the recently restored Rahway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped accessible, and infrared listening devices are available to patrons upon request. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union and the Rahway Savings Institution. For more information or for ticket availability call Ticket Central at (732) 499-8226.

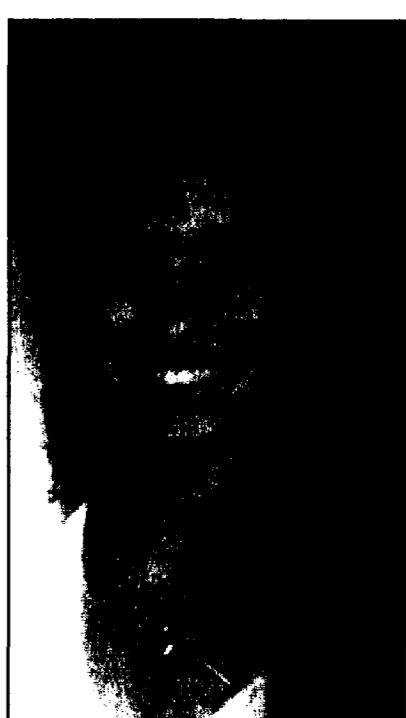
Cranford student wins audition, award

WESTFIELD — Meredith Hoffmann-Thomson, a senior at Cranford High School, performed bassoon and vocal solos to win the 1999 Westfield Glee Club Competitive Auditions and Scholarship Award. She will perform as the special artist at the Glee Club spring concert to be presented May 1, 8 p.m., at the Roosevelt School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, and on May 2, 4 p.m., at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 725 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights.

Hoffmann-Thomson's instrumental recognitions include principal bassoon on All-State Orchestra, the New Jersey Youth Symphony, the High School Wind Ensemble, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Youth Orchestra. Other recognitions include the All-Eastern Honors Orchestra and the All-State Wind Ensemble, as well as participation in the Cranford High School Orchestra and Bands. Hoffmann-Thomson's bassoon teachers are Brian Kershner and Karen Kelland.

Her vocal activities include being a winner in the NJNATS Competition for High School Women and the All-State High School Chorus. She has performed solo and choral group programs and recitals with the Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, as vocalist for Jazz Ensemble and in a number of school plays and musicals.

Hoffmann-Thomson has participated in the Hartwick College



MEREDITH HOFFMANN-THOMSON

Summer Music Festival in bassoon and vocal performance. She received the Sigma Alpha Iota Award for the Exceptional Female Musician, and also the Outstanding Musicianship Award. Her vocal teachers are Donald Roberts and Betsy MacKenzie Stubbs.

The public is invited to the Glee Club spring concert. For more information call Dale Junilla at (908) 232-0673.

Art auction will aid area Girl Scout Council

An art auction has been scheduled to benefit the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

The auction will be Thursday, May 20 at the Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. Preview is at 7 p.m. with bidding to begin 8 p.m.

Works from Picasso, Dali,

Chagall, Rockwell and Wyeth will be available. Opening bids of around \$45 are up to 50 percent less than the cost of a framed work from a gallery.

Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Wine, cheese and other refreshments will be served. For more information, call Debra Lampert-Rudman at (908) 232-3236, Ext. 209.

Out-of-Town Quartet coming to town

CRANFORD — The Out-Of-Town Quartet will be featured in the Trinity Concert Series at Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford on April 25, 4 p.m. Performing music for strings, the Out-Of-Town Quartet is made up of members Orlando Wells, Alexandre Soares, Effie Yuen, and Elizabeth Cabrera. Two of the members are from New Jersey while the others hail from Brazil and Taiwan.

The quartet performs works from the standard string quartet literature, and also likes to introduce new and unusual pieces to the audience, such as arrangements of jazz standards and original compositions by arrangers and composers from the New Jersey area.

The quartet will perform works by Joseph Haydn, Claude Debussy, Scott Joplin and Dard Anger.

A reception will be held after the concert in Sherlock Hall.

Art association presents 75th showing

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Art Association will present its 75th year of showing original fine art during its annual members Watercolor, Graphics and Photography Exhibition to be held April 17-20 in the Westfield Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., in the municipal building.

Landscapes, still lifes, figure paintings and portraits will be among the traditional and abstract works presented at the show. The group of artists, many of whom have achieved local, state and national recognition, represents expertise in many media.

John C. Bermingham has

been selected to judge the show. Bermingham is an artist in traditional style, painting realistic watercolor renderings of architectural sites in New England and New Jersey. He majored in fine arts at the University of Notre Dame. Inspired by the watercolors of Andrew Wyeth, Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer, he studied watercolor with Edgar Whitney at the Bronx Botanical Gardens.

Bermingham's work has brought him numerous awards including the American Watercolor Society's CSF Medal, Edgar Whitney Award and Ann William Gushen Award. The National Academy of Design has awarded him three honors and he's received two Silver Medals of Honor among many other awards from the New Jersey Watercolor Society.

Bermingham is an elected member of the American Watercolor Society, a longtime member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society, Allied Artists of America, Audubon Artists and Hudson Valley Art Association.

Members working on the show committees include: Jane Annis, registration; Linda Kolar, Joe Hulsen, Anthony DiSavino, John Curch, hanging; Jane Annis, Ann Valletta, Grace Koleda, Joan Polishook, Barbara Zietchick, receiving; Tobia

Meyers, publicity; Joe Hulsen, Burton Longenbach, dismantling; and Sheila Lenga, hospitality.

The exhibit will open 10 a.m. on April 17 with a reception and awards presentation in the afternoon, 2-4. Musicians Clive Smith and Bob Kaus of In Real Time will perform at the reception. Exhibition hours continue April 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 19, 7-9 p.m., and April 20, 7-9 p.m.

The show is open to the public. There is no admission charge and the Westfield Community Room is handicapped accessible. For more information call (908) 232-3381.

Chamber musicians perform for center benefit

WATCHUNG — Four outstanding musicians with international reputations will perform together in Watchung on May 2, 2 p.m., in the second concert in the Chamber Music in the Hills series, which benefits the Watchung Arts Center. Held in a gracious private home nestled in the Watchung Mountains, the concert will feature music for oboe and string trio and will be followed by an elegant reception for the guests and the performing artists.

The musicians are well known in the New York metropolitan area as recitalists and chamber musicians in addition

to their appearances with major orchestras in the U.S. and elsewhere.

They include Carolyn Pollak, principal oboist of the New Jersey Symphony; Joel Pritchon, violinist; Ruth Kahn Siderman, violist, the conductor of the Chamber Music in the Hills series; and Marie-Voley Pelletier, cellist.

They will perform quartets by Mozart and Britten, and string trios by Schubert and Dohnanyi.

The event is the second in a series of Sunday afternoon concerts which recapture the tradition of chamber music per-

formed in private homes. "Much of this music was intended for small audiences in intimate surroundings," said Siderman. "The audience can actually feel the vibrations of the music and relate to the musicians in a way that's impossible in a concert hall." For the musicians, too, it's a rewarding experience. "Often, this music represents some of the composers' most personal thoughts," she added. "We feel as if they are speaking through us, as if it were a conversation among friends."

The first concert in the series took place in November and fea-

tured the Muo String Quartet, with Siderman as guest artist. "The response was beyond our expectation, both for the music and for attendance," she said. "Before we knew it, we had filled the room and had a waiting list."

Due to the setting, seating for the May 2 concert is very limited. The \$45 per person donation is tax deductible within the limits of the law. Directions to the home where the concert will take place will be given after the check is received.

For more information call the Watchung Arts Center at (908) 753-0190.

The Watchung Arts Center is a not-for-profit cultural center providing a broad spectrum of visual arts, music, performance and educational experiences for central New Jersey adults and children.

Amish quilt, craft sale coming to the Armory

WESTFIELD — An Amish Quilt and Craft Sale will be held April 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield. The sale will feature a large selection of more than 250 quilts (for twin, full, queen and king beds), more than 500 wall hangings (small quilts used like artwork on a wall, pillows, dolls, artwork, toys, furniture, rugs, books, and much more) from the Amish and other craftspeople of Lancaster County, PA.

Amish Country Quilts and Crafts is a cottage-type industry. Jane Benton formed the business 12 years ago to hold quilt sales around the country. She goes to the Lancaster County farms of her Amish friends and neighbors to collect their handmade items to take to the sales.

In the past 12 years, she has held well received sales at Stonybrook, Rochester and White Plains, NY; Metropolitan Washington, DC; Raleigh, NC; Austin and Plano, TX; Seattle, WA; Colorado Springs, CO; Phoenix, AZ; and Hayward and Pomona, CA.

This will be the first sale in Westfield.

At this time, when many are being forced to leave farming, the Plain People still follow their ways of a farming life. Many of them are also skilled craftspeople. It gives Benton great satisfaction to be able to help her Amish friends at a time when the family farm is disappearing.

There is no admission charge to get into the sale.

B'nai B'rith plans theater party

UNION — Union Lodge B'nai B'rith will sponsor a theater party at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, on April 18 to see *A Chorus Line*.

The matinee performance will start at 3 p.m. and tickets are \$22 per person. Reserve tickets early as seating is limited.

For more information call Jerry at (908) 688-0323 or Selda at (908) 686-7903. All checks should be made payable to: Union Lodge B'nai B'rith and mailed to Jerry Silverman, 620 Winchester Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

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On the way to 'The Forum'

The Brearley Players at David Brearley Middle-High School will be performing "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 at Conlin Hall at Brearley. The show is produced/directed by M. Rebecca Hubinger and Paul Weinstein. Musical director is John Onsey. Cast members include, above, Lou Lerant, Abby Washuta, Veronica Friedman, Jamie Laudati and Josh Janet. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. To reserve tickets, call (908) 931-9696.

Boston Wailers bring jazz sounds to area

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Arts Center will present the five-piece Boston Wailers, the premiere all-star jazz band from New England, on April 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include light intermission refreshments.

The Boston Wailers are drawn from among the stars of the very best jazz bands working the New England region. Several are leaders of their own groups. Trombonist Bob Connors leads the Yankee Rhythm Kings. Cornetist Jeff Hughes works with his own Brahmin Bellhops and the Paramount Jazz Band. Jimmy Mazy, another Paramount regular, is a regional phenomenon on banjo and vocals. The rhythm section is anchored by Al Bernard, well known at Connecticut festivals for his tuba playing. Only the Black Eagles' star reedman, Billy Novick, can't make the date. He will be ably replaced by Dan Block, the Allert system clarinetist featured in the recent Benny Goodman tribute celebrating the anniversary of the historic Carnegie Hall concert of 1938.

These five capture the hot jazz music of the '20s, from rags to the Chicago sound. They take inspiration from the likes of Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Waller, Bix

Beiderbecke and Duke Ellington. It seemed only fitting to have them close the month of events in which Ellington's centennial was being recognized.

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Dance troupe to present spring concert

UNION — The Kean Dance Theater will present its spring dance concert at 8 p.m. on April 23 at Kean University. Performances are also scheduled at 2 and 8 p.m. for April 24. All performances will take place in the University's Wilkins Theater.

The Kean Dance Theater is a multicultural group of students who share a common interest in performing theatrical dance. Their purpose is a strong commitment to the perpetuation of dance as an art.

Under the direction of Professor Luis Martinez of Kean's Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Health, the troupe features a combination of modern, jazz, theatrical, classical and ethnic dance forms. Works are choreographed by faculty, students and guest artists.

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Calvary Concert Series presents quintet for clarinet and strings

CRANFORD — The Calvary Concert Series will present a quintet for clarinet and strings on April 16 at 8 p.m. in the next of this year's musical offerings of quality performances at affordable prices.

The concert will be presented at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford.

The program will include works by Carl Maria von Weber and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Performing will be Michael

McDonald and Ruth Schlenker McDonald, clarinet; Jonathan Dinklage and Nancie Lederer, violin; Michael Stewart, viola; and Eric Jorgenson, cello.

Michael McDonald is the principal clarinetist with the United States Navy Band, Washington, DC. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, has performed with the Annapolis, Alexandria, Savannah, and Fairfax Symphonies and the Baltimore

Chamber Orchestra.

Ruth Schlenker McDonald, a featured soloist with the U.S. Marine Band, has a bachelor of arts degree in music education and performance from Ithaca College; an M.A. degree in music performance from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston; and a doctor of musical arts degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Cranford resident Michael Stewart was the assistant principal violist of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra from 1991 to 1997. He also has served as

principal violist of the New York Chamber Orchestra, the New York Virtuosi Chamber Symphony, the Symphony Orchestra of the State of Mexico, the Wayne Chamber Orchestra and the Westfield Symphony.

Jonathan Dinklage, a graduate of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, has been a featured soloist on WQXR radio station in New York City. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Newark Symphony Hall.

Nancie Lederer has given

concerts throughout Europe, the Caribbean and the United States as an orchestra member and chamber musician. A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, she has performed with a number of orchestras, including the Radio City Orchestra, Jupiter Symphony, Philharmonia Virtuosi, the New Philharmonic of New Jersey and at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

Eric Jorgenson holds a master's degree in cello performance from West Virginia University, where he specialized in string quartet perfor-

mance.

He is an active freelance performer with area orchestras and chamber ensembles and also teaches and coaches chamber music.

He is music director of the Mountainside Chorale and Chamber Players.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors, students with I.D. and children.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Calvary Lutheran at (908) 276-2418. Tickets will be sold at the door on a space available basis.

Area students participate in Jazz for Teens at NJPAC

Andrew Lyman of Rahway, Ian Patt of Westfield and Whitne Slaten of Scotch Plains are among 55 talented jazz students, aged 13 to 18, from 49 cities including Bronx, NY, who will be working with top professional jazz artists at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) on 10 selected Saturdays, Feb. 27 through May 15, during the second season of NJPAC's Jazz for Teens program. Lyman plays trumpet, and Patt and Slaten play the saxophone.

The program is a collaboration between NJPAC and WBGO Jazz 88 Radio, and is sponsored by First Union National Bank.

Jazz for Teens offers students a combination of jam sessions, ensemble work, classroom instruction and concert field trips. Rufus Reid, jazz

bassist and director of the Jazz Studies and Performance Program at William Paterson University is the music director for Jazz for Teens. The program's final concert will be given by eight student ensembles featuring all 55 students on stage of NJPAC's Victoria Theater on May 15.

"Providing young musicians with the opportunity to further their knowledge, skills and experience is a privilege," said Ty J. Williams, senior vice president of First Union National Bank. "NJPAC's Jazz for Teens program in New Jersey is a natural extension of First Union's national commitment to Excellence in Education. Arts and education is a valuable component in broadening the horizons of our young students."

Jazz for Teens will offer instruction in technique for brass, woodwind and rhythm instruments, a study of the varied styles of jazz, including bebop and swing; and experience in improvisation, sight-reading and ensembles.

The 55 participating students were chosen out of 118 applicants from high schools throughout the area.

"While lectures are a part of the Jazz for Teens curriculum, we plan to provide gifted students with a program that focuses on musicianship. For 10 weeks, these young musicians will actually perform with their peers while they learn how to play in a standard jazz ensemble situation," said Philip Thomas, NJPAC's vice president, arts education.

"Jazz for Teens will help to increase the cultural literacy of young people and develop the next generation of jazz listeners

and performers. Our WBGO concerts create an opportunity for these young people to experience live jazz as it is performed by live artists, then the name of an artist becomes much more than just the answer to a test question," added Cephas Bowles, executive director, WBGO Jazz 88 Radio.

Students will attend four concerts in Newark from WBGO's Children's Jazz Concerts Series on April 10, 17, 24 and May 1.

Renowned musician Rufus Reid has been conducting jazz clinics since 1971. About the Jazz for Teens program, Reid says, "Since all activities involve the students working with top professional musicians, the young people will have vast opportunity to gain valuable experience, guidance and constructive criticism for both their individual instrument and as part of small ensembles."

Other Jazz for Teens faculty members are bassist Marcus McLaurine, soprano saxophonist/composer Jane Ira Bloom, pianist Mike LeDonne, guitarist Ron Jackson, trumpeter Barry Danielian, trombonist Benny Powell, drummer Kenny Washington and vocalist Dana DeRose.

NJPAC Arts Education Department is made possible by the support of the Victoria Foundation, The Prudential Foundation, Allen and Joan Bildner and the Bildner Family Foundation, the PepsiCo Foundation, NJPAC Arts Education Endowment Fund, and First Union National Bank. Additional support has been provided by Bell Atlantic, City of Newark, Robert and Patricia H. Curvin, Fleet Bank, N.A., Friends of Senator Wynona Lipman, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The Newark Star Ledger, The United Way of Essex and West Hudson, Creative Investing, L.L.C., New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and the New Jersey Department of Education, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Smart Family Foundation/Freedman and Stone, Toys 'R Us and Burgdorff Realtors/ERA.

Concert to aid area counseling service programs

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea will perform for the ninth year in a benefit concert for the Youth and Family Counseling Service.

The concert will be 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield. Appearing with the 45-member orchestra will be Raemond Martin, tenor; Anthony Buonauro and Thomas Bethman, tenor.

In keeping with the policy of Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, conductor and music director, a completely new program will be provided with works written expressly for male voices.

Proceeds will benefit Youth and Family Counseling Service programs on parenting skills, parent-teen communication and family issues.

General admission is \$25 for adults and \$22 for senior citizens. Patron seating is \$50.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Enchanted Garden in Cranford, Encore Books in Garwood, Lancaster Hallmark Ltd. in Westfield, Richard Roberts Ltd. in Scotch Plains and Country Squire Men's Wear in Clark.

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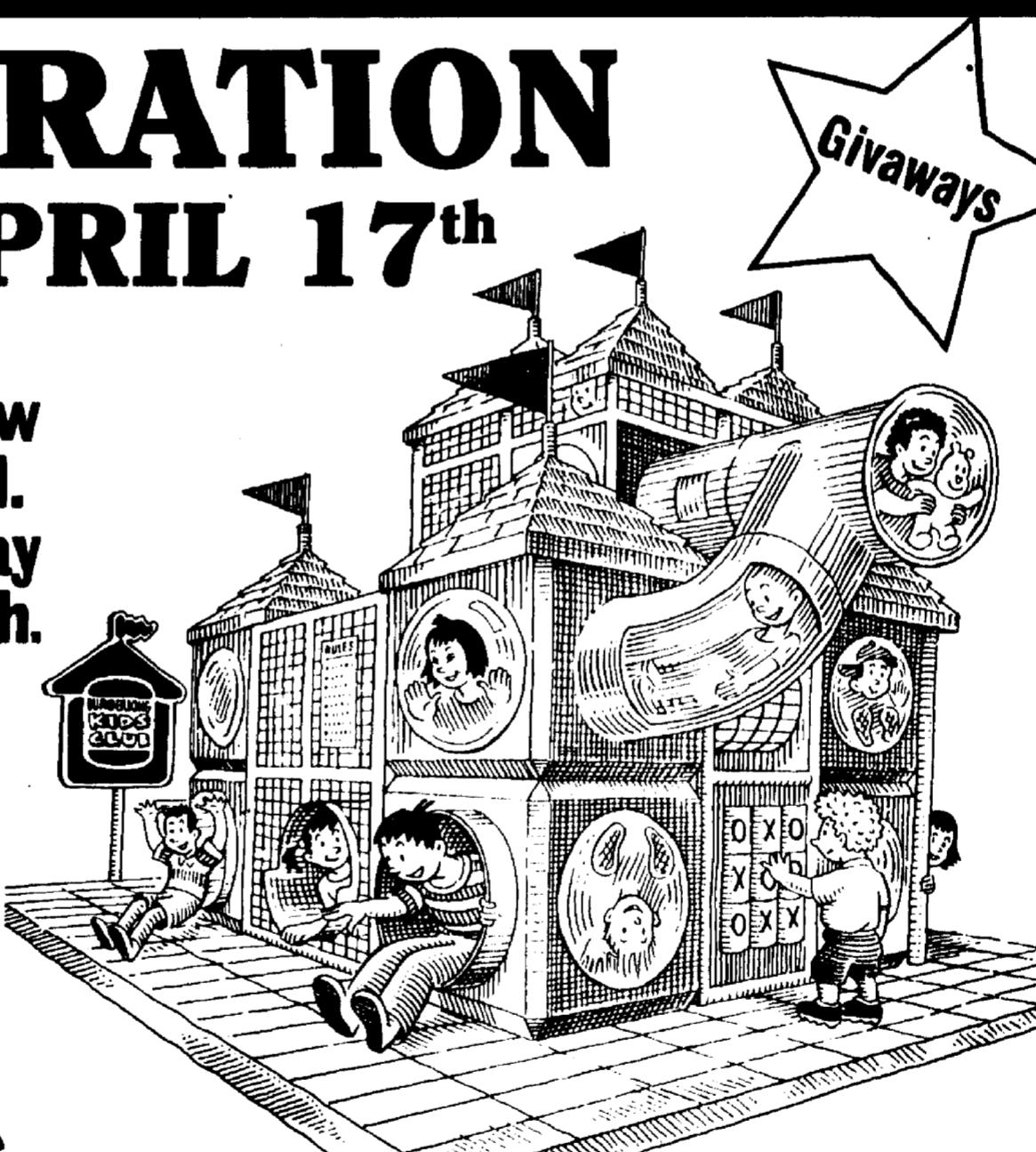
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I, personally, have wanted to dine at Spirito's for many years, however, I never seemed to be able to get there.

I guess my reason was that they are closed for lunch, which was then convenient for me.

Over the years I had heard that this was a great spot for homemade food.

There is a bar/lounge entrance and a restaurant entrance.

We entered the lounge door by mistake but we were glad we did so because we had to go through the kitchen, which was totally spotless!!!

This was very appealing to clean addicts.

Our appetites were now in full bloom.

Spirito's specializes in traditional Italian homemade favorites such as Lasagna and Raviolis (made on premises - fresh daily).

The Hot Spot Dining Team walked into an Old World European setting: wood paneling with wood booths and tables, pictures of the city of Elizabeth and generations of the Spirito family, dim lighting with sconces at each table - homey and not fancy.

It was a Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and the place was crowded.

We were told the weekends are extremely busy so get there early or you will wait!

The following menu sample is simple but perfect for families who want real homecooking:

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Spirito's is also known for its "Famous" Pizza Pie - Plain Pie is \$6.50 plus a large selection of toppings \$7.25 to \$8.25 - Take out pizza pies are \$7 to \$8.75.

Sandwiches include sausage, meatball, salami, provolone cheese, imported provolone cheese, salami and cheese combo and veal or chicken cutlet - priced \$3.75 to \$8.

The Hot Spot Dining Team had heard that the Italian bread was served without butter and this is true.

The reason is, I guess, old-fashioned as Spirito's is - years ago people used bread to soak up the gravy (sauce), making the butter unnecessary, and so the tradition has endured!

We started our dinner with a small tomato pie with cheese - oregano is used, making it a little spicy, which we like.

Then we ordered the Tossed Salad with Garlic Dressing.

This is a delight for garlic lovers ... we devoured every leaf.

The salad consists of carrots, tomatoes, onions, radishes, black olives, celery, oil,

vinegar and fresh garlic.

My entree was the Chicken Cacciatore with the "Famous" mouth-watering freshly made on-premises Raviolis - \$11.75.

The chicken had a special sauce, which I enjoyed immensely but the ravioli was unbelievable unforgettable.

Everyone had been right all these years - you must taste this specialty!

My companion ordered the Veal Cutlet Parmigiana (\$11.75) - four huge breaded cutlets which were eaten with gusto.

My third companion ordered the Lasagna with Meatballs (\$10.50).

The lasagna isn't the customary dish - very little sauce, no meat and lots of cheese with mushrooms.

Dessert would ordinarily come next but not at Spirito's.

Luckily we were stuffed or we could have been disappointed.

Spirito's does not serve desserts.

The reason is they have always been very busy and in order for them to get people in and out faster, they decided not to serve desserts - the tradition goes on!

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This column is designed to acquaint our readers with dining spots in the area. It is not intended as a critique.

Raphael's Life House joins with Cranford Cares for Kids in Chef Du Jour Night

CRA-NFORD This year, Raphael's Life House, a non-profit transitional residence for pregnant women who are homeless, located in Elizabeth, will join with Cranford Cares For Kids in its first Chef du Jour Night fund-raiser, to be held at The Westwood in Garwood on April 21, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Numerous people and organizations have been instrumental in helping the fund-raising efforts held locally throughout the year to help raise money, handle publicity and secure donations for Raphael's Life House, which has been a home for more than 100 women and 90 babies since it was opened in 1993 by long-term Cranford residents Edith Coogan and Mary Orrico.

This year, Cranford Cares For Kids, a non-profit organization which serves to help pay non-reimbursed medical expenses for children with long-term illnesses, wishes to honor the memory of Edna Cannon, its founder, who died last October, by joining Raphael's Life House in this food tasting extravaganza so that these organizations may continue to assist those in need.

More than 20 restaurants will participate with samplings of their tasty dishes.

Music will be provided by Dr. Michael Beams and his group.

Prizes will be raffled during the evening and include airline tickets for anywhere in the continental United States, an Irish handmade quilt, a Belleek lamp, and many baskets.

This year's chairpersons, Ann Beams of Raphael's Life House and Dawn Cannon of Cranford Cares For Kids, have given their time, support and talent in an event which they hope will draw 400 people.

The following restaurants will be there for the dining pleasure of all who attend: Mackenzies; South Trios; Il Giardino; Hunan Wok; Tony's Cafe; Bagel America; The Gourmet; ChariTea Room; Mona Lisa; Ciriles; South Side Roman Bistro; Dominis; Crossroads; Aunt Val's; Butterly Bake Shoppe; Cafe Rock, and many more.

Tickets may be obtained prior to the event for \$30 (\$35 at the door) at the ChariTea Room, American Princess, 35 Alden St., Cranford, and at Cranford Corner, Centennial Avenue, Cranford.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning composer will perform at Kean concert

UNION — Kean University has launched a new, annual arts initiative titled *Ars Vitalis: The New Jersey New Music Forum*. An inaugural concert, featuring Pulitzer Prize winner George Walker, will take place at 8 p.m. on April 29, at the University's Wilkins Theatre.

Ars Vitalis will showcase the works by Dr. Matthew Halper, an assistant professor of music at Kean and artistic director of *Ars Vitalis*, Frank Ezra Levy and Samuel Zyman.

Walker, one of the most accomplished composers of his generation, has been the recipient of numerous awards, honors and commissions. He became the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize in Music for *Lilacs for Voice and Orchestra*, commissioned by the Boston Symphony, in 1996. His works have been performed by virtually every major orchestra in this country including commissions from the New York Philharmonic, the New Jersey Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra. Other awards include Guggenheim Fellowships, Rockefeller Fellowships, Koussevitsky Awards and an award from the National Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. Dr. Walker is Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University.

Invited soloists include flutist Kimberly McCoul Risinger and pianist Naoko Takao. Takao will play Walker's *Piano Sonata No. 2* and will join Risinger for *Sonata for Flute and Piano* by Zyman and a *Sonata Fantasy* by Halper. Rebekah Johnson (violin), Leslie Harlow (viola), Joshua Gordon (cello) and Steven Masi (piano) will perform in the world premier of Levy's *Piano Quartet*.

In addition to presenting a concert of vital new works of music, *Ars Vitalis* will include a pre-concert symposium at 7 p.m. on April 29 that will allow audience members to converse with the invited composers and the featured performers. Open to the campus community and general public, all *Ars Vitalis* events are

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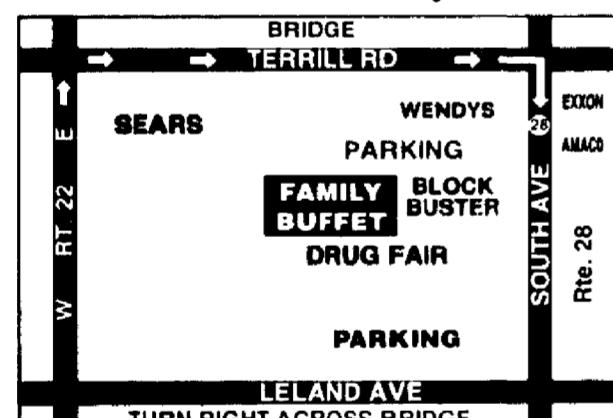
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Chansonettes preparing to tour

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The group will begin its tour with an early performance at the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford on April 14 at 8 p.m. The tour continues in May with performances at New Dover United Methodist Church on May 7, Manor Care on May 10, New Providence Methodist Church on May 11 and Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains on

May 12. The group is currently booked for spring performances. Organizations wishing to book for the next winter holiday program may do so by calling Louise Loffredo, vice president, at (908) 232-8213.

The Chansonettes are directed by Jean Schork and accompanied by Mary Ellen Freda. Area women who enjoy singing for fun and would like more information, may call Nancy Lau, president, at (908) 654-5130. All levels of voice are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 8 in the choir room of the Presbyterian Church of Westfield on Mountain Avenue.

Jazz stylist to be featured at library

SPRINGFIELD — Carrie Jackson and her All Star Quartet will perform in concert at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on May 2 at 2 p.m.

Jackson is a native of Newark and her singing and performance styles are winning her rave reviews. Jackson is a song stylist as well as an extraordinary jazz singer. She has the diva qualities of the great Dinah Washington, with a jazzy, soulful, sultry voice that hints of Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan.

Jackson was featured artist with a leading role in the acclaimed introduction of the

Gallery Theatre Company's 49th Jazz Production. She has delighted audiences at the Newark Jazz Festival appearing in the city hall's soaring rotunda. Jackson has performed seven times in 1998 and 1999 at the Theater Square Grill of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, at the 1998 Christmas concert, and Summer Concert Series, City of Newark. Jackson is introducing a new CD, *The Nearness of You*.

Funding for this concert has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a long-time local resident, was active in all library issues. His campaign to lobby to preserve

library budgets and other resources at city and county levels, resulted in the preservation of integrated services. Because of his actions on behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988. Balber remained active in library affairs until his death in 1995.

Admission to the concert is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the circulation desk. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Imperial Brass to perform at Methodist Church

UNION — The well-known New Jersey based Imperial Brass will perform a concert of light music, jazz, popular and classical music at the United Methodist Church in Union on April 18 at 3:30 p.m. Broadway trumpet player Chris Jaunes will be featured as guest soloist. Hear the

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There is no charge for tickets. There will be a free-will offering collected. For more information and directions call (908) 687-8077.

The United Methodist Church is located at Berwyn Street and Overlook Terrace in Union.

Civil War topic at UCC conference

CRANFORD — Union County College and the New Jersey Historical Commission are sponsoring an all day conference titled "Perspectives on the Civil War" on the college's Cranford campus from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 17. It is supported by a grant from the Union County College Foundation.

At the conference, Gabor Boritt, a Lincoln scholar and director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College will speak on The Lincoln Image. James McPherson, professor at Princeton University, Civil War scholar, and Pulitzer prize-winning author of *Battle Cry of Freedom* will answer the question "Was Blood Thicker Than Water?" in his address on ethnic and civic nationalism in the Civil War. Joel Silbey, a Cornell University history professor, will discuss American politics in the Civil War era when he presents remarks titled "An Expansion of Reach, An Explosion of Energy."

In addition to the feature presentations by these noted Civil War Scholars, all three will participate in a panel discussion. The day will also include workshops on "Teaching the Civil War, The Underground Railroad: New Jersey and Nationally," and "Trends in Civil War Military History." The conference will conclude, from 4:30-6 p.m., with a concert of Civil War era songs performed by the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club, narrated by Dr. Clement Alexander Price of Rutgers University, Newark.

The registration fee for this outstanding conference is \$40 per person. There is a reduced registration fee of \$25 for students. The fee includes the conference, luncheon, and the concert. Those interested in attending only the concert can purchase tickets at the door for \$7 per person.

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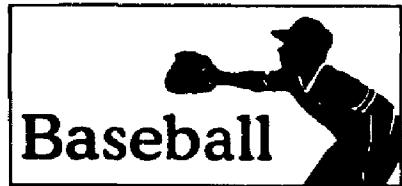
Blue Devils' bombers highlight early season surge

By RICH BEVENSEE

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — High school baseball fans who choose to wander in from beyond the outfield fences when Westfield is playing had better wear hard hats on their way to the bleachers, because the Blue Devils have been laying into opposing pitching with a ferocity seldom seen at the prep level.

Westfield, 6-2 heading into Wednesday's rematch with Scotch Plains-Fanwood, has a team batting average of .421 and has torched its opponents for 10 home runs. The Blue Devils have been led by senior shortstop



Lamont Turner, who raised his homer total to four after launching two bombs in the Devils' 8-5 victory over Linden Tuesday.

"With the number of kids hitting the long ball, it makes it difficult for teams to shut you down," said Devils Head Coach Bob Brewster.

Turner and junior Brian Flynn are capable of sustaining this current power surge,

Brewster said, but the rest of the team is young. How long the Devils maintain this rate of offensive efficiency will determine their staying power in the postseason.

But the season is young, and Brewster likes what he sees despite the club's limited number of outdoor practices, and despite fatigue from having played seven games in eight days, not counting Tuesday's win.

Turner and Flynn are each batting over .600. In fact, Flynn lowered his average to .620 despite going 2 for 4 against Linden. He leads the team with 16 RBI.

Senior Kevin McCormack and

junior Jeff Bendix each notched two hits against Linden and both are hitting well over .400. Senior co-captain and leadoff man Luke Mistretta is batting .333.

"I read a theory in the paper that said winning teams score more runs in one inning than their opponents do in one game," Brewster said. "So I don't play my infield up. I'll give up a run to get the double play, and wait for our turn at bat."

Those limited number of outdoor practices have caught up with the team at times, Brewster allowed, and it's lead directly to defensive lapses. The Linden game was a perfect example. Westfield made three errors and

had to fight back twice from deficits. Mistretta popped a three-run blast in the fourth inning to give Westfield a 6-5 lead, and Turner added a two-run shot in the sixth to ice the game.

"We've had seven games and seven scrimmages, and just four outdoor practices," Brewster said. "The big thing is they're getting a lot of reps at the plate, but if the third baseman gets three ground balls in a game, that's a lot. My biggest struggle is to improve the team defensively. We had better be able to pick the ball up and make the big plays."

Still, Brewster loves to watch

his team gets its licks. Combined with his preference for a running game (28 steals in 31 attempts), the Devils are a nightmare for any opposing staff. Westfield is averaging 11 runs a game, thanks to a combined double-header total of 30-2 against Shabazz, and a 19-0 drumming of Rahway.

"In the two games we lost, we didn't hit real well and still scored five or six runs," Brewster said. "Now we're getting a lot of guys on and not scoring, and that's inefficient. We're already fun to watch. If we can keep up this pace and get the clutch hits, too, we'll be a tough team to beat down the road."

Growing pains part of learning for Westfield lax

By RICH BEVENSEE

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Struggling with inconsistency is a common occurrence for teams with young rosters, and the boys and girls lacrosse teams at Westfield High are no exception. But each team has shown promise amidst disappointment early, which is why head coaches Gerry Benauista and Tom Kemps are counting on bigger and better results in the weeks to come.

With just two starters back, the Blue Devils boys team is a respectable 2-2, but as Benauista puts it, the club could just as easily be anywhere in between.

"The two games we lost was by a total of three goals," said Benauista, referring to games against Summit (4-2) and West Morris Central (4-3). "Offensively we haven't clicked yet. I think it's a matter of a bunch of things — missing opportunities, having young players. I'm definitely not disappointed in the effort."

Westfield opened the season with a win over Seton Hall Prep (8-6) and recently upended Hunterdon Central (4-3). The Devils faced Ridgewood Wednesday, and host Delbarton 2 p.m. Saturday.

Senior co-captain and attackman Mike Stotler leads the Devils in scoring with eight points (five goals, three assists), while junior Sean Joffe has three goals and four assists. Benauista said Stotler has been the bright spot in

a struggling offense, but he can't keep Stotler on the field for an entire game. The younger players, Benauista added, are being forced to learn through game experience. Only three seniors are getting major minutes.

"I believe the more they play they more they'll become confident," Benauista said. "There's at least four or five shots a game where we could definitely score, but we don't because of our experience. I'm hoping that down the line they'll gain more confidence and hit those goals."

At the other end of the field, senior co-captain Matt Krug has steadied the defense, which has shown the ability to play at the level of postseason contenders.

Said Benauista: "For us to be averaging four goals (surrendered) a game, if you look at the best teams in the state at the end of the season, their average is four goals. The whole defensive team has been terrific — the middies, the defensemen and the goalies."

Girls Lacrosse

The Blue Devils (0-2) have enjoyed high-scoring affairs only to come up short on both occasions, against Ridge (13-12) and Blair (13-10).

Granted, the first loss to Ridge came in the last minute, and a last-second Westfield goal was disallowed. But Kemps sees a lot of room for improvement, fundamentally speaking.

"We missed a lot of passes, we dropped a lot of balls," Kemps said. "We missed what would

have been four open shots, where we had the ball behind the cage, we passed it over and we miss the ball altogether. We're young, but we have to at least catch the ball."

Kemps said he would also like to see his players become better conditioned, and cited two examples. Westfield led 2-0 before Blair scored six unanswered goals in the first half. In the second half,

Blair executed a stall play with four minutes left and Westfield did not force a turnover until 30 seconds remained. "I think we ran out of steam," Kemps said.

Junior Kristen Salmon led the Devils with five goals and one assist against Blair, freshman Morgan Lang had three goals and one assist, and senior Kelsey III and junior Julia Gates each tal-

lied once. Sophomore Jenny Korecky contributed two assists. Junior goalie Libby Schindler recorded 15 saves for Westfield, which was outshot, 28-24.

Kemps also cited the defensive efforts of senior Katie Gildea, and junior Aubrey McGovern, who limited Blair's Marcie Paul (five goals) to one score in the second half.

Medalist Muller's 37 paces SP-F

Brian Muller's 4-over-par 37 nabbed medalist honors April 8 as the Raiders coasted to victory over Shabazz, 152-211, at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Steve Busch and Louis Schults had 38s and Jim McIntock a 39.

Roselle Catholic 140, Scotch Plains 148 — The Raiders' John Cosmas carded a 1-under-par 32 to nab medalist honors during the April 7 match with Roselle Catholic (1-1) at Scotch Hills. Shults had a 34 for the Raiders, Jack Evans 40, Dave Lites 42, Matt McCarthy 44 and Steven Lowan 48.

BASEBALL

Dave Herman's run scoring single in the fourth inning was one of four hits for the Raiders April 7 during their 15-1 loss to visiting Cranford (4-0).



SOFTBALL

Sophomore Alicia Piniat tossed a three-hitter and belted a triple for the Raiders in their 8-0 victory over Elizabeth Tuesday.

Sophomore Katie Church smacked a double and triple and collected three RBI for SP-F, now 3-2 overall. The Raiders put the game out of reach with a three-run third inning.

TENNIS

Junior Shawn Laskowitz and sophomore Dave Sigmor put up the biggest fight against Westfield, falling in a three-set second doubles match (6-0, 3-6, 6-3), as the Raiders were swept Tuesday, 5-0. At third singles, sophomore John Corbin lost a tough match (7-5, 6-4) to Westfield's Peter Yu.

TRACK

Senior Blair Woodward returned from spring break to show his all-around ability in Tuesday's dual meet against Westfield, winning the 110-meter hurdles (15.5), long jump (22.6) and javelin (148-7) in the Raiders' 91-40 victory.

Junior Nathan Jones won the intermediate hurdles (59.4) and the 200 (22.9). Jamil Cole won the 100 (11.5). Dan Loomis won the shot put (54-2.5), and Mike Grabel won the pole vault (12.0).

The Scotch Plains girls won a close 69-53 decision, when Alyssa Samis and Christina Hillman took first (4-10) and second, respectively, in the high jump to clinch the win.

Erin Kelly won the 800 (2:27) and the 1,600 (5:47), while Stacy Bushinger won the 100 (12.8) and 200 (27.1). Erin Brandt won the intermediate hurdles (1:09.9), freshman Jill Koscielecki won the 400 (1:02.5), Hillman won the shot put (31-10.5), and Alexis Stoll won the discus (38-9).

Raiders' Jones, Devils' Dennis shine at Summit Relays

By RICH BEVENSEE

RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood's Bill Klimas probably said it best when describing his track team's effort at Saturday's Summit Relays. The Raiders have plenty to get excited about, but they can't get excited about it just yet.

Among others, junior Nathan Jones brought home four medals, including a gold in the B Division 800-meter relay, and a trio of girls — Stacy Bushinger, Christina Hillman and Ruth Rohrer — were multiple gold-medal winners.

"You can't look too far down the road because you have to see what's around the corner for tomorrow," Klimas said. "I was very pleased, but we're still looking to find the right combinations to get our times down. It was the first time that, with the exception of the mile relay,

that those combinations had been on the track together. We still gear up to the championship meets later on, so we're still fine tuning. You can't go bragging because at this point they're all brand new."

In the absence of North Carolina-bound senior Blair Woodward, who was on vacation, Jones spearheaded the Raiders attack. He teamed with Dan Harrison, Anthony Cary III and Jarrel Cole to win the 800 relay (1:34.2). He took two silver medals, in the 400-meter relay (with Cole, Dernon Aberdeen and Cary, in 46.2 seconds) and in the long jump (with Cole, totaling 37.5). Jones and Harrison hooked up again in the intermediate hurdles, this time with Ryan Kramer, to take third in 3:10.

"With Blair gone we knew Nathan had to pick it up," said Rich McGriff, head coach of the Scotch Plains boys team. "He's going to be the next Blair."



Hillman led off the first-place girls open shuttle hurdles team.

Hillman, Alyssa Samis, Stacy Bushinger and Ruth Rohrer, which crossed in 1:12.5. Hillman, Rohrer and Kate Feighner won the B Division shot put with a total effort of 35-5.25. Bushinger also anchored the B Division's first-place 400 relay (Brittany Belizeare, Jill Koscielecki, Stephanie Quinn, Bushinger, 54.3). Jayme Ferraro, Kate Berziniak, Erin Kelly and Erin Brandt won the open 1,600 relay (4:20.32).

The seasons have changed but Westfield remains a dangerous distance event team, taking first place in the boys and girls open 3,200 relay.

Gordon Kaslusky, Matt Manahan, Peter Anzelone and John Cognetti won the boys two-mile relay in 8:20, while Megan Shuttles, Maura McMahon, Heather

Dennis and Tara Bhandari did the same in the girls field (9:52.3).

The Westfield girls' distance medley relay — Sara Carpenter, Heather Dennis, Megan Shuttles and Alexis Anzelone — also captured first place, in 13:50.

Junior Kristen Salmon led the Devils with five goals and one assist against Blair, freshman Morgan Lang had three goals and one assist, and senior Kelsey III and junior Julia Gates each tal-

lied once. Sophomore Jenny Korecky contributed two assists. Junior goalie Libby Schindler recorded 15 saves for Westfield, which was outshot, 28-24.

Kemps also cited the defensive efforts of senior Katie Gildea, and junior Aubrey McGovern, who limited Blair's Marcie Paul (five goals) to one score in the second half.

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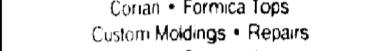
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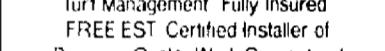
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YOUTH SPORTS

Goalkeeping paces Strikers

All MacDonald and Kate Young combined for a shutout in goal and the Westfield Strikers recorded their first win of the spring season by defeating the Wayne Jaguars 3-0.

With MacDonald tending goal in the first half, Kelsey Sullivan punctuated the half with the game's first score. When Young took over in goal in the second half, MacDonald moved to fullback and launched a blistering shot for the Strikers' second goal late in the game. Tina Cognetti and Connie Parkinson created a two-on-one breakaway, and Cognetti tied the game with a score. The Strikers take on the East Brunswick Explosion 3 p.m. Sunday at Elm Street Field.

SP-F boys halt Edison

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood United Under-9 boys soccer team, led by a goal and two assists from Brian Hessemer, handed the Edison United Dynamos their first loss of the season recently with a 3-1 decision.

Jackson Udelman and Adam Brous each scored a goal, and Jarek Cohen added an assist for SP-F. Hessemer created the first scoring opportunity for Brous, who tallied just before halftime to wipe out Edison's only lead of the game. In the second half, Cohen used a shake-and-bake move to elude a defender, then set up Hessemer's goal. Udelman tied the game in the fourth quarter with a score of his own, assisted by Hessemer.

United defenders played a sensational game, led by sweeper James Diliao and fullbacks Kyle Mihansky and Bryan Dougher. Midfielders Tommy Hercul and Danny DeCataldo helped shut down the quick Edison wingers. Goalkeeper Jordan Neuhauser made several saves, and he got some help from defender Evan Aspel, who cleared a rebound off a Neuhauser save.

Thornton, McKeon propel Westfield in 16-10 slugfest

Courtney Thornton had three hits, including a double, and Liz McKeon drove in five runs with a single and two triples April 8 to lead the Blue Devils to victory over host Colonia (1-2), 16-10. Katie Brunetto doubled and drove in three runs for Westfield, which came up with nine runs in the third inning for a 10-5 lead.

Westfield 4, Rahway 1 — Kristen Leonardis' RBI single in the fourth was one of four Devils hits April 7 during their victory over visiting Rahway (2-2). Winning pitcher Lindsay Guerniero allowed four hits and two walks and struck out three batters.

BASEBALL

After falling behind 8-1 in the third inning, the host Devils came back with five runs in the fifth Friday but couldn't catch up with Hunterdon Central (3-3) in an 8-6 setback. Kevin McCormack, who drove in a run, and Flynn doubled for WHS and Luke Mistretta smacked a triple.

Westfield 11, Caldwell 1 — Lamont Turner ripped a double and triple and Randy Majocha connected for a solo home run in the fifth inning April 8 to help the Devils wallop visiting Caldwell (3-1), which committed five errors.

Chris Giaccone tripled in two runs in the fourth, when WHS scored seven times. McCormack tripled in a run and scored three times and Flynn doubled. Winning pitcher Jeff Johnson gave up five hits in the six-inning game.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Colleen Albright fired in her third goal of the day with 53 seconds remaining April 7 to give Ridge (2-0) a 13-12 victory over the Blue Devils in Bernards Township. Julia Gates led Westfield with five goals and Kristen Salmond had four along with two assists.

Salmond scored what appeared to be the game-tying goal as the final whistle blew, but officials ruled the ball had not crossed the goal line before time expired. Libby

Schundler finished with 15 saves. Leigh Kendrick, Allie Rosenthal, Liz Winberry and Jen Koreky also added one goal each.

BOYS LACROSSE

Second-period goals by Scott Joffe, Mike Todd and Mike Stotler staked the host Blue Devils to a 4-1 lead April 8 and they held on to nip Hunterdon Central (2-1), 1-3.

Ricky Lang scored the Devils' first-quarter goal and Joffe also had two assists while Stotler had one. WHS goalie Chris Driscoll made nine saves and got sturdy defensive help from Brian Gallagher, Evan Molloy, Matt Krug and Pat Tuohy.

GOLF

Sophomore Brent Bramnick

carded a 4-over-par 40 at the Galloping Hill Golf course to earn medalist honors, and Westfield chalked up a 173-249 win over Elizabeth Tuesday. Bramnick was followed by Roger Curiak (43), Josh Rodgers (44) and Evan Smith (46) for 3-1 Westfield.

Westfield 224, Roselle

Catholic 225 — The Devils' Ron Kashlak tied RC's Kevin Hutchinson for medalist honors with a seven-over-par 43 April 8 as WHS pulled out a tight triumph at Echo Lake CC. Brent Bramnick, Brian Maun and Jeff Weber all shot 46s and Rich Kaplan had a 46.

TENNIS

Senior Jeff Diamond was the sole victor for the Westfield boys tennis team in a 4-1 loss to Millburn Tuesday.

Diamond, at No. 2 singles, ripped Jason Schuman, 6-2, 6-0. Tom O'Connell and Jeremy Chilnick managed to stretch out their No. 2 doubles match before faltering, 6-3, 7-5, to Aaron Brookner and Shawn

Kessler. No other Blue Devils netter managed to win more than four games from an opponent.

TRACK

The Westfield girls kept Tuesday's dual meet with Scotch Plains-Fanwood close, but eventually fell, 69-53. The Blue Devils boys team suffered a 91-40 setback.

For the girls, Heather Dennis won the long jump (15-11.75) and anchored the first-place 4x400-meter relay (Andrea Constante, Megan Shultz, Maura McMahon, Dennis, 4:17). Julie Elmuccio won the 100 hurdles (16.6), Alexis Anzelone won the 3,200 (12:32), and Allison Checchio won the javelin (96-4).

Gordon Kashluk was a double-winner for the boys, in the 1,600 (4:40) and the 3,200 (10:34.1). Pete Anzelone won the 400 (52.2), John Cognetti won the 800 (2:07.1), and both competed on the first-place 4x400 relay (Ryan Burke, Anzelone, Seth Augenstein, Cognetti, 3:38.8).

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Muhlenberg Schools of Nursing, Radiography and Nuclear Medicine Technology, programs that are conducted in cooperation with UCC. Representatives from four-year colleges will be available to discuss options for entering health related programs at their institutions. In addition, later that day, on the Cranford campus, Union County College and Rutgers University will conduct a joint open house beginning at 7 p.m.

Representatives from both schools will be available to speak to prospective students regarding the UCC/Rutgers Dual Admissions Program. The event will highlight the benefit of first attending UCC to secure an associates degree and later transferring to Rutgers to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Students will also be informed of the requirements necessary to complete the Dual Admissions Program, which allows for seamless transfer between the two schools.

The largest event of the week will be the Regional College Fair to be held on April 27, 6:30-9 p.m., in the Campus

Center of the Cranford campus. Sponsored by Union County College and the Union County School Counselor's Association, representatives from more than 100 colleges will be in attendance to answer questions regarding their respective institutions. There will be workshops on the Dual Admissions and Financial Aid throughout the evening.

For those interested in a career in nursing, the Elizabeth General Medical Center School of Nursing will hold an open house at Elizabeth General Medical Center on April 29 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event will be held in the Billington Center of the hospital, and it will provide students with information on attending the School of Nursing. Faculty and staff will be available for student conferences, and to provide information on admissions, financial aid, and program requirements. All are welcome.

Finally, the week will wrap up with the Union County College open house on May 1 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It

will be held on the Cranford campus and will begin in the Roy Smith Theater. For students and parents interested in learning more about Union County College, this is an effective way to have questions answered. Faculty and other representatives will be available to discuss admissions, financial aid, and transfer opportunities.

Student Ambassadors, currently enrolled in the college, will share their experiences of being a student at UCC.

Union County College is a public comprehensive community college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains, and enrolls approximately 9,000 full and part-time students.

All four campuses are located in the New York metropolitan area and are easily accessible by car and public transportation.

For more information on Union County College Week or any of the individual events, call (908) 709-7518.

Workshop will feature talk on healing power of nature

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Naturopathy, The Healing Power" of nature is the title of a workshop to be sponsored by the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey.

The workshop, which is free and open to the public, will be held April 20 at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

The workshop will feature Nikki Conte, a doctor of homeopathy who will discuss this branch of medicine that has recently become very popular and has received the approval of traditional doctors as well as patients.

Naturopaths use different modalities including nutrition, herbology, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, massage, counseling, and lifestyle modification.

The Mothers' Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers to help mothers. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary year, the group aims to take the stress out of parenting by offering discussion groups, day and evening workshops, guest speakers, social activities, library resources and playgroups. Onsite child care is available for participants in most of the group's daytime activities. New members are welcome at any time.

For more information, call (908) 561-1751, or visit the group's website at <http://westfieldnj.com/mecnj>.

Church group is holding rummage sale

WESTFIELD — The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield, will sponsor its spring fund-raiser, a rummage sale, on April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the

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Contact We Care honors eight during National Volunteer Week

FANWOOD — In honor of National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, Contact We Care, the 24-hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service located in Union County, honored eight of its volunteers for their unique contribution to the agency during the past year, announced Michael Nicholson, executive director.

Ross Royce, telephone worker and member of the Board of Trustees, was recognized for his tremendous effort and intense level of commitment while on the Board.

Cathy Cvetovich of Scotch

Plains, who has served as a telephone worker for three years, was recognized for her dedicated work supporting the board and as a member of the Contact We Care 5K Road Race committee.

Joan Bonner, also of Scotch Plains, telephone worker and board member for Contact, was singled out for her extra efforts assisting with the case reviews.

Pat Skotek of Rahway, a relatively new telephone worker, was recognized for her additional efforts as the agency scheduler.

Margie Odell of Fanwood, was honored for her more than five

years volunteering as the agency's bookkeeper.

Millie Rasweiler, telephone worker for more than eight years, was recognized for offering the gift of listening for more than 1,000 hours.

Ellen Anthony, telephone worker and former member of the board, was honored for all her time and dedication compiling the agency's monthly statistics.

Gene Bloomwell, a telephone worker as of last year, was recognized for representing Contact We Care at community speaking engagements and during the recent volunteer training class.

The more than 100 men and women currently volunteering for Contact We Care offer an understanding, compassionate ear to callers who are lonely, under stress or in crisis throughout Somerset, Union, Middlesex and Essex Counties. Through their work at Contact, telephone volunteers offer the gift of listening to callers in need.

For more information on becoming a part of this event, call Julia Black at (908) 518-2983.

For more information on volunteer, call (908) 889-4140.



Proudly displaying their "hug" recognition awards given by Contact We Care are volunteers Gene Bloomwell, Pat Skotek, Cathy Cvetovich and Ross Royce, who are pictured with program director Ilona Tomaszewsky (far left) and executive director Michael Nicholson (far right).

Merck donates to First Night

WESTFIELD — First Night Westfield '99 received a donation in the amount of \$500 from Merck & Company of Rahway. The contribution was used to help fund Westfield's New Year's Eve celebration of the arts last year, its most successful event so far.

By contributing to First Night Westfield, individuals and orga-

nizations can help provide an alcohol-free New Year's Eve alternative for both children and adults. At the same time they will be supporting the arts and providing access to events people might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

For more information on becoming a part of this event, call Julia Black at (908) 518-2983.

FANWOOD — The 10th annual Cleanup Day in the borough will take place Saturday, April 24 to coincide with Earth Day.

Volunteers will meet 8:30 a.m. in the South Avenue parking lot for the Fanwood railroad station. T-shirts, plastic bags and gloves

will be given to all who volunteer. Refreshments will be served at the end of the cleanup.

In addition, the Fanwood Lions Club will clean the stretch of South Avenue that lies within Fanwood as part of the club's "Adopt a Highway" commitment. Businesses will be asked to pledge to keep their properties clean.

Cleanup Day is organized by the Fanwood Clean Community Committee in association with the Fanwood Department of Public Works. To volunteer for the program, call (908) 322-7404 or show up the day of the event.

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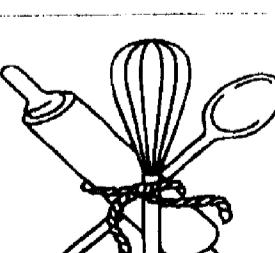
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Parents and students all had fun at McKinley School's math fair

WESTFIELD — "The key to a quality education is a three-way partnership among students, parents, and teachers," noted principal Chic Hansen at the McKinley School math fair.

More than 150 parents and students participated in the fair, the second parent-student-teacher event of the semester.

The school buzzed with more than 15 different math activities. Together, parents and their children moved from booth to booth, exploring math concepts using shapes, patterns, sets, and blocks, and participating in a multitude of math-oriented activities, such as Behind the Wall and the Tower of Hanoi challenge.

All activities were free of charge, and childcare for toddlers was also provided at no cost, enabling parents to really help their elementary school children get the most from the event.

"This has been yet another opportunity to extend the curriculum outside the school boundaries," continued Hansen. "When pupils see their parents enjoying and having fun with math like this, they learn that math is fun. They also see that school and learning are fun, too."

The evening was organized by volunteer by Judith Montgomery, a community outreach

mathematics facilitator and National Science Foundation grant recipient, brought in from California by a McKinley parent. Montgomery also provided pre-event training for the many parents and teachers from McKinley, Roosevelt and Edison schools and pupils from Westfield High School who also volunteered to help manage the event and run the booths. Teachers from Edison and Roosevelt complimented the turnout and indicated that they in turn are planning to adapt and expand the event to meet the needs of their older middle school pupils.

"I've never seen anything quite like this before," said Liz Schuerer a volunteer and sixth grade teacher at Roosevelt School. "The pupils and their parents just stay together at the booths until they are finished with the activity."

Fran Elson, K-eighth math supervisor, confirmed that this was a pioneering event in terms of the evening hours and consequential amount of direct parental participation. She explained that traditionally, math fairs take place during the school hours and center on pupils presenting their work to other pupils. Elson also provided a take-home booklet outlining further math activities for children and their parents which is designed to make math a fun and enriching experience in the home as well as school.

Leah DiMatteo wins scholarship

WESTFIELD — The PNC Bank Foundation has granted a full student scholarship to New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. The scholarship was awarded to student Leah DiMatteo who studies string bass with Chris Fiore at The Music Studio.

Leah began playing the bass in the fourth grade, and now at age 11, her talent and willingness to continue with her instrument, has drawn the attention of the scholarship committee. Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, founder and Executive Director of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts recommended Leah for the generous support made by the PNC Bank Foundation after observing her capabilities when

she studied with him.

The PNC Bank Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, is one of the largest diversified financial service organizations in the United States. Their major businesses include Regional Community Banking, National Consumer Banking, Mortgage Banking, Private Banking, Asset Management, Mutual Fund Servicing, Corporate Banking and Secured Lending.

The Music Studio, is a division of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit organization established in 1972 by Schlosberg. It is located at 150-152 East Broad St.

In addition to individual instrument lessons, students are invited

to participate in one of the three major ensembles: The Music Studio Jazz Band, The Chamber Orchestra and The Wind Ensemble, when they qualify. The mission of NJWA "is to enrich lives by providing opportunity to develop creative talents, and encourage a greater appreciation of the arts, through both instruction and performance."

The Workshop offers arts programs for pre-school children through adults. Other divisions includes Kids'n'Arts, The Westfield Fencing Club, The Westfield Summer Workshop, The Drawing Workshop and The Westfield Art Gallery. For information about the programs, call (908) 789-9696.

Y is sponsoring trip to Brooklyn Museum

WESTFIELD — A trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens and the Brooklyn Museum of Art on May 28 is being sponsored by the Westfield Y.

The itinerary will include tickets to the museum's special exhibit, Impressionists in the Winter: Effets de Neige, a buffet luncheon at the Paris Cafe, and a guided tour of the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

Impressionists in Winter is the first exhibition to assemble the rarely seen winter landscapes of the great Impressionist painters Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Gauguin, Alfred Sisley, and Gustave Caillebotte. Inspired by the atmosphere of light in winter and through their fascination with the effects of snow, they created some of the most beautiful and

experimental paintings of the second half of the nineteenth century.

Tickets include a 45-minute audiocassette tour and admission to both the exhibition and the museum.

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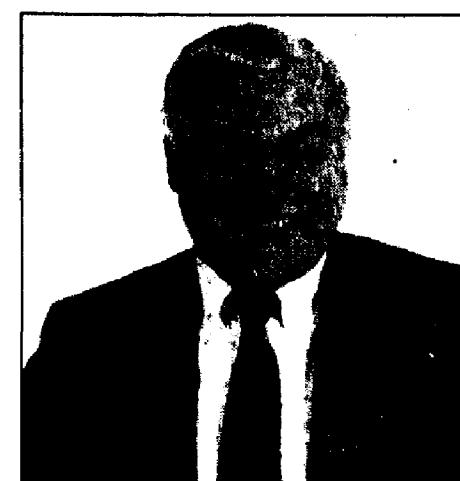
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Pells, Robinson are commended

CRANFORD — Bob Pells, sales associate of Paige, Paige & Richards in Cranford, was commended for being the firm's top producer for the first quarter of this year.

Mr. Pells has been associated with Paige, Paige & Richards for the past 10 years and is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and RELO, a world leader in relocation. As a member of these organizations, Bob has been able to assist families relocating locally as well as to other parts of the country.

A resident of Cranford, Bob is also a member of the Cranford Dramatic Club and is currently serving a term of 2 years as President.

Mr. Pells specializes in the sale of Cranford homes as well as other areas of Union County.

Bettie Robinson, a sales associate with Paige, Paige & Richards, was named the top sales associate for the month of March.

A real estate professional for 13 years, Mrs. Robinson has been a perennial member of the NJAR Million Dollar Club. Her consistent production has also qualified her as a member of Paige, Paige & Richard's elite Presidential Club.

Bettie is a resident of Cranford and is married to Ed Robinson, former mayor of the town. She is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and the Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

Realtors sponsor blood drive

The Greater Union County Association of Realtors is sponsoring a blood drive 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28.

The mobile blood van will be parked at Lord & Taylor parking lot in Westfield and also in the parking lot of Mangels & Co., 367 Chestnut St., Union, by Five Points.

The drive is in conjunction with the Blood Center of New Jersey and is a semi-annual event coordinated by the Realtor Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. Blood is available to members of the community should medical need arise.

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Associates attend conference

NEWARK — Planes from Newark to the West Coast were filled March 7 when more than 450 Coldwell Banker sales associates from New Jersey headed for the firm's International Business Conference (IBC) in San Diego, Calif. Coldwell Banker New Jersey provided airfare, lodging and registration so the sales professionals could take advantage of the outstanding educational experience.

In addition to industry leaders such as Dr. John Tuccillo, Dr. Clifford Baird, and Floyd Wickman, the convention attendees were inspired by General (Ret.) Norman Schwarzkopf. The general sessions of the convention were emceed by TV personality Leeza Gibbons and the group was entertained with the stand-up comedy of talk show host Jay Leno.

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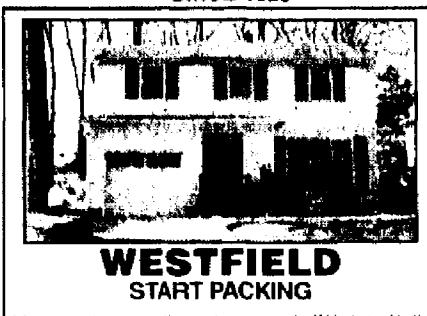
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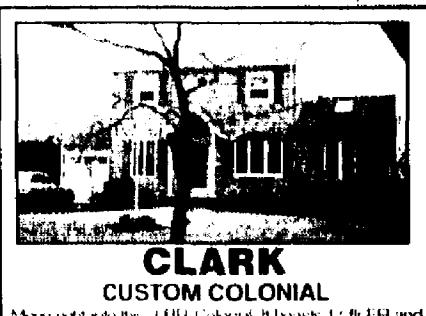
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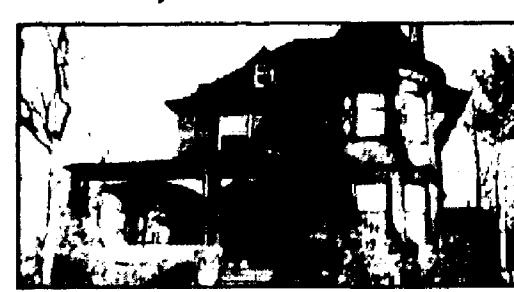
Kathy Shea - 1st Place



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PLAINFIELD \$184,900

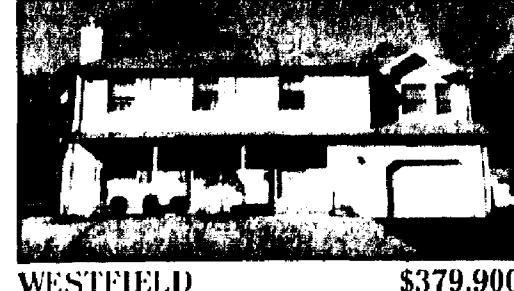
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Historic District. WSF 8001.



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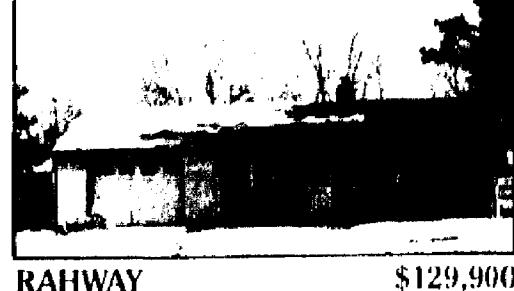
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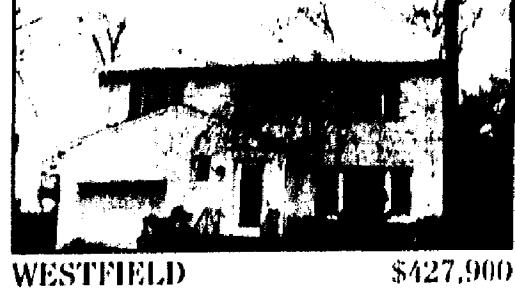
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ERA Statewide Realty names new branch manager

WESTFIELD — Thomas M. Crivello, broker-owner of ERA Statewide Realty, has announced the appointment of John Brady as the new branch manager for the firm's Westfield branch office.

"I was ecstatic when John accepted the position," said Crivello. "He has earned a successful reputation in the industry and congratulations are flooding into the office. This major appointment is one of the key elements in ERA Statewide's plan to expand our presence in the greater Westfield area and to increase the sales staff of our fine office there."

Brady, a veteran real estate professional in the area, said, "The Westfield area has been a great place to raise my family and work side-by-side with the many volunteers who make the Westfield

area special. I look forward to working with Tom Crivello and his fine staff at ERA Statewide Realty. ERA Statewide's Westfield office is bursting with energy and positioned for growth. I feel extremely grateful that I was chosen to guide it on its path toward a bigger, brighter 1999."

Brady, a lifelong resident of Westfield, brings to ERA Statewide a wealth of knowledge about the area. He was a Westfield Councilman for eight years, a Planning Board member for 11 years, and a member of the Recreation Commission for five years. He authored and championed the town's Historical Preservation Ordinance and was founding chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, serving seven years.

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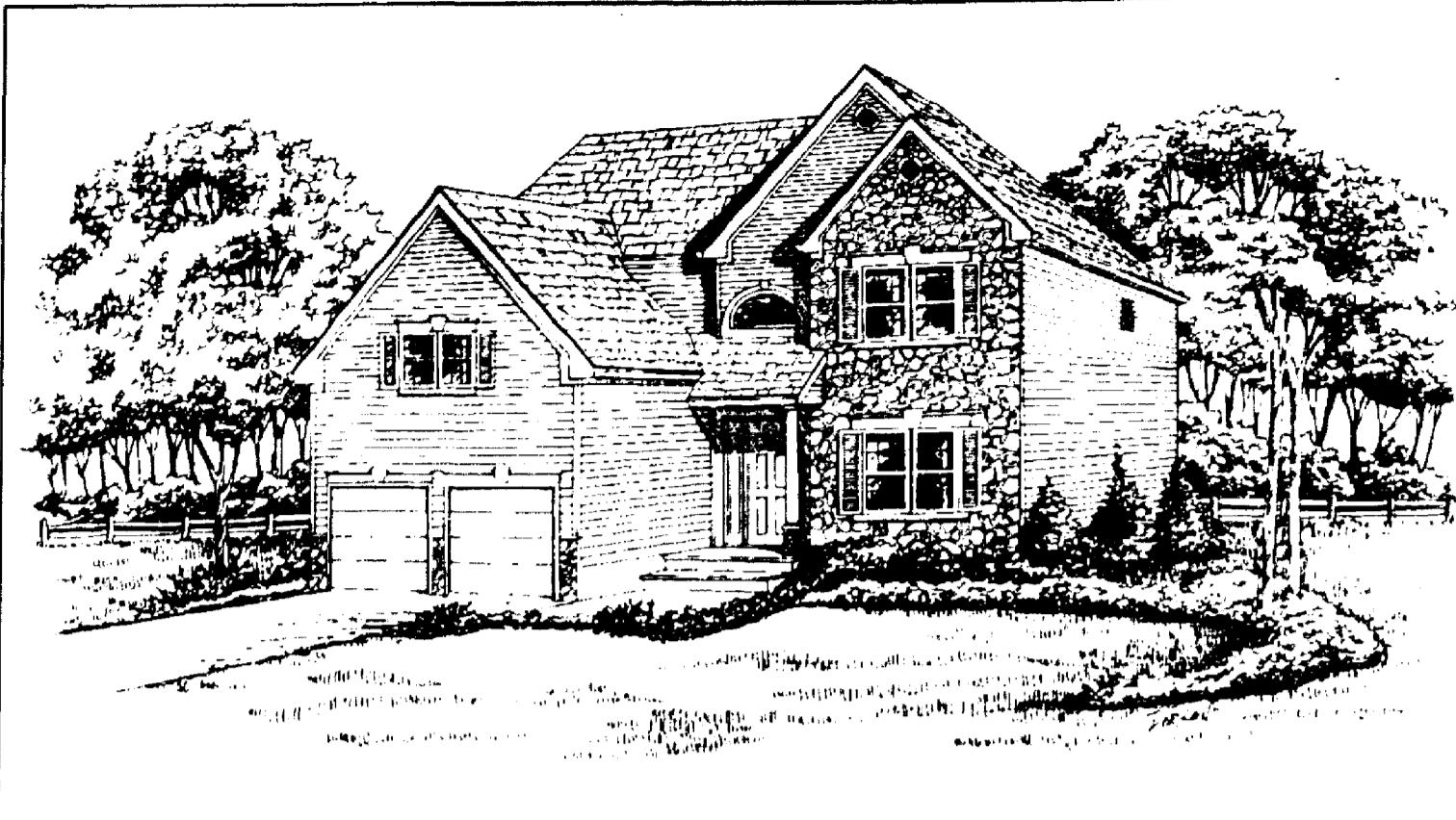
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15 YR FIXED	5.750	2.00	6.081	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.500	10%	45 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.580	20%	75 DAY
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Hometown builder unveils custom enclave of luxury homes in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Custom builder D. Villane Construction and Coldwell Banker New Homes recently celebrated the grand opening of Villane Properties at Westfield, an enclave of luxury homes.

The third-generation, Westfield-based builder offers the rare opportunity for new homes with state-of-the-art conveniences set amid the distinguished backdrop of Westfield.

The intimate community features a choice of four-bedroom, two and a half-bath floorplans, which may be customized to suit individual buyer needs and lifestyles.

Priced from \$450,000, each home features a distinct exterior to enhance neighborhood curb appeal while showcasing the exceptional craftsmanship of homebuilder Dave Villane, who is also an expert mason.

Details such as full masonry walkways and distinctive masonry fronts

accent each home's dramatic features, which also include oversized windows, striking front entrances, and stately rooflines.

Home interiors feature gourmet kitchens, great rooms with brick or stone masonry fireplaces and luxurious master suites with private baths.

Villane Properties at Westfield is located in a residential town that combines old-fashioned appeal with metropolitan sophistication.

The community is just minutes from Westfield's downtown business district, which features world class restaurants and shopping.

Quaint boutique

shops line the street alongside

national retailers including the Gap and Lord & Taylor.

The town serves as its own cultural center, featuring a symphony orchestra, theatrical and dance groups, and more than 50 clubs and organizations.

For more information contact Bob Devlin, project manager in the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker at (908) 233-5555.

For information online see www.bob-devlin.com.

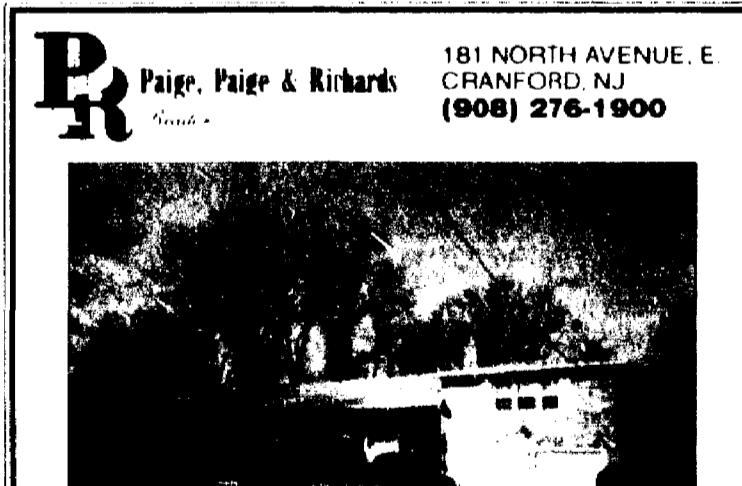
Suriano-Barber named salesperson of the month



WESTFIELD Gina Suriano-Barber, a broker/sales associate with Burgdorff Realtors ERA's Westfield office, has been named Salesperson of the Month for February, with sales of six units and total volume amounting to more than \$1.4 million.

This is the third month in a row that Suriano-Barber has claimed this honor. This is a very impressive accomplishment, with total sales of 15 units and total volume of more than \$4.3 million.

Suriano-Barber's other accomplishments for the past 11 years as a sales associate are: member of New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club (NJAR) from 1989-1998; awarded the Silver Achievement 1996-98; the Bronze Achievement 1989-95; the President Club 1995-98; the Leader Circle 1997 and 1998; and her most recent award, the Distinguished Sales Club in 1998.



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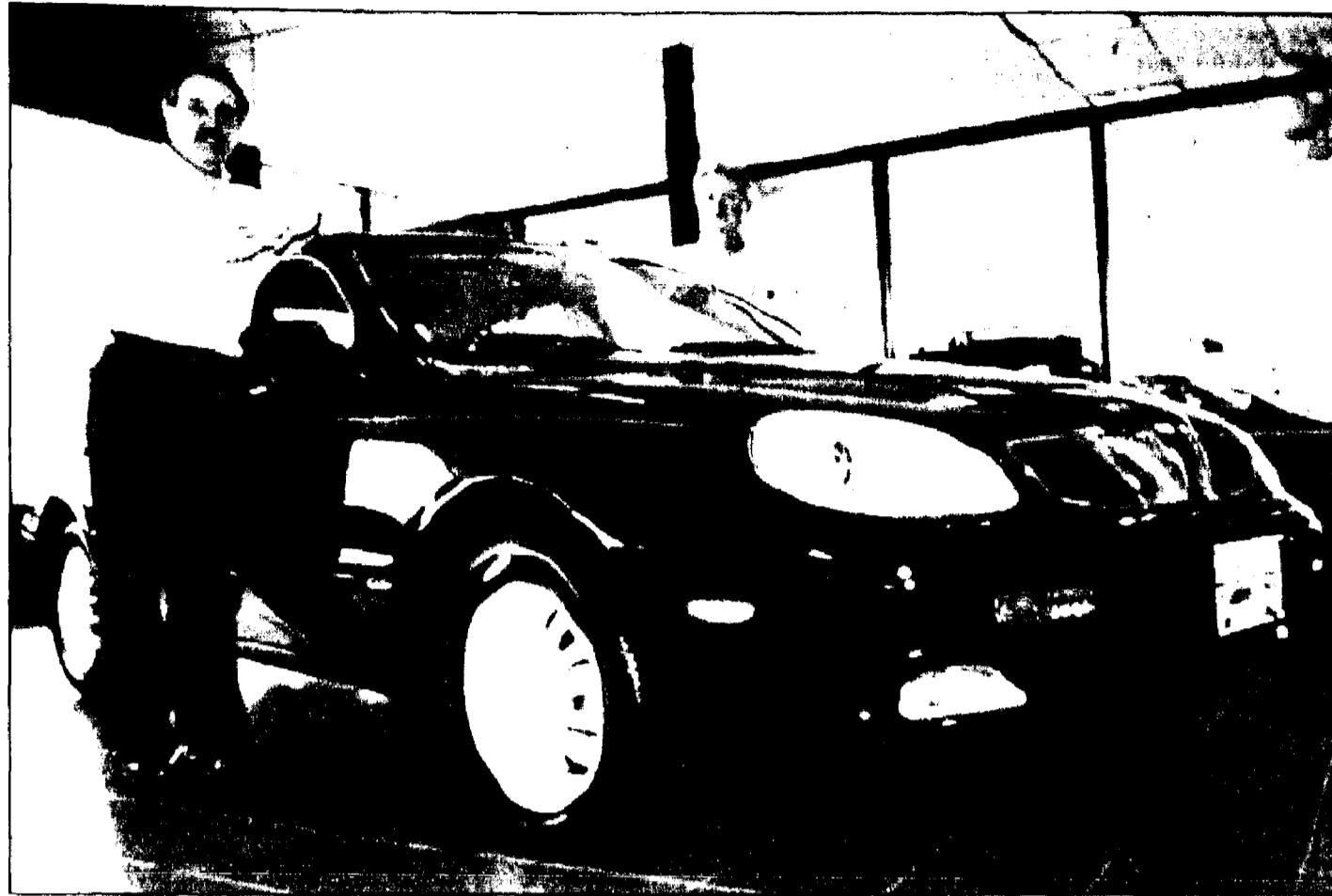
Hillside AutoMall introduces Daewoo, a new affordable import

HILLSIDE — Hillside AutoMall, on Route 22 East, has been appointed as the exclusive dealer in this market area for the sales, leasing and service of Daewoo, the newest import car line in America. "As the corporate slogan says, Daewoo is more than a new car, it is a new experience," said Rich Liebler, president/CEO of Hillside AutoMall.

"At Daewoo (pronounced Day-Woo) we do things differently," added Liebler. "We offer not only an unbelievably low price, but added value that is second to none. The Daewoo extras are just as rewarding as the car itself."

Daewoo offers an exciting new line of affordable automobiles all backed with a standard three-year/36,000 mile bumper-to-bumper warranty. The Daewoo line includes the Lanos, Nubira and Leganza. "The Lanos is a stylish well-built vehicle available as a sedan and a three-door hatch," added Liebler. "Then you have the agile, responsive Nubira, sold as a four-door sedan, a five-door hatch and a wagon. The flagship vehicle is the Leganza, a mid-size sedan that provides both elegance and performance."

With Daewoo, Hillside AutoMall becomes the largest automall in New Jersey for selection, selling eight brands all at one location. Along with the popular Ford & Lincoln/Mercury domestic models, Hillside



Jeff Liebler, left, and Rich Liebler, right, owner with the new Daewoo.

AutoMall is an authorized dealer for Subaru, Isuzu, Suzuki, Kia, Daewoo and more than 125 Gold-Checked Certified Pre-Owned vehicles.

"We're all very excited about Daewoo," said Vice President and General Manager Jeff Liebler. "The cars come well equipped with features that cost extra on most other cars. We sell or lease our Daewoo's with no pressure and no hassles. The price you see is the price you pay," stated Liebler. "And that price is not much more than what you would pay for a used car."

Scheduled maintenance, such as oil change,

tune-ups and even wiper blades are all covered under a three-year/36,000 mile maintenance program offered at no charge with every Daewoo purchase. In addition, every vehicle comes with a national 24-hour, 365-day emergency roadside assistance program for that same warranty period.

Hillside AutoMall, a family owned and operated business since 1974, offers an outstanding selection of more than 2,500 vehicles and lives by a legacy of integrity, courtesy and added value. For more information call (973) 923-4100.

Your windshield deserves a spring break, too!

CARA — As you tackle springtime cleaning and repair chores, don't overlook a simple task that can save you hundreds of dollars. "Look at your car's windshield to see if you've gotten any dings or 'stars' caused by debris, bits of ice, or salt," says Leo Cyr, Vice President of Marketing of NOVUS Windshield Repair.

Checking your windshield now is important because a ding that comes in winter can cause a break in spring or summer. Most people drive more in warm weather. More driving means more vibration and vibration can cause a ding to expand into a cracked windshield.

Warmer weather also means running the air conditioning. You may enjoy the rapid cooling, but a dinged windshield doesn't. The shock of quickly going from hot to cold stresses a windshield and you may see that ding suddenly become a cracked windshield. "Small dings can usually be repaired for as little as \$50 to \$60. Dings that are not repaired, however, can grow and crack the windshield. The larger the ding or the longer the windshield crack, the greater the risk the damage cannot be repaired. Windshield replacement could be the only option. At a minimum, windshield replacement runs into the hundreds of dollars. On some cars, replacements cost over a thousand dollars," says Cyr.

If you do have a ding or star on your windshield, Cyr offers these tips:

• Inspect the ding. If it has a cone shape, or a circle deep in the glass, or looks like a small star with points spreading out, have the ding repaired promptly. These are serious dings that can grow into a cracked windshield.

• Don't touch a ding or attempt to repair it yourself. Without special equipment and training, you will only contaminate the damaged area, making repairs harder to complete.

• As a temporary measure, put a piece of clear tape, like packing tape, over the ding. This won't keep the ding from spreading, but will help prevent the spot from becoming contaminated.

• Don't wash the vehicle, and especially don't take the vehicle through an automatic car wash. Soap and water can contaminate the spot, a high pressure wash can cause the ding to expand.

• Driving a vehicle with a windshield ding causes vibration and exposure to environmental conditions that can cause the ding to spread.

• Avoid slamming the car doors and don't close the doors with the windows rolled all the way up. The vibration or build up of air pressure inside the car can cause the ding to spread.

• Don't run the defroster, heater or air conditioning on high settings. Don't park the vehicle in the sun. Rapid changes in interior temperature or prolonged exposure to sunlight can stress and weaken the windshield.



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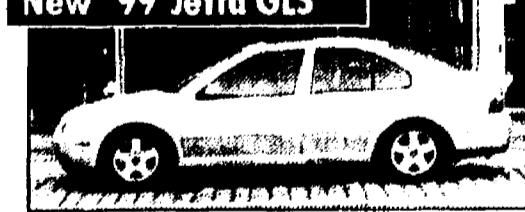
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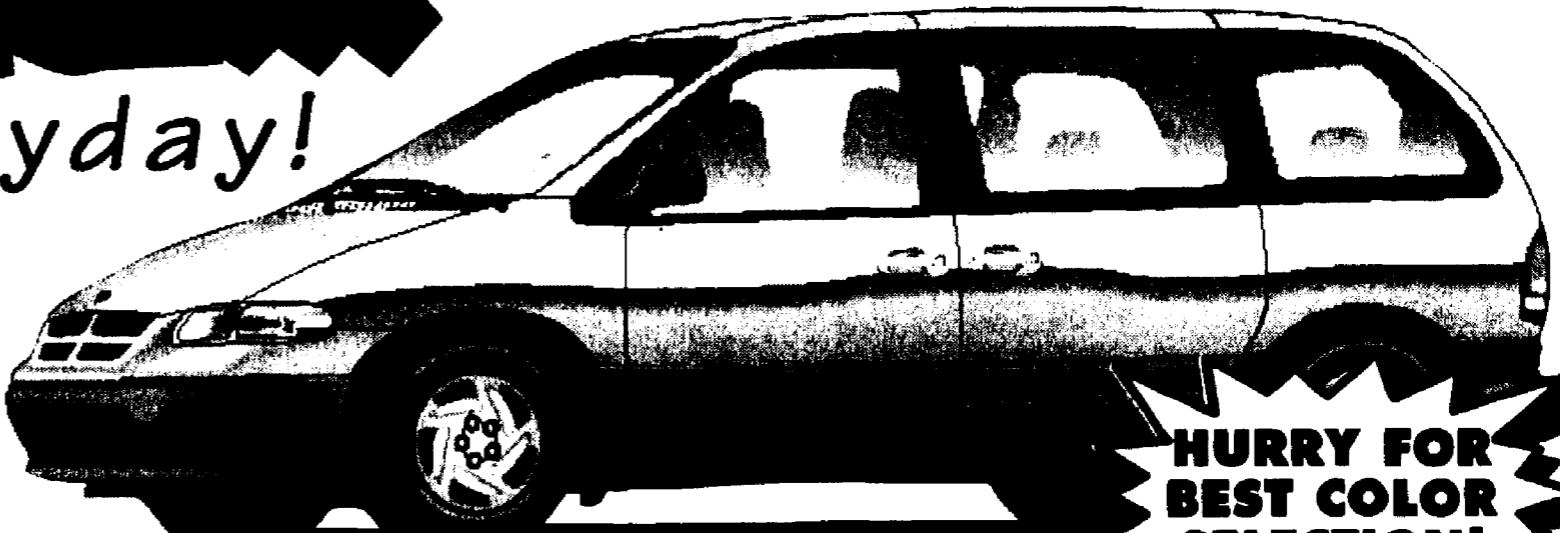
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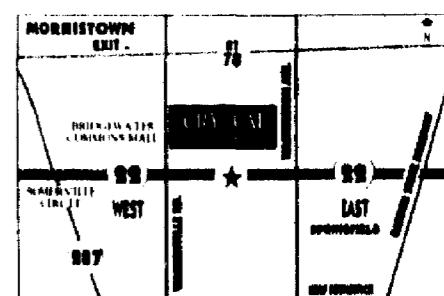
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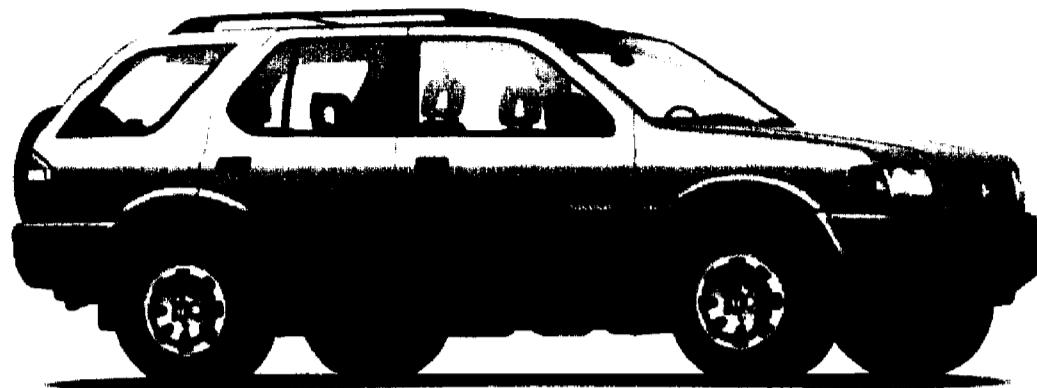
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