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Day of service Thursday

SCOTCH PLAINS — A local observance of the National Day of Prayer will take place 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Village Green on Park Avenue next to the Municipal Building. Those who are coming should bring lawn chairs.

In case of rain, the program will be held at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave.

The gathering is supported by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association and will be led by clergy from the township and the borough.

The Fanwood Presbyterian Church will also hold a prayer vigil in connection with National Day of Prayer.

The church will be open 3-7:30 p.m. for the community to join members of the church who will be offering prayers at 15-minute intervals for personal and special intentions, as well as on behalf of the leaders and nations of the world.

The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 889-8891.

Poster contest winners honored

WESTFIELD — Mayor Tom Jardim, Town Council members and members of BRAKES (Bikers Runners and Kids are Entitled to Safety) will recognize winners of the school safety poster contest at the corner of East Broad Street and Elm Street 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

There have been entries from all schools and a first, second and third place winner will be announced from each school.

Mayor Jardim will also hand out fliers stating pedestrian and drivers' rights. This month is dedicated to safety issues concerning pedestrian and driver behaviors.

If it rains, the event will be held in the lobby of the Rialto Theatre.

Parent workshop set at Edison School

WESTFIELD—Parents will find out what to tell their child about life choices and consequences next Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Edison Intermediate School library.

The parent workshop will answer such questions as "How do I know if my child is in trouble?" "When is a good time to talk?" "Why won't you listen to me?" and "How do I find a teachable moment?"

The parent workshop is co-sponsored by the Westfield Municipal Alliance and the Westfield Public Schools.

Funding is provided by the Westfield Foundation and the Westfield Service League.

For more information call 789-4550.

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Scotch Plains in budget turmoil

BY CANDACE WALLER
R-P CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — Many in the audience at the Tuesday's budget meeting told the Scotch Plains Township Council members to go back and sharpen their pencils.

And after hearing almost three hours of public debate, that's exactly what they will do.

The council, in a gridlock over the proposed 6.5 percent property tax increase, will now have to revise the budget.

Township Attorney Andrew Barren said Scotch Plains would be operating on a temporary budget schedule and advised the council to schedule an emergency meeting to break the stalemate.

"I accepted McClintock's tutelage with fiscal responsibility," said Councilman Tarquin Bromley said. "The two Republicans members never put forth a compromise in the meetings. Only in the press did they say no increase. I am willing to take advice of financial advisors so we don't come back with a 11

percent increase next year."

Each council member voted strictly down party lines, with the Democrats supporting the increase and the Republican opposing it. Democrat Councilman Franklin Donatelli, who gave very little comments in the meeting, abstained from the vote.

"In response to Mr. Bromley's comments I wanted to talk but the mayor wouldn't let me talk about it," William McClintock said. "The tax increase should be close to cost of living as it can

about 1-4 points, on average 2 1/2 points. I have never voted for an increase over 4 points."

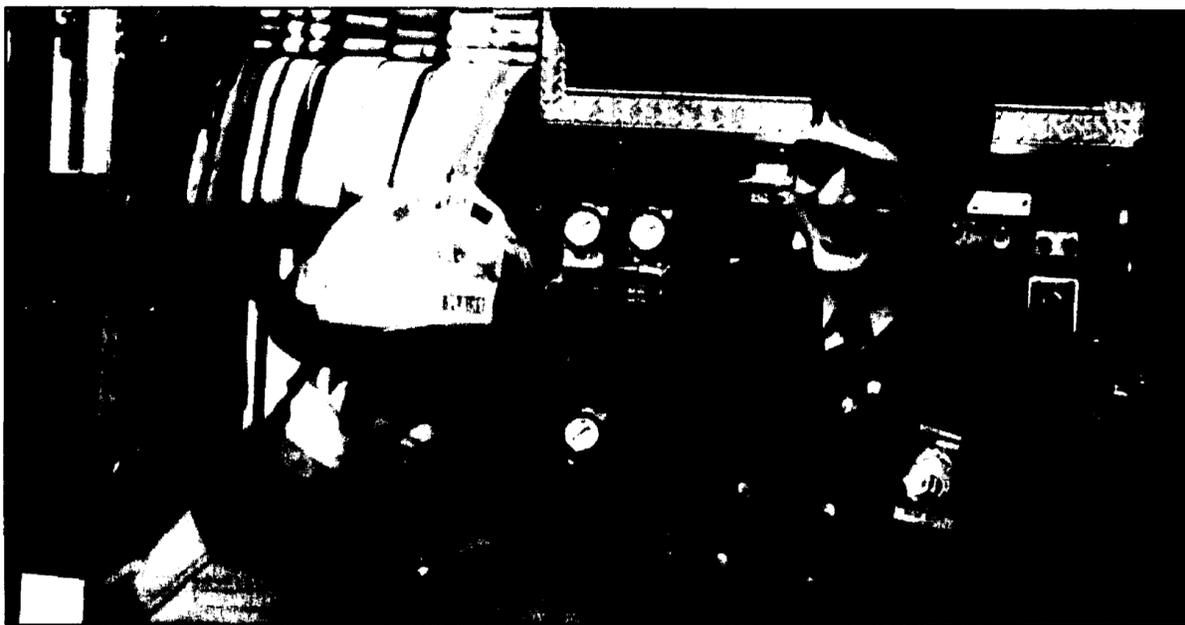
Heated debate came from the citizens that populated the room to near capacity with many of them standing against the walls. The majority expressed opposition to the tax increase.

"We want to keep local taxes down," said resident Joe Polk. "The message tonight is clear. We do not want a tax increase."

The issue of the evening wasn't how money was going to be spent because both sides basic-

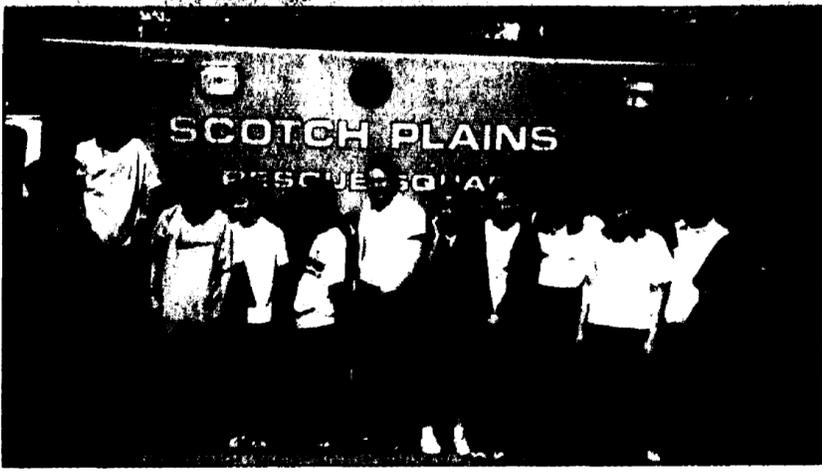
ly agreed on that. The dissension centered on where the additional \$1 million in funds would come from. Mayor Geri Samuel, a Democrat, said the proposed 6.5 tax increase and use of \$2.3 million in surplus was "fiscally responsible."

"Not all departments got the money they recommended," Samuel said that the recreation and roads budgets were areas needing additional funding. "We are using 2.3 percent on the revenue side. If we didn't, there (Continued on page A-2)



Pupils learn the importance of being a volunteer

Brian Mecca (above), a volunteer member of the Scotch Plains Fire Department, shows Rebecca Kurtter how to gear up in response to a fire call during Volunteer Day at Terrill Middle School. Both the Scotch Plains and Fanwood rescue squads sent volunteers to the school to teach eighth-grade students about the need for volunteers.



Westfield targets road improvements

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—The Town Council is paving the way for smoother streets in town.

The council passed several ordinances Tuesday to rectify pothole problems throughout Westfield.

To take care of the "excessive potholes" on Gallows Hill Road, the town received \$150,000 from the state transportation trust fund. In order to receive the funds, certain criteria have to be satisfied including the road must be an intermunicipal road that is heavily trafficked. The cost of the project is \$160,000 and the additional \$10,000 will come from the

town's capital improvement fund.

Besides eradicating potholes, the road is being widened from 25 feet to the minimum width of 30 feet.

Since potholes often function as a natural traffic calmer, residents feared the renovated roadway would turn into a speedway. Chris and Karen Masciale held a meeting at their house Monday with councilmen Matt Albano, Jim Gruba town engineer Ken Marsh and Westfield Police Chief Anthony Scutti who allayed their concerns.

To maintain traffic safety, the town will increase signage indicating the 25 mph speed limit.

Also, instead of cutting into the frontage of residents' proper-

ty which lines one side of the road, the town, which has the right-of-way, will take the five feet from the other side of the road where the cemetery is.

"Both the chief and the town engineer were able to properly address their questions and satisfy their concerns regarding safety, speeding and the widening of the roadway," Councilman Albano said.

Since Washington School is nearby, the town will also post school zone signs to alert motorists.

Improvements will also be made to Willow Grove Road for the cost of \$145,000, \$10,000 of which will come from the capital improvement funds; Ross Place

for \$109,000, \$6,000 of which will come from capital improvement funds; Union Street, Myrtle Avenue, Ripley Place and Lexington Heights for \$100,000 of which \$5,000 will come from the capital improvement fund.

In other business, the town council approved the purchase of equipment for various departments including the police for \$60,000, year 2K equipment for several departments for \$75,000, engineering equipment for \$20,000 and municipal court equipment for \$5,000.

The Town Council also approved improvements to the public works center and the municipal building for \$65,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

Test scores trouble district

BY JON LEDERMAN
R-P CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — Coming on the heels of unsettling proficiency exam scores, Superintendent of Schools Carol Choye outlined her 1999-2000 instructional program priorities to the Board of Education Tuesday, and assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the district's curriculum and instructional methods headed the list.

Reading, language arts and writing, communications within the school system and with the community, technology and professional development completed the priority list.

While the picture painted by Choye and Assistant Superintendent John Crews wasn't totally bleak, it was disturbing.

Using Early Warning Test (EWT) scores as an example, Crews explained that more than 90 percent of Park and Terrill middle school students have achieved proficiency in level 1 or 2 (out of 3) every year since 1996. However, a closer look at the data revealed some troubling trends.

Since 1996, reading scores at Terrill School have declined precipitously, with the percentage of students achieving proficiency in level 1 dropping from 74 to 52 percent. By comparison, Park School saw an increase from 62 percent to 66 percent during the same period.

Terrill School performance also declined in math, dropping from 72 to 70 percent, and in writing, going from 81 percent to 79 percent, while Park School saw an increase in level 1 math proficiency from 52 to 57 percent, but a decrease in writing performance from 75 percent to 74 percent.

According to Crews, the percentage of students achieving proficiency in level 1 in any of the three subjects is unacceptably low at both schools.

"Our goal must be to move more students from level 2 to level 1," he said.

To turn the tide, Choye is partially banking on the successful implementation of at least two new instructional techniques in (Continued on page A-2)

The gift of life may be inside your bones

National Marrow Donor Program will be conducting drive Sunday at Town Hall

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—Gary Goldberg did something even doctors couldn't do; he saved the life of an 11-year-old boy he had never met.

Last year, Goldberg was identified as a potential match to donate bone marrow to the boy who was suffering from lymphoblastic leukemia.

"When I was told I was potentially his

only chance for survival I was very emotional, I couldn't believe it," said Goldberg who has two children of his own. "It was really a privilege to help someone in such serious need and when you think that you may be the only person in the world who could save someone, that is truly incredible."

Goldberg and his wife Bonnie decided that donating marrow was not enough. The more they learned about the National Marrow Donor Program

(NMDP), the more they were convinced of the importance of increasing the donor pool.

That's what they plan to do Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Community Room of Westfield Town Hall at 425 East Broad St. They and a group of area residents are committed to generating an additional 500 bone marrow registrants.

Participants are only required to give a small vial of blood, less than they would if they were giving blood, Goldberg

explained. The blood is then typed and entered into the National Bone Marrow Registry until the participant is 60 years old or until it matches a recipient. Only if the participant is found to match someone who needs a transplant is bone marrow donated.

That's what happened to Goldberg after he registered about four years ago during a local drive that was desperately coordinated for 14-year-old Karyn Glick (Continued on page A-2)

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(Continued from page A-1) who died two years later from leukemia because a match could not be found in time.

"There are so many people who are touched by this. Why does it have hit so close to home before we get involved?" Goldberg said. "It's the right thing to do and we shouldn't have to wait until it's someone we know."

Bone marrow transplants are often the best and only hope for patients suffering from leukemia, aplastic anemia and other life-threatening diseases. About 70 percent of patients do not find suitable matches within their families. Unrelated donors with healthy marrow must be identified and the only significant source for these donors is the National Marrow Donor Program.

Matches are found most commonly within a recipient's own ethnic and racial group. People who traditionally marry and reproduce within their ethnic group tend to be genetically distinct. As a result the need is particularly acute among African-American, Hispanic, Native American and Jewish populations.

Since the NMDP's inception in 1987, more than 3,000,000 volunteer donors have signed onto its registry. Because of these volunteers, more than 7,000 patients have had a second chance at life. However, more than 30,000 people are afflicted with these dreaded diseases each year.

"The more people you talk to, the more people you find out have

been impacted by cancer," Goldberg said.

If a participant is selected, Goldberg said it is a simple procedure that only takes a few hours and is performed under general anesthesia. Bone marrow is taken from the pelvic area. Goldberg said he was sore after the procedure, but was back to normal within a week.

"It's a very small price to pay in terms of being sore for a few days when you could be the one person in the world who could save somebody's life," Goldberg said. "I can't think of anything more rewarding to do than to be able to help somebody in such an important way."

Heading up this year's drive with Goldberg are Cindy Goldman, who led the donor drive for Karyn Glick; Dr. Allan Tiedrich, a recent bone marrow transplant recipient from outside the NMDP; and the Karyn Fund, named after Karyn Glick and operated by her mother Susan Glick.

"It's tragic that it didn't work for Karyn, but it is still the only option available until there's a cure," Goldman said.

"It's bad enough as a parent, friend or a relative when someone is stricken with cancer how hopeless you feel," Goldman added. "No one should not be given a full range of options because they can't find a match."

Hall of Famer Rod Carew, baseball player for the Minnesota Twins made headlines when he conducted drives all throughout

the country to save his teenage daughter's life. The effort was fruitless; no match was found and she ended up dying.

There is no charge for registering Sunday, but the cost of sampling blood and testing for matches is \$68 for which donations are greatly appreciated. Drive sponsors hope to raise the rest of the \$35,000 necessary for testing through private and corporate donations. While registrants are encouraged to help defray costs, the priority is on registering as many people as possible.

Names of donors and recipients are kept anonymous, but they are allowed to communicate with each other through the program and their respective blood centers. After a year, if both parties agree, the donor and recipient can meet.

"I just got a letter from the family and the boy is now 12," Goldberg said, pointing out he thinks he and the boy will meet when their year is up in two months.

"He is getting stronger and stronger all the time and is now out to doing all the regular activities that a kid his age should be doing: playing outside, riding his bike and participating in sports," Goldberg added. "It seems like so far so good."

For more information call the Karyn Research Fund at (973) 258-9646. Contributions can be made out to the Karyn Research Fund and should be sent to Allan and Debbie Tiedrich, 5 Kirkview Circle, Westfield, NJ 07090.



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A community resource

Students who may not have a computer at home make good use of the computers at the Westfield Community Center.

Scotch Plains in budget turmoil

(Continued from page A-1) would be an increase of 11 percent.

Councilman Martin Marks, a Republican supported, using \$2.9 million of the surplus money to cover costs and maintain a stable tax rate. He was supported by fellow Republican Clintock.

"We have a credibility problem here," Marks said. "We have \$3 million in surplus. It's never been that high. Let's give it back to the people. The board of education had a 10 percent increase. We can offset some of that."

At times it appeared that the issue at hand had more to do with party affiliations than the tax

increase as terse comment flew back and forth. Marks held up a poster that indicated the figures used in the Democratic campaign stating Republicans increased taxes by 71 percent was misleading. Marks said the number came from an article in *The Courier News* that later printed a retraction indicating a much lower number.

Many of the towns previous mayors were in the audience such as Linda Stender, Alice Agran, Joan Papen and Gabe Sparow.

"I definitely have a problem with the campaign premise that Republicans were raising taxes, and now the increase is astronom-

ically," said Paulette Grenado. "In light of the \$3 million in surplus we are given an increase of 6.5 percent? I don't see how that can be right."

One of the main concerns echoed in the comments of citizens was the effect of the proposed tax increase of those living on a fixed income namely senior citizens.

"A 6 1/2 increase is unconscionable," said Sparow. "I myself am a senior citizen. We are pushing citizens who have lived here for years raising families out because they can't afford taxes. I don't know how much longer I can stay here."

Questers will hold joint meeting

WESTFIELD — A joint meeting of the two Westfield chapters of Questers, Old One Horn Cannon and Colonial Westfield Questers, will be held May 4 in the Westfield Community Room.

Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and at 10 a.m., a special presentation on antique and collectible dolls will be given by Dorothy Hunt, well known lecturer and collector of fine dolls.

Hunt is the founder of Sweetbriar, an auction gallery which deals exclusively in the

sale of antique and collectible dolls, teddy bears and related items. The Maryland-based company attracts customers from around the world to four annual doll auctions in New Jersey.

Hunt has collected antique dolls for 30 years, and frequently lectures to doll clubs and other organizations, as well as writing reference works on the subject. Her own collection is eclectic, but includes what is considered to be the most com-

prehensive group of American bisque Fulper dolls in existence.

Hunt is frequently assisted by her 14-year-old grandson, Jeremy, as both the doll collection and the auction company have become family enterprises.

Free appraisals will be done after the lecture. Guests are invited.

For more information on this meeting or information on joining a Questers chapter, call Frances Hickman at (908) 232-2929.

Test scores trouble school district

(Continued from page A-1) the short term.

One is a math technique called "SQ3R," which attempts to merge reading skills and strategies with math. It teaches study skills in the form of a five-step process — scan, question, read, recite and write.

A second technique uses reading as an integral part of solving problems.

Board member Jean McAllister cautioned "let's not throw out the baby with the bath water. Why are programs that were acceptable ten years ago not acceptable today?" She suggested

that current programs be reviewed carefully so useful programs can be maintained. The board is also considering surveying former students to help in the evaluation process.

Choye plans to have detailed plan for the board to review later this spring.

Day Care Center is still accepting clothing

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Day Care Center is accepting donations of outgrown clothing (sizes infant through size 12), toys and books through May 3.

All items will be sold in Westminster Hall at The Presbyterian Church, 110

Mountain Ave., Westfield, on May 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and May 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The proceeds from this sale provide scholarships for children whose parents need financial help in obtaining quality day care for children from three

months through kindergarten.

The Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary is a non-profit organization and as such, donations are tax deductible.

Anyone who has items to donate or needs more information, should call (908) 232-6717.

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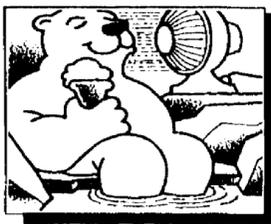
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Neighborhood Council getting ready for 30th anniversary

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Neighborhood Council is doing more than just blowing out candles to celebrate its 30th birthday. Members of the Westfield Neighborhood Council are busily preparing for the birthday gala with food, fun and entertainment at its second annual street fair 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, June 19 on Cacciola Place. "It is a way to let the community know that we are committed to provid-

ing programs and services for their needs as well as celebrating the growth of the organization within the community throughout the last three decades," said Executive Director Ezella Johnson. During its 30 years of existence, the Neighborhood Council has provided tutoring and enrichment programs for young people, a summer camp and programs for senior citizens. Also, the Neighborhood Council hosts an open house twice a week for neighbors to gather and discuss issues in the neighborhood as well as current events.

"We were very pleased with the event last year but we would like to see everybody from the entire Westfield community come out and participate," added Johnson, referring to first street fair. "It is not just for the residents on the south side it is for the entire community; it is a salute to unity and togetherness in the town." Claire Lazarowitz and Janet Turner have planned continuous entertainment with a variety of multi-ethnic groups on a centrally located stage. In charge of the fair layout and sound system are Walter Sawyer and Ken

Wooster. Mary Withers will organize the food sale and Sylvia Wilson is lining up volunteers to donate baked goods. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken will be barbecued for the fair and homemade cookies, cakes, brownies and pies will be available to satisfy the fair goer's sweet tooth. "We really hope the community will come out to the street fair and help us commemorate our 30 years of service," said Street Fair Committee Chairman Harold Sarvetnick. George MacFail is designing a flier to be distributed throughout town

informing residents about the event. He is also designing the anniversary banner. Jean Attenborough is coordinating rides, games and prizes for all ages. Susan Madorma is organizing a booth where household items will be sold. Joan Harris is inviting vendors from throughout New Jersey to sell their merchandise. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund the council's various programs. "We hope that this is a joyous celebration of community life in Westfield," Johnson said.

Carjacker faces 50 years in prison

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD—A 35-year-old man was convicted of first degree carjacking Monday when a jury returned three verdicts against him for robbery. A Superior Court jury in Elizabeth jury deliberated for about four hours before convicting Clifford Jenkins of 802 E. Front St., Plainfield.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan said Jenkins faces up to 50 years in state prison and will have to serve 85 percent of his sentence in jail when he is sentenced on July 30 by Superior Court Judge Miriam N. Span who presided over the case in her last assignment on the criminal bench. Jenkins was apprehended last year after off-duty Fanwood Police Detective Eugene Chin, on his way home from work, spotted Jenkins and one of his victims on Paterson Road Jan. 3.

"I observed a suspicious person approaching a Fanwood resident so I made a U-turn and I observed the victim holding his head and lying down on his driveway," Detective Chin said. "Then the suspect was walking away from him so I made another U-turn and approached the victim and asked him if he was assaulted," added Detective Chin who then saw the suspect enter a black Pontiac car parked down the block. Jenkins had punched the 47-year-old Paterson resident and took his car keys while his two-year-old daughter watched.

Still in uniform but not in a police car, Detective Chin identified himself to the suspect who then fled. Detective Chin radioed for assistance and apprehended Lisa Minder, 27, of Plainfield who was hunched down on the passenger side of the front seat. She was charged with Jenkins but only convicted for possession of drug paraphernalia. A Stewart Place resident alerted police that Jenkins was behind his house hiding in the bushes. Fanwood Police Sergeant Howard Jarvis and Corporal Marty Haluza along with a Plainfield Officer captured Jenkins. Police discovered that the Pontiac used by Jenkins was stolen. He was also traced to two other incidents that occurred earlier that day. At 1:30 a.m. he approached a 32-year-old man near West Second Street and punched him in the face, broke his jaw and made off with his car keys.

Then, according to Assistant Prosecutor Anlise Sieber, he drove to Scotch Plains and parked his car to accost a woman and take her purse on Terrill Road. "I am very happy with how the three towns - Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Plainfield - worked together in presenting a strong case," Detective Chin said. Sieber said both victims suffered broken jaws that had to be wired shut after they were hit by the defendant who is a former boxer. "The prosecutor has directed that we file a motion seeking an extended term for Mr. Jenkins who has four prior robbery convictions, a receiving stolen property conviction and a drug conviction," Sieber said.



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/RECORD PRESS

Computer night in Westfield

At the Westfield Community Center, Pres Carlisle helps 17-year-old Ahmad Abdulwahid on a computer while Tony Ciullo and Richard Miller look on.

Johnson wins citation in statewide program

WESTFIELD — Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Membership Specialist Jennifer Johnson of Westfield has won a Citation of Honor in the Young Careerist Program from the New Jersey Chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Johnson participated in a Speak Off at a recent BCW/BPW dinner meeting and is going on to the state finals on April 30 in Eatontown, where she will compete with other

local winners. Johnson, a graduate of Montclair University with a degree in psychology and women's studies, and is organizing Washington Rock Girl Scout Council's Take Back the Night anti-violence event in collaboration with area social service organizations. She has been active in the social service and mental health fields for many years. Washington Rock Girl Scout Council represents over 11,000 members throughout Union, Middlesex, and Somerset counties.

Society will hear talk on a prophecy

WESTFIELD — "Doyle's Prophecy - A Historical Prophecy That Came True" will be the topic of Frederick W. Bollinger at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon, May 5 at B. G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield.

Bollinger will discuss how A. Conan Doyle, famous for his Sherlock Holmes stories, made a valid prophecy in a historical novel in 1891.

A research chemist for many years at Merck, Bollinger is noted for co-inventing SINEMET, a widely used medicine for Parkinson's Disease. In 1978 he was chairman of the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society, and is now a 50-year member of the Society. After his retirement from Merck in 1987, he became very active in genealogy and is the current president of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields. Call 233-2930 before noon May 3 for seating information.

JCC will host conference May 5

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Bikur Holim: A Community That Cares" is the theme of a conference sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey in conjunction with area synagogues and Jewish organizations.

The conference will run 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the JCC building, 1391 Martine Ave. The program will show how to set up a "community chaplain" program that visits the frail and elderly, in hospitals and nursing homes.

Keynote speaker is Rabbi Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas, director of Jack D. Weiler Chaplaincy Services for the New York Board of Rabbis.

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Turn off TV; turn on to life

Imagine living in a home without television. Imagine a week without Jerry Springer, professional wrestling, MTV, *South Park* and *Entertainment Tonight*.

That will be the scene in homes across the country this week during National TV-Turnoff Week. In this electronic age, families and individuals are pledging to turn off their TV sets for seven days in an attempt to remind people that there is a vast world of experiences to be found outside the plugged-in world on the tube.

The emphasis is not on the quality of TV programming — that's a subject for debate at another time — but more on the quantity of television that people watch. Nielsen Media Research reports that the average American watches almost four hours of TV a day. That equates to two months of non-stop watching per year and nine years of TV watching out of a 65-year life. Is that how you want to spend nine years of your life?

It's time to take a break from TV. National TV-Turnoff Week is coordinated by TV-Free America, a national non-profit organization that encourages Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of TV they watch. The ultimate goal is not to eliminate TV watching altogether but to promote richer and more connected lives, families and communities.

No one wants to imply that all TV watching is bad; most people would agree that TV can be entertaining, informative and even thought-provoking. It can also be the stimulus for family discussions.

But as with almost anything, too much is not a good thing. TV viewing has its place in society — in moderation. National TV-Turnoff Week is a reminder that there are many other ways to occupy your time.

Schools are actively encouraging participation in National TV-Turnoff Week. In doing so, they are providing suggestions and alternatives on how to spend the time that otherwise would have been spent in front of the TV; they have planned such activities as trips to area book stores (there's a whole world to be found between the covers of books) and other fun events designed to both entertain and stimulate youngsters' mind. It is hoped that students will take some of these ideas home and share them with their families.

No TV is not the end of the world; in fact, it could be the beginning.

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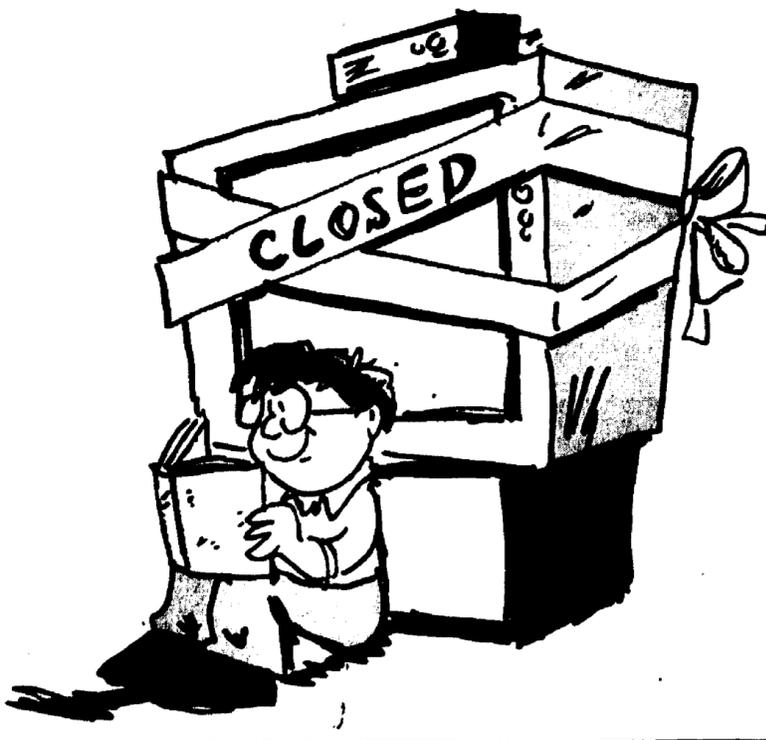
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Jersey Boy

Mike Deak



Bring back innocence to youths

I returned to my college for my 20th reunion last weekend. I am thinner than the majority of my male classmates and I have more hair too. But most of them, having wisely passed over journalism as a career, make more money than I do. I don't know if I would trade a few inches of my hairline or a few holes in my belt for an extra \$20,000 a year. It's the sort of question that torments middle-aged men.

The students I met were incredibly young. They looked too fresh to be doing the things college students should be doing — carousing, rebelling, drinking too much and trying to solve the mysteries of sex. They possessed an aura of innocence, yet I knew that was not necessarily the case. They live in a world that has become far more dangerous and depressing in just two decades.

I look back at my college days with equal senses of wonder and horror. I read some of my old articles in the college newspaper and I am amazed by their audacity and energy; there is an embarrassingly absence of caution and shame. Every sentence reads as if it was the last I would ever write. The words dance to a wild, unbridled rhythm and the ideas are thrust at the reader without fear. How I wish I could tap into that raw energy for just a day!

At the same time I am horrified by the painful memories of my naivete. While the rest of my peers were doing what teenagers should be doing — carousing, rebelling, drinking too much and trying to solve the mysteries of sex — I stayed in the warm confines of my room, reading too much Kafka and thinking too much. I arrived at college with a head stuffed with knowledge that soon proved useless for practical life outside the seminar room. I was an illiterate in those matters most important to a college student — carousing, rebelling etc. The memories of my awkward attempts to become a normal and competent adolescent are agonizing. I've yet to learn how to laugh at them. And I still have the lingering regret that somehow I missed out on something important and I am left with a vacuum where memories of debauchery are supposed to reside. Losing my innocence was not pleasurable.

Unfortunately, today's college students don't have the same amount of innocence to lose. Just two decades ago, what was considered shocking is now part of everyday life. In 1975, would parents have allowed their pre-teen children to watch *Titanic* over and over? The terrible tragedy last week in Colorado and the other school killings in recent years are sad signs of how much meaningless violence has crept into the culture. And I suspect today's adolescents are under a tremendous amount of pressure to be perfect inside and outside the classroom and they are expected to act like mature grown-ups by the age of 17. The culture has robbed them of their innocence.

I don't want to leave the impression that America is riding in a handbasket to Hell. The 1970s were not a golden age; there were too many drugs and too many people doing weird, non-constructive things. In many ways — especially in technology — the 90s are better times for young people; they now have computers to write their papers while we had to struggle with typewriters. Yet their lives seemed to be tinged with anxiety, perhaps they are burdened with the irrational fear that someone is following their steps in the scope of a rifle.

Or perhaps they feel they are being constantly graded on a blind curve; the zit on the chin earns you a B-minus and the inability to get a date for the prom means you've flunked adolescence.

It is up to us who are older and supposedly wiser to make a better world for our adolescents. We must relieve the pressure of their lives and tell them to slow down, don't take life so seriously and delay adulthood until the last possible moment. I would even sacrifice my hairline for that.

Letters to the editor

Westfield should thank Rordens

To The Record-Press:

Rorden Realty, in the flatiron building at Elm and Quimby Streets, became a Westfield landmark because Warren and Virginia Rorden worked together for 27 years there to build a successful business and to enrich the Westfield community. Rorden Realty became an enthusiastic booster of concerts, art exhibits, dramatic productions, and a host of school and community organization projects, by publicizing events in their display windows and by selling tickets.

Warren Rorden is a native son of Westfield, a graduate of Westfield public schools and a lifelong resident. He became involved in all that is best in Westfield: the Westfield Y, the Rotary Club, the Westfield Symphony, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and he and Ginny supported each with time, effort, financial support, and enthusiasm.

He served two terms as president of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce in the early 1980s, and has remained on the board as Vice President-Membership. Two of his pet projects at the Chamber of Commerce were Family Fun Day, an autumn event of

athletic contests held in Tamaques Park for 10 straight years in the '80s and Cleanup Day, an annual spring-time Saturday of trash collection, raking and sweeping in the central business district.

As in all of Warren's projects, these forged valuable relationships between the business, the non-profit, and the charitable sectors of Westfield and among families and their town and among community members of all ages.

Warren and Ginny have left their post at the heart of Westfield. Warren is still in real estate — he and the Rordens' staff have been merged with Burgdorff Realty — and he and Ginny remain involved in the local organizations that are closest to their hearts.

Before the Rorden Realty sign comes down, Westfielders have a bit more time to thank Rordens for their great contributions to Westfield and to offer a prayer that new entrepreneurs with similar values and enthusiasms will be willing and able to take their place.

LYNTWEEDIE
Westfield

Remember National Day of Prayer

To The Record-Press:

Throughout the calendar year, there are many holidays and special commemorative dates that have been set aside to acknowledge the important role an individual, event, or activity has had in our lives.

Some are more prominent and well known, like Valentine's Day or President's Day, while some, such as Nurse's Day or United Nations Day, may pass without notice. Few of these days, however, carries the potential for lasting and far-reaching effect like the day which is commemorated this year on May 6 — The National Day of Prayer.

National days of prayer have been called as early as 1775 by the First Continental Congress. Abraham Lincoln called for such a day in 1863. The National Day of Prayer has been an annual event since 1952 when a joint resolution of Congress was signed into law by President Truman. In spite of its historical

beginnings, I would believe that many Americans are unaware of its designation.

This day has been set aside for all Americans to proclaim the life-changing power that is found through a nation earnestly called to prayer. It's an opportunity to come together with our common concerns for our families, our communities, and our nation, and to recognize that there is hope for all people in every circumstance when they are humbled in prayer.

People of all faiths are encouraged to consider how they might participate in the recognition of this day. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association invites all who would come, to gather with them at the Scotch Plains Village Green, May 6, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., to pray for the needs of the local, national, and world community.

J. MACBLANE
Elizabeth

Board president appreciates vote

To The Record-Press:

On behalf of the Westfield Board of Education, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Westfield community for its support of the 1999-2000 school budget. Your support of education was evident by the strong 2/1 margin in favor of the budget.

I would also like to thank retiring board member Susan Jacobson, finance chairwoman, for presenting such a fiscally sound and educationally viable budget to the community. As with every task Susan performed in her 12 years on the board, she placed enormous energy and experience into the tedious budget preparation process.

My congratulations to Arlene Gardner and Annmarie Puleo, who have been re-elected to contin-

ue their valuable service on the board.

Welcome to William Wallace, our newly elected board member, whose financial background and recent service on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Facilities will contribute to the board's experience.

Thank you to Genevieve Weber for seeking election on the Board of Education and for demonstrating to the entire community how proud we can be of our graduates.

Her poise, intellect and ambition will be assets which I hope she will consider sharing with us in the future.

DARIELLE WALSH
President, Westfield
Board of Education

Park School appreciates teachers

To The Record-Press:

The Park Middle School PTA would like to publicly acknowledge the entire staff of Park Middle School, as we celebrate National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7. Park Middle School is a special place where students receive attention and encouragement from a dedicated group of professionals.

The Middle School years are very challenging and the students at Park are fortunate to have this group of adults to accompany them on their educational journey. The staff helps to instill in our children a love of learning and a positive attitude about themselves

that they will carry with them throughout their lives.

On behalf of every member of Park's family, the PTA would like to thank each member of the staff, our Principal, Mr. Rocco Colucci, the teachers, the secretaries, aides, cafeteria staff and custodians for making a real difference in our children's lives. We also thank them for fostering the caring and concerned atmosphere that makes Park a wonderful place to spend the Middle School years.

SUSAN BETHEA
Park Middle School
PTA First Vice President

School board winner thanks supporters

To The Record-Press:

Thank you to all the residents of Scotch Plains who supported my candidacy for election to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education by voting for me in the election on April 20.

A special thanks to all those individuals in both Scotch Plains and Fanwood who participated in many different ways in the recent campaign. Once the election is over, a member of the Board of

Education impartially represents all residents of both communities.

There are many issues with which the Board of Education will be faced during the next year.

I pledge to be part of decisions which are in the best interest of both the students and the taxpayers of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

DONALD SHELDON
Scotch Plains

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Port Elizabeth needs more money for improvements

By LINDA STENDER
UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDER

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizes that more than 180,000 jobs and \$200 million in annual business hinge on our ability to modernize Port Elizabeth. The largest container cargo port on the East Coast, located on one of the busiest waterways on Earth, Port Elizabeth has the potential to be one of the most important economic engines in the country. As the "gateway county" to the global economy, we are urging the state and federal governments to prioritize and implement a plan to ensure the port's competitiveness as we enter the new millennium.

The freeholder board has taken action. We recognize the urgency of maintaining Port Elizabeth as a key player in the global marketplace. Two years ago, we created a Department of Economic Development that works directly with businesses to bring jobs and opportunity to Union County. Over the past two years, we have invested millions of dollars to improve county roads and bridges so people and commerce can move safely, quickly and efficiently. We improved intersections in Union, Roselle Park, Springfield, Plainfield, Berkeley Heights and New Providence. We provided grants to our municipalities along major rail and roadways to help them use transportation as a resource in their local economic development plans. The master plan we've developed to oversee port growth includes investment in rail lines and in mass transit, to link the workforce to jobs.

We have done our part and more. Now we need the state and federal governments and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to end their stagnation and

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help us move Port Elizabeth out of neutral. Competition is fierce. Ports in Baltimore, Md., North Carolina and Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, are working hard to lure maritime businesses away from this region. Federal officials are considering funds to improve port facilities in Brooklyn and Staten Island. And the shipping businesses here that have employed generations of families and moved hundreds of billions of dollars in cargo are considering relocation. Why?

Port Elizabeth is stuck in the 1950s. Its channels have filled with silt; dredging operations are moving at a snail's pace; our port is unable to service the new generation of mega cargo ships; the roads and bridges servicing the port are inadequate and in dire need of improvements. Adding insult to injury, over the past year the Port Authority, which manages Port Elizabeth, is trying to jack up the cost of leases for the businesses there.

State and federal agencies have pledged their assistance. Most helpful has been Vice President Al Gore, who visited our port recently to pledge \$60 million to widen shipping lanes to accommodate the mega cargo ships. But shortly afterward, the City of New York requested \$2 billion from the federal government to expand their smaller ports. State funds pledged toward port improvements are slow in coming. While state officials pay lip service to containing sprawl and investing in cities, highway dollars are

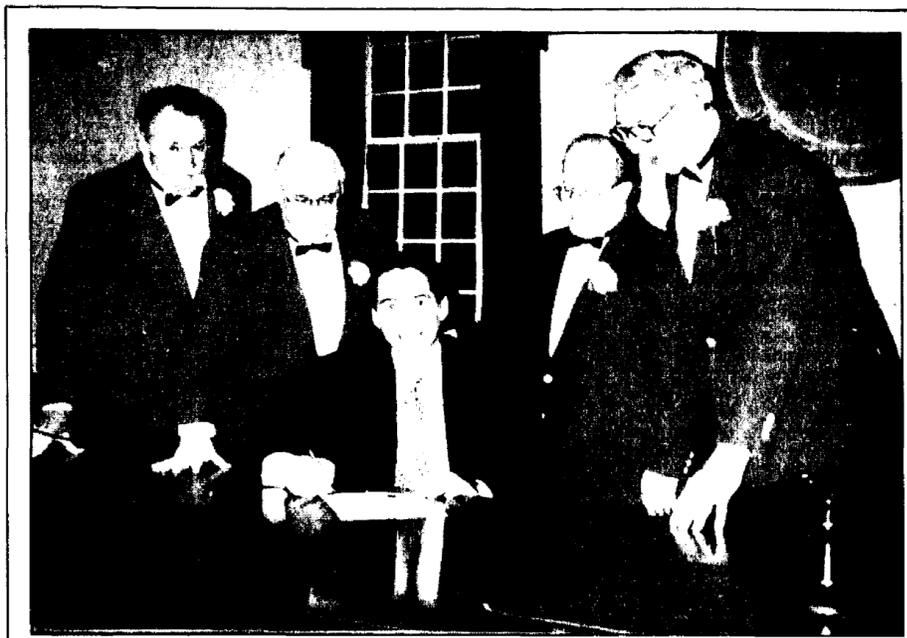
spent in the rural southern and western parts of the state. Our major urban roadways, like Routes 1-9 and Route 22, are crumbling and unable to handle the volume of traffic using them. The Port Authority, despite years of promises, has yet to widen North Avenue, one of the only roadways leading in and out of the port area.

The solution to this problem isn't just money. Money has been allocated. The problem is that the money is not being used. The problem is the lack of political will and the leadership from the state and federal agencies. Dredge Port Elizabeth now; improve your roads and bridges; listen to the businesses you serve. Union County now has two choices for its economic future. We can enter the 21st century with improved roads and ports, with business and government working together, with new jobs and opportunities coming from a thriving maritime industry. Or, we could enter the century with a fading port area, poorly served by deteriorating highways and inadequate shipping channels.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders has lived up to its responsibilities by investing in safe, efficient roads, intersections and bridges, planning a 21st century transportation network and working with business. Now we are calling on our counterparts at the state and federal levels to recognize their responsibilities and take action.

Union County is the Gateway County to the global economy and as we move forward, so will the entire region.

The writer, who lives in Fanwood, is a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



A Month of Harmony

Westfield Mayor Tom Jardim signs a proclamation designating April as Harmony Month. With Jardim are the Friends of Harmony Quartet from the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires — Jim O'Leary, Bill Ahern, Bob Garrone and Dick Bodmer. Male singers of all ages are invited to join the Jerseyaires for rehearsals every Monday night at the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

Police charge Plainfield man with not paying for train fare

Westfield

James L. Scott, 38, of Plainfield was charged with theft of services and disturbing the peace by New Jersey Transit police April 20, police said.

While traveling on the train from Westfield to Plainfield Scott wouldn't pay his fare and after exiting the train, urinated in public, police said.

Carmen Fontanes, 57, of Plainfield was charged with shoplifting \$243 of clothing and costume jewelry from Lord & Taylor on North Avenue April 21, police said. Bail was set at \$275.

The Best Western Motor Inn on North Avenue reported theft of services after a patron paid with a \$1,458 bad check April 22, police said.

A Benson Place resident filed a report of criminal mischief and theft April 24, police said. The resident had a party and uninvited guests attended. The

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resident later discovered the VCR was missing and a lamp was broken.

A bicycle was reported stolen from the south side train station April 25, police said.

The owner of a car parked behind the Best Western Motor Inn on North Avenue reported a door lock on the car broken April 26, police said.

A fire extinguisher was reported stolen from a bus at Centennial School April 26, police said.

A cell phone was reported stolen from a car parked in lot #5 behind the Rialto Theatre April 26, police said.

A Hardwick Avenue resident reported a criminal attempt April 26, police said. Someone tore off the aluminum mail slot

cover from a side door.

Scotch Plains

A Watchung Terrace resident reported the attempted theft of a 1994 Acura April 19, police said. The driver's side door lock and ignition were damaged.

A Rahway Road resident reported finding a rear window broken from a small rock April 21, police said.

A Sunnyfield Lane resident reported two bicycles were taken from an open garage April 21, police said.

Graffiti in red and silver paint was reported on the side wall of Coles School April 22, police said.

Roscoe Henderson, 31, of Elizabeth; Tariq Sinclair, 28, of Newark and John Henderson, 31, of Newark were charged with the possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana while in the parking lot of Pantagis Renaissance Restaurant April 23, police said.

Letters to the editor

Grateful to Scotch Plains residents

To The Record-Press:
I want to thank to these people who worked so hard on my campaign for re-election to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

I am deeply grateful for your Pupil working on a history of junior high

To The Record-Press:
As a participant in the Teddy Roosevelt Scholars program, I am researching the history of Roosevelt Intermediate (Junior High) School.

I am interested in conducting a short telephone interview with past students and teachers at Roosevelt.

If you are interested in participating in this project, would you please contact me at Roosevelt, in care of Walter Buda, at (908) 758-4560.

EILEEN M. GESSNER
Westfield
The writer is a student at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

tireless effort and dedication. I am very proud of the type of campaign we ran and the way all of my supporters conducted themselves.

I am also grateful to the people of Scotch Plains for the trust they put in me over the past six years. We have a very fine school system and I did the very best I could to help make it even better. Working with the other members of the board, Dr. Choye and the rest of the district staff has been a truly gratifying experience. I know the new board will continue to strive for excellence.

I want to congratulate Don Sheldon and Jessica Simpson

on their re-election. They are fine, honest, hard-working people that will continue to do their very best for the district.

My interest will continue to be there so I will be watching the way things develop over the coming months. I wish the people of our district, Dr. Choye, the staff, the teachers and especially the board the best of luck. It is now time for me to devote more of my efforts to my family and my business.

Thank you all once again for the opportunity to have served you over the past six years.

MORRIS H. GILLET
Scotch Plains

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Scout is honored for heroism

WESTFIELD — At its annual fund-raising dinner, the Watchung Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored 11-year-old Westfield Boy Scout Michael C. Conroy.

A member of St. Helen's Troop 79 and a First Class Scout, Michael was singled out for his skillful service to his family and community.

On Christmas day, Michael's mother accidentally pierced her wrist with a knife and nicked an artery. Michael immediately came to her aid and applied direct pressure to stop the profuse bleeding. He also called 911 and made sure that the responding police and ambulance could find his house.

A plaque memorializing the Council's recognition of Michael was presented to him by Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne L. Forrest, who was also honored by the Council, and state Senator Walter Kavanaugh (R-Somerville).

In addition to the Council's recognition, Congressman Bob Franks has awarded Michael a Congressional Citation.

Michael has been involved with scouting since he was a first-grader and he is a former member of Tamaques School's Cub Scout Pack 79.



Glee Club will perform this weekend

The Westfield Glee Club will present its 74th Spring Concert 8 p.m. Saturday at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield and 4 p.m. Sunday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Berkeley Heights. Featured soloists (above) will be Christopher Riley, Howard Dreizler, James North and Robert Porta. Harry Allen is not pictured. Tickets, available at the door or at Music Staff, 102 Quimby St., Westfield, are \$10 for students and seniors, \$12 for adults. For more information, call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

Library will have a class on Internet

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will hold a class on Internet searching techniques on Tuesday, May 11 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

This basic course for beginners is oriented toward using the Internet as a tool for research and browsing.

It also includes an introduction to the EBSCO magazine index. However, it does not include use of e-mail, newsgroups or listserves.

Some experience with a computer mouse is a prerequisite. If you have no mouse experience, you must come to the library prior to the day of class for instruction and practice.

In-person or telephone registration begins on May 3 at the Circulation desk.

College Woman's Club will award three scholarships at annual dinner

WESTFIELD — The College Woman's Club (CWC) of Westfield will award three new scholarships this year at its annual meeting and scholarship dinner on May 11, at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

The highlight of the club year, the annual dinner celebrates the outstanding young women who are the recipients of this year's college scholarships and grants. At last year's dinner, CWC awarded more than \$26,000 to seven Westfield High School graduates on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need.

This year for the first time, the club will award a scholarship in memory of Anna Kane, a member who graduated with honors from Kean University

after raising eight children. This special award will go to a Westfield woman who started or returned to college later in life. Friends of Anna Kane and her family are invited to contribute to the scholarship. Donations may be sent to the College Woman's Club, P. O. Box 2699, Westfield, NJ 07091.

Other new scholarships to be awarded at the dinner are the PNC Bank scholarship grant and the President's scholarship, funded by past presidents of the College Woman's Club.

All club members and their

guests are invited to attend. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by dinner and the awards program at 7 p.m. Reservations, at \$32 per person, must be made by May 3. Checks should be sent to Anita Smith, dinner chairperson, at 1321 Prospect St. in Westfield.

The College Woman's Club was founded in 1917 for the purpose of furthering the higher education of women. All area women who are college graduates are invited to join. For membership information, call Lynda Sperry, 233-2586.

Talbots will host benefit fashion show for agency

GARWOOD — The first annual benefit for Women For Women of Union County will be held on May 5, 7:30 p.m. at Talbots of Westfield, located at 219 North Ave. 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 chil-

dren of families experiencing divorce. Headquartered in Garwood, Women for Women serves the needs of women in Union County.

Tickets for the May 5 fashion show cost \$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.

Walk in park will aid hunger coalition

WESTFIELD — The Coalition for Hunger Awareness of Union and Somerset Counties will hold its seventh annual Rally Walk to End Local Hunger Sunday in Mindowaskin Park.

Westfield Mayor Tom Jardim will serve as honorary chairman.

The walk will depart from Mindowaskin Park and will rally in the same place where there will be free entertainment including a barber shop quartet, a DJ, a gospel choir and a children's magician.

Also scheduled is a surprise appearance by an NFL celebrity who will sign autographs.

Additionally, walkers will be able to enjoy complimentary refreshments donated by Trader Joe's of Westfield, Beinstein's Village Bakery of Linden, Margies Cake Box of Plainfield, Lennys Bakery of Fanwood and Dunkin' Donuts of Elmora.

Among the many groups expected to join the walk are student and youth organizations from Arthur L. Johnson High School, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield High School, Temple Emanu-El Presbyterian Church of Westfield, St. Helen's Church and Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains.

Adult walkers are expected both individually and from civic and religious organizations such as the Somerville Rotary and Temple Emanu-El. Last year, more than 200 walkers joined in helping the Coalition to raise a record-breaking level of funds.

There is a \$5 per person registration fee which entitles a participant to a free t-shirt.

For more information about the Coalition or for participating as a walker or corporate sponsor, call Luis Fleischman at (908) 889-5335.

College weather station has volunteer drought

By KIMBERLY MERZ
REPORTER

CRANFORD — If predicting the weather is your hobby, you are needed at Union County College.

"We are really just a couple of thermometers and a rain gauge," explains Raymond Daly, associate professor of the geology department, "but every month our readings are sent to the National Weather Service to help with future weather predictions."

Now in its 31st year as a "certified" weather station, volunteers are used to take temperature readings on a daily basis.

Currently facing a manpower crisis, Daly is hoping to find new volunteers to record the weather conditions.

"Once you learn how to do it, the readings take between two to five minutes."

We are looking for someone who can come in at the same time

every Monday through Friday. The best time is at seven in the morning but we need the help so we will take any hour," Daly continues.

Every county in New Jersey has similar weather stations, each taking readings on different elements of the weather. All are compiled together to create a profile of the weather.

The weather station at Union County College, located in the observatory of the Cranford campus, records the high and low temperatures in a 24-hour hour period, as well as the precipitation.

"If someone doesn't volunteer, we would have to notify the U.S. Weather Service and tell them we could no longer participate," Daly adds sadly.

If you would like to be an integral part of predicting Mother Nature, contact Associate Professor Raymond Daly at (908) 709-7196.

Altar Rosary Society will meet

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., will meet Monday, May 3 following

Mass 7:30 p.m. and the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Members are asked to bring friends for the rosary birthday party.



Western Round-up

Brownie, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts from Fanwood and Scotch Plains recently held a Mom and Me Western Round-Up at the Colorado Cafe in Watchung. More than 100 girls and their scouts enjoyed a buffet lunch and an afternoon of country fine dance instruction. Pictured here are Brownies Cassie Kontur, Emily Jones, Annie Smith, Meghan Dhaliwal, Monica Schmiede and Michele Silverstein.

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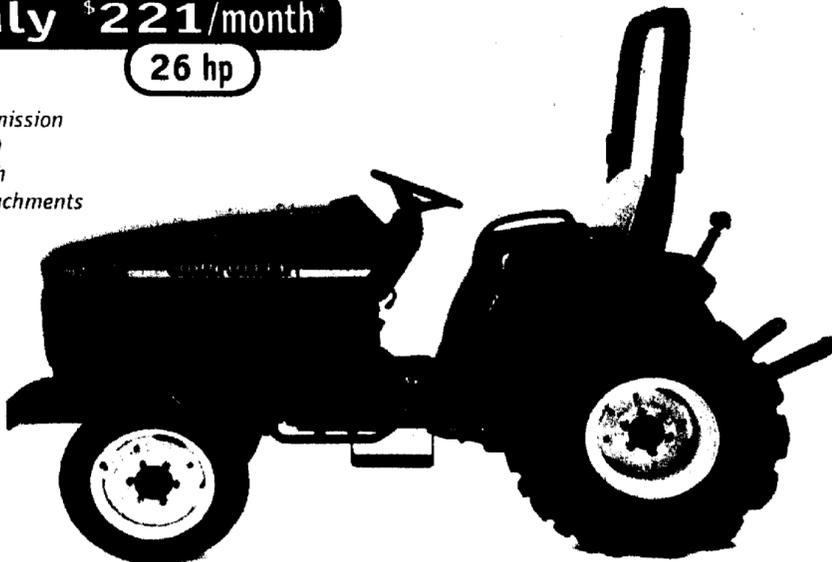


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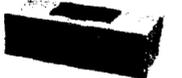
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SATURDAY

MAY 1
NOTABLE HOMES — 15th annual tour sponsored by Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost \$20 in advance, \$25 day of the event. Call (908) 232-9400.

SPRING CONCERT — Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Adults \$25; senior citizens \$22; patron seating \$50. Reservations: Call (908) 233-2042.

SUNDAY

MAY 2
INTERFAITH SINGLES — for single adults over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Cost \$2. Call (908) 233-2278.

SOCIAL ACTION BRUNCH — of Sisterhood and Men's Club at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m. Cost \$3. Call (908) 654-1492.

RALLY WALK — to End Local Hunger, seventh annual event of Coalition for Hunger Awareness. Walk begins from Mindowaskin Park, Westfield: 5-mile walk 1 p.m., 3-mile walk 2 p.m., 1-mile walk 2:30 p.m. Fee \$5. Call (908) 889-5335.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC — spring concert of Chamber Choir and Parish Choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Free admission. Call (908) 232-8506, Ext. 17.

MONDAY

MAY 3
SPECIAL EDUCATION — seminar on parents' rights and disabilities. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 7

p.m. Call (908) 322-7265.
MAY CROWNING — and Mass for Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-5192.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 5
BIKUR HOLUM — "A Community That Cares," conference sponsored by Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. Cost \$10; includes kosher dinner. Call (908) 889-5335.

THURSDAY

MAY 6
DAY OF PRAYER — local observance of National Day of Prayer, Village Green, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Rain site: Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. Call (908) 889-1709.

COMING UP

PASSPORT TO EDUCATION — dinner-dance sponsored by Education Fund of Westfield, Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 7 p.m.-midnight May 7. Cost \$50. Tickets: Call (908) 654-4100.

RABIES CLINIC — for cats and dogs from Westfield and Fanwood, Public Works building, North Avenue, Fanwood, 6:30-8 p.m. May 11. Call (908) 789-4070.

BOOK DISCUSSION — group talking about "Slaughterhouse-Five" by Kurt Vonnegut, Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. May 11. Call (908) 233-3535.

ART AUCTION — benefit for Washington Rock Girl Scout Council (Westfield), Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. May 20 (preview 7 p.m.). Cost \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Call (908) 232-3236, Ext. 209.

PAINT WITH WATERCOLOR — workshop at Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 10:30 a.m. May 22. Members \$40; non-members \$50. Registration: Call (908) 233-2700, Ext. 246.

NEW MEMBER — coffee for Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. May 24. Reservations/directions: Call (908) 301-1494 or (908) 789-7373.



Eva Morton, a third grade teacher at Washington School in Westfield and the 1999 recipient of the Charles Philhower Fellowship Award, is shown here with her students.

Always dedicated to her students

Eva Morton receives Rotary Club's Philhower Fellowship

WESTFIELD — Eva Morton, third grade teacher at Washington School in Westfield, is the 1999 recipient of the Westfield Rotary Club's Philhower Fellowship in recognition of outstanding teaching at the elementary school level.

Stanley Kaslusky, president of the Rotary Club, presented Miss Morton with the award at last week's Rotary Club luncheon, at which Miss Morton was guest of honor. She will also be honored at a reception at Washington School on May 4 at 7:15 p.m. prior to the Board of Education meeting to be held at the school at 8 p.m.

A 10-year veteran of the Westfield Public School teaching staff, Miss Morton began teaching in the school district as a fourth grade teacher at Washington School. She entered the teaching profession in Warren Township, where she taught third, fourth and fifth grades. She is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

Included in the many nominations received on her behalf were comments from parents who

commended Miss Morton's "highly structured, motivating style of teaching...while providing a stimulating atmosphere in the classroom."

Parents of a former third-grader wrote, "Her creativity is endless, continually coming up with projects and assignments that will challenge the children to extend their thinking on a particular subject. The children all understand that Miss Morton is in their corner constantly encouraging and directing them."

A mother whose three children were in Miss Morton's class stated: "In Miss Morton's eyes, her job does not end in the classroom. She knows when there are problems outside the classroom and does everything she can to help that child adjust to life and that situation."

All of the nominations on Miss Morton's behalf addressed the self-esteem and love of school that the students developed because of her nurturing. "Every child is special to her," stated a parent of a current student in Miss Morton's class. "There are no favorites. She has taught them to believe in themselves and to feel good about them-

selves."

In her acceptance speech to the Rotary, Miss Morton credited her family's encouragement toward her devotion to education. A product of the Westfield public school system, she also acknowledged the influence of her teachers, including the 1994 recipient of the Philhower Fellowship, Carol Mastroianni, formerly a first grade teacher at Franklin School.

Washington School Principal Connie Odell described Eva as "truly one of the most dedicated teachers to her students. She works hard to make them successful academically, socially and emotionally. Her dedication goes beyond the classroom walls."

Superintendent of Schools William J. Foley congratulated Eva Morton for becoming the seventh recipient of the Philhower Fellowship. He also thanked the Rotary for "its recognition of this meaningful profession."

"The Philhower Fellowship was established in 1993 by the Rotary Club to honor former Westfield Educator and Rotarian Charles Philhower and to recognize the importance of teaching

in the elementary grades," explained Rotary President Stanley Kaslusky.

Charles Philhower, who died in 1962, was supervising principal (superintendent) of the Westfield schools for 30 years — from 1917 to 1947 — and was co-founder and past president of the Rotary Club of Westfield.

The Philhower selection committee was composed of three Rotarians: Dr. Foley, Board of Education President Danielle Walsh and Chairperson of the Rotary Club's Vocational Service Committee Mary Ellen O'Boyle. Franklin School principal Dr. Margaret Dolan and last year's Philhower Fellowship recipient Angela LaCarrubba also served on the committee.

In addition to Angela LaCarrubba and Carol Mastroianni, previous Philhower Fellows were Claudia Andreski, a Jefferson School fourth grade teacher; Bette Tutthill, a fourth grade teacher at McKinley; Carol Joyce, first grade teacher at Washington; and Susan Feldman Glick, special education teacher at Tamaque School.

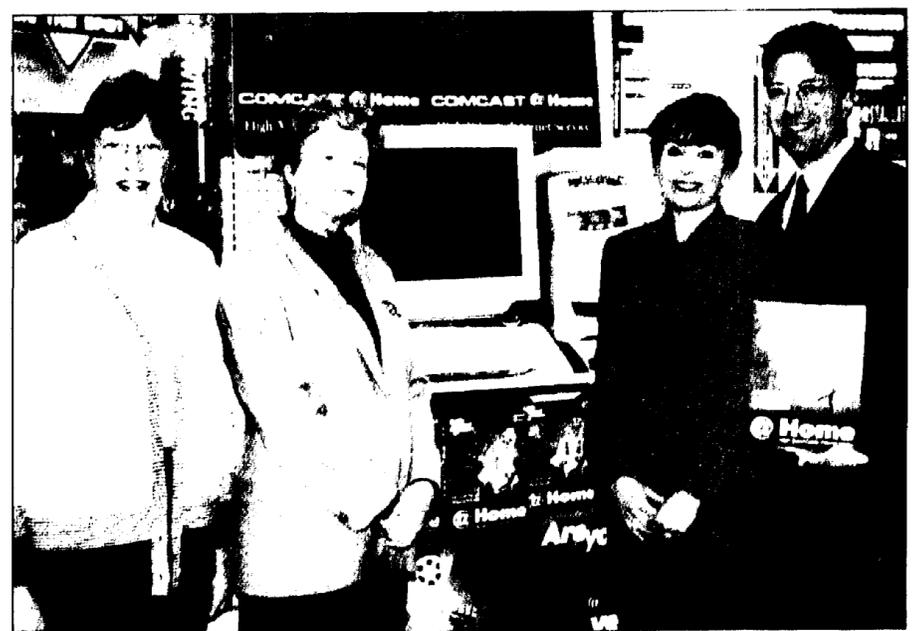
Gala raises funds for foundation

WESTFIELD — The Education Fund of Westfield, with the support of COMCAST@Home and other corporate sponsors, is planning its second annual dinner-dance to raise funds for technology in the Westfield Public Schools.

The May 7 Passport to Education dance party will be held at the Westfield Armory from 7 p.m. until midnight. Proceeds from the adults-only event will help provide students in Westfield public schools with the educational technology to compete in today's academic and work environments.

Tickets for the party, which include a deluxe hot and cold buffet dinner, three live bands, disc jockey, dancing and door prizes, cost \$50 per person. Passports can be purchased through the Westfield Public School PTAs and PTOs, at the Westfield Y, New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, and online through the Westfield Website at <http://westfieldnj.com>.

"Over 500 members of the Westfield community participated in the first Passport to Education event at the Armory in May, 1998," staged event co-organizer Darryl Walker. "A similarly



Joanne Santoriello, chairwoman of the Westfield Education Fund's Endowment Committee and Fundraising Chairwoman take a look at the Compaq computer that will be the top prize at the Passport to Education. With them are Debbie and Darryl Walker, co-chairs of the event.

enthusiastic crowd of up to 900 is expected to re-affirm the community's commitment to expanding and updating computer facilities for Westfield public school students through passport ticket sales and sponsorships of this year's dance party."

The Education Fund of Westfield is a tax-exempt non-profit organization whose mis-

sion is to support and enhance the educational programs of the Westfield Public School District. Education Fund President Gary Kehler noted "Our school system upholds the quality of life in our community and we seek the support of our business community in supporting this major fundraising event."

Corporate sponsors for last

year's event, which raised \$15,000, included COMCAST@Home, PNC Bank, Fleet Bank and other businesses. Area corporations and local businesses are invited to join the Westfield Education Fund as partners for this year's event.

For more information contact Debbie or Darryl Walker at (908) 654-4100.



Sharing her talents

Colleen Sexton, second from left, a former Edison Intermediate School student and a 1997 Westfield High School graduate, is congratulated by her former vocal music teacher at the school, Sharon Reynolds (left) and the school's guidance counselors, Carol Gerson and Gloria White-James. Sexton is appearing in the Broadway musical Jekyll and Hyde and recently stepped up to one of the two female lead roles during Easter week. She was invited back to Edison as part of the Sharing Talents and Skills program.

Obituaries

Rafael A. Chaves; brewmaster, consul

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rafael A. Chaves, 74, a brewmaster in his native Costa Rica and from 1962-66 the Costa Rican consul in Elizabeth, died Sunday at Elizabeth General Medical Center-West.

In 1953 he opened Chaves & Sons, a company that supplied the beverage industry around the world. The company moved to the United States when Mr. Chaves came to this country in 1962. He served as the firm's proprietor until his retirement in 1992.

He was a member of the Master Brewers Association of America and the Manhattan-based U.S. Brewing Academy. For

50 years Mr. Chaves was a member of La Luz Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, in Costa Rica.

Mr. Chaves lived in Elizabeth and Scotch Plains before moving to Woodbridge in 1992.

Surviving are his wife, Nora Chaves Chaves; three sons, Rafael E. of Rancho Santa Margarida, Calif., Douglas of Franklin Park and Reinaldo of Somerset; three brothers, Alvaro, Rodrigo and Minor, and a sister, Flory Chaves de Gonzalez, all of Costa Rica; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the August F. Schmidt Memorial Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

George Kepping

WESTFIELD — George Kepping, 72, died April 20, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He once was a divisional controller with Exxon Corp. and a past junior golf chairman at the Echo Lake Country Club.

A native of Hazleton, Pa., he lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside in 1997.

Mr. Kepping retired in 1986 after 35 years with Exxon and its predecessor, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from what is now Bloomsburg University. He received a master's degree in finance from New York University in 1951.

He was awarded the Pacific Theater Medal with five stars, the American Theater Ribbon,

the Philippine Liberation Medal with two stars and the Victory Medal for his service in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Kepping was a Boy Scout leader in Westfield and a member of the Presbyterian Church in the town.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Martha Jane; a son, Thomas C. of Highlands; two sisters, Ann Snyder of Hatboro, Pa., and Janet Ong of Florida; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the chapel at the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mountainside Rescue Squad.

Anne Morrow Young

SCOTCH PLAINS — Anne Morrow Young, 82, died April 25, 1999 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been with the Triangle Tool Co. of Union for 20 years and retired in 1979 as its office manager.

Mrs. Young, who was born in Elizabeth, lived in Scotch Plains from 1955 until she moved to Middlesex in 1996. She was a Meals on Wheels volunteer in Westfield and a member of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club.

Her husband, Louis S., died in 1996. Three brothers, James Morrow, Robert Morrow and Vincent Morrow, also are

deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy A. Vinciguerra; two sons, Richard L. and Robert S.; a sister, Henrietta Housman; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cardiovascular Service, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07061.

Richard Davis

FANWOOD — Richard Davis, 89, died April 22, 1999 at his home. He had been a master brick mason and a deacon of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield.

A native of Fort Gaines, Ga., Mr. Davis lived in Edison before moving to Fanwood in 1966. He was a member of Local 18 of the bricklayers' union in Elizabeth and for 60 years a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

His wife, Era Louise, is

deceased.

Surviving are four sons, Richard C. of Greensboro, N.C., Robert E. of Scotch Plains, Raymond J. of Orange and Hubert L. of Fanwood; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

Audrey M. Lindy

SCOTCH PLAINS — Audrey Moscovitz Lindy died April 21, 1999 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. A native of Newark, she lived in Elizabeth and West Orange before moving to Scotch Plains more than 13 years ago.

Mrs. Lindy is survived by her husband, Ronald; a son, Jon; a daughter, Ellen Shapiro; a broth-

er, Allan Moscovitz; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

Adelaide Monsell

FANWOOD — Adelaide Quinn Monsell, 78, died April 27, 1999 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been with Sears, Roebuck & Co. for 25 years and became a retail manager at its Watchung store.

Mrs. Monsell was born in Jersey City and lived in Westfield before moving to

Fanwood in 1951.

Her husband, Joseph T., died in 1993.

Surviving is a daughter, Christine of Fanwood.

Services were held yesterday at the Memorial Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.



Kraus honored by Rotary

Carol Kraus (left) receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Carol Wood, president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. Kraus has been volunteering for more than 30 years. She began as a Jaycee-ette and became president of that group. She has also been active in the PTA from elementary school through high school. She is a member of the Fanwood Community Assessment Committee and the Fanwood Community Foundation. Kraus has served as past president of Resolve Community Counseling Center, as a charter member and first treasurer of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League. In 1997 she was honored for her work with the Union County Mental Health Association. She is married to Robert Kraus, a lawyer and fellow Rotarian, and has three children and three grandchildren.

Local students earn honors at youth government conference

WESTFIELD — Students from Westfield and Cranford High Schools and the Westfield Y attended the YMCA Youth and Government Conference at the New Jersey State House in Trenton last March 25.

The conference of 250 teens from New Jersey was designed for students to learn about their legislative system by participating in mock debates, preparing mock bills on issues they feel strongly about, and serving as elected officials. Much of the platforms were based on education reforms, abortion laws, environmental issues and drunk driving laws.

The three-day annual conference is run by the State Youth Governor and his/her cabinet and elected officials. A highlight is the election of next year's Youth Governor, who is Keight Bloeser of Westfield. Bloeser is

an active participant in many YMCA programs, including the Model United Nations and Leaders Club. She helps out at local women's shelters and has a part-time babysitting job.

Westfield High School and the Westfield Y were also represented in the conference's Senate and cabinet. Evan Smith and Dan Moore, participants of YMCA Model UN and Leaders Club, were Senate presidents. Karen Veltri and Elan Arbitman sat on this year's cabinet.

The Outstanding Statesman award for his respective Senate was won by Dave Roberts of Westfield. Cranford and Westfield High Schools both won Outstanding Delegation awards.

For information about the Youth and Government Program or other teen programs, call (908) 233-2700.



Book It! at Brunner

Brunner School pre-kindergarten student Jessica Cepparulo adds another bone to the pile in her classroom to represent another book that was read to her by her mother as part of the Book It! reading program. The program, sponsored by Pizza Hut, encourages teachers and parents to read aloud to children. Each teacher has agreed to read to their students for at least 60 minutes a week.

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AARP Chapter 1437

The AARP chapter will meet 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 3 at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. "Vouchers and Charter Schools vs. Public Schools" will be the program with Westfield Superintendent of Schools William J. Foley. A social hour will be 1 p.m.

Members are asked to bring nonperishable food, toilet articles, paper products or cash donations for the food bank at Holy Trinity Church. New members are welcome; they must be over 50 and have a national AARP membership.

The spring luncheon for members only will be at noon Monday, June 7 at The Westwood in Garwood. The Old Guard of Westfield will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased at the May 3 meeting. For more information, call (908) 925-2536. After the spring luncheon, meetings will resume in September.

Trips sponsored by the AARP chapter:

May 10-14 — Wildwood. Includes day trips (Atlantic City, Cape May, Smithville) and a cruise. Call (908) 889-6769.

Wednesday, May 19 — Atlantic City (Caesars casino). The bus will leave 8:45 a.m. from the west side of Lord & Taylor, 609 North Ave. West, Westfield. Call (908) 232-1362.

June 12-19 — Nova Scotia. Includes a day cruise to Portland, Maine; buffet and lobster bake on the Scotia Prince ferry; and historical tours. Call (908) 889-6769.

Sept. 20-23 — Hunts Landing (Matamoras, Pa.) for the "Roaring 20's Festival." Also tours of the Mid-Hudson Valley (Culinary Institute of America, FDR mansion, Vanderbilt mansion, Brotherhood Winery, Gillinder glass factory). Call (908) 232-7153.

Oct. 10-16 — Smoky Mountains (Tennessee). Includes Cherokee Village, Dollywood, Harrah's Cherokee Casino, tram ride and four theater shows. call (908) 889-6769.

Old Guard of Westfield

Meetings of the Old Guard are 10 a.m. every Thursday at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield. Activities of the Old Guard:

May 6 — Dr. Eric Karp (Rahway Hospital) on radiation.

May 13 — Thomas Jacks, philatelist.

May 20 — Carol Fowlkes (U.S. Customs Service).

May 27 — Margaret Sailer on English gardens.

Group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events, shuffleboard and the Merryman 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

A "Lunch and Learn" for the "60 and Better Set" will be 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield. "Understanding Investments" is the program topic. Admission is free; bring a bag lunch to share with 3-4 people. Beverages will be supplied. Reservations are recommended.

Trips scheduled for the "60 and Better Set":

Friday, 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 — 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 or reservations, call Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700, Ext. 246.

Catholic Golden Age Club Chapter 088-A

Trips sponsored by the Catholic Golden Age Club:

Friday, May 21 — Hunts Landing (Matamoras, Pa.) 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.

Both trips will leave from and return to St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains. For more information, call John at (908) 322-1804 or Charlie at (908) 889-2152. The public is invited.

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

Sept. 23 — Black Whale cruise from Long Beach Island to Trump Castle casino. The bus will leave 8 a.m.

Oct. 11-15 — Nevele resort in Ellenville, N.Y. Includes daily activities, nightly entertainment and three meals a day.

Nov. 18 — Christmas show at Evergreen Theatre in Mountain Lakes. The bus will leave 10:30 a.m.

All trips leave from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building and are open to the public. For more information, call Rose Frino at (908) 322-6330.

Counseling Center presents four workshops on mothering

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Resolve Community Counseling Center is presenting a four-part series of workshops on "Mothering Ourselves and Loving It!"

Each program will run 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in May at the Resolve center, 1830 E. Front St.

Program topics will be "How, When, Where and Why to Do So"; "Whose Job Is It Anyway?"; "Do You Know How?"; "What Happens When You Don't?"; and "Can Your Children Help? (And Will They?)"

For registration, call (908) 322-9180.

The series is sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance. Funding is by a grant from the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse through the Division of Planning at the Union County Department of Human Services.

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'Memories' come alive at senior show

CRANFORD — The residents of Cranford Senior Housing will present a musical show, Memories, on May 17, 19 and 22, at the Gill Apartments and Cranford-Lincoln Apartments plus two performances at other senior residences in Union County. The show includes a cast of 30 people all of whom live in the building, performing a variety of musical numbers. The musical director is Arlene Ur, an experienced and seasoned professional musician with a long and impressive list of theater credentials. From a resident "Shirley Temple" singing "On the Good Ship Lollipop" to Tenants' Association President, Harold Newcombe's rendition of "New York, New York" the excitement is contagious.

Funding for this project has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Comedy Night back by popular demand

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Arts Center will present an evening of laughter with three New York comics on May 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, and include light refreshments after the show.

The MC, John McMenamin, has played at the Improv, Catch A Rising Star, and Caroline's. McMenamin's humor centers around what happens every day in this media-dominated society and brings a humorous perspective to life experiences. McMenamin softens up the crowd and gets everyone ready for the feature act, Marla Shultz. Shultz has appeared at Stand Up New York, the Comic Strip and comedy clubs around the country.

The headliner is Cory Kahaney. Her recent appearances brought down the house at the Montreal Comedy Fest, HBO Comedy Festival and television. She has been working in comedy clubs around the country.

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

Gallery to host 'Digital Canvas'

CRANFORD — The Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, will host an opening reception on May 14, 7-9 p.m., for The Digital Canvas, a group exhibition of computer generated mixed media work. Artists displaying work are: Barbara A. Debaylo, Dorothy Simpson Krause, Jan Kubasiewicz, Jeanne M. Kunze, Sherry Mann, John Moriarty, Nancy Ego Nikkal, Maxine Olson, Christy Park, Sylvia Stagg-Giuliano, Christine Sticher, and Ruth West. The gallery is located in the Kenneth Campbell Mackay Library building. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs., 1-4 p.m.; Tues.-Thurs., 6-9 p.m., and Sat. 1-4 p.m. The exhibit will run through June 24.

WYACT returns to NJPAC with 'Oliver!'

WESTFIELD — This July, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) welcomes the return of the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre, Inc. (WYACT) with a presentation of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!" (July 16-25) based on the classic novel "Oliver!" Twist by Charles Dickens.

"The collaboration between NJPAC and WYACT proved so successful and rewarding last summer, we've decided to combine efforts again this year in the development of the production of "Oliver!" said Philip Thomas, NJPAC vice president, Arts Education.

Last year, young actors from all over New Jersey had the opportunity to experience a professional theater environment firsthand. Every performance of WYACT's production of "Carousel" in NJPAC's Victoria Theater sold out to rave reviews. "Last summer was a truly enriching experience and from it I feel I have not only grown as an actress, but as a person," said Meghan Steinbrecher of Westfield.

"The WYACT/NJPAC partnership provides top notch instruction in a brand new state-of-the-art facility. You couldn't possibly want more from an intensive summer theater program," said Cynthia Meryl, the artistic director of WYACT. "We require dedication and self-discipline from each and every person in our organization. In return, all participants receive the satisfaction of being part of an incredible production with other young and talented people like themselves."

In addition to its performance at NJPAC, WYACT is proud to present Bertolt Brecht's "The Threepenny Opera" July 30 through Aug. 8 as part of Kean University's Arts Incubator Festival. While perhaps Brecht's best known and most widely

played work, it is rarely performed in the United States today.

In "The Threepenny Opera" Brecht strove to provide a social commentary of the human condition in Germany in 1926. Similarly, Charles Dickens always believed "Oliver!" Twist important because of the way it reflects the hardness, poverty, and cruelty of Victorian England. Almost every character in the novel is looking for love and acceptance in a world that has become hard and unfeeling.

The young people who come together to take part in the WYACT experience learn that acceptance is achieved through teamwork, selflessly giving of oneself, and friendship. "I'm eager to see new faces at auditions this year," said Meryl. "WYACT welcomes all young and aspiring theatrical performers and technicians interested in getting a head start in their professional future."

Auditions for "Oliver!" are held in two separate locations: between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on April 25 at the Westfield School of Dance (WSOD), 402 Boulevard in Westfield; or between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on May 2, NJPAC. "Oliver!" dance calls are the same evenings in the same locations beginning at 7 p.m.

Auditions for "The Threepenny Opera" are May 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Vaughn-Eames Building at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Callbacks are the same afternoon.

For both shows, all auditioners must bring sheet music in the correct keys and current photo (Brecht/Weill songs preferred for "The Threepenny Opera").

For more information about auditions, technical apprenticeship, or general WYACT information, call (908) 233-3200 in Westfield.



Philip Thomas, vice president of Arts Education at NJPAC, and Cynthia Meryl, artistic director of WYACT, speak with students from Newark's Arts High School and WYACT members about upcoming auditions for this summer's production of "Oliver!" at NJPAC. Auditions will be held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Sunday, May 2 beginning at 10 a.m. For additional information, call (908) 233-3200.



The cast of the Cranford Dramatic Club's production of 'Pippin' prepares for upcoming performances.

Cranford Dramatic Club to present 'Pippin'

CRANFORD — The Cranford Dramatic Club will open its spring musical, "Pippin," on May 7. Performances will be held on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through May 22. All tickets are \$15.

The musical "Pippin" takes place in the eighth century in the days of Charlemagne, but it evokes modern times and themes. With music, comedy, and satire, the show explores the themes of love, war and power.

Maurice Moran directs "Pippin" and Liz Howard is both producer and assistant director. Mary Beth McFall is the musical director and

Janice Lynn is choreographer. Elliot Lanes is stage manager.

Cast members are Nicole Caprio, Corinne Chandler, F.B. De Robertis, Charles Del Risco, John Duryee, Jo Anne Geshickter, Leah Glasofer, Josh Lieberman, Melissa Loderstedt, Janice Lynn, Leilani Makuakane, Gabe Nazziola, Matt Price, George Shuhan, Hope Weinstein, Mary Webb, Marilyn Vice and Ed Wittel.

The theater is located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford. It is right off Centennial Avenue and convenient from the parkway. For reservations call (908) 276-7611.

Spend an evening in Vienna at Songfest '99

CLARK — Spend An Evening in Vienna with the Schwanenbischer Saengerbund, Mixed Chorus, and the Saengerchor Newark, and the Saengerchor Newark, Male Chorus, when they present Songfest '99.

Both choruses will be conducted by Manfred Knoop. The concert will feature many waltzes by Johann Strauss Jr., Rogers and

Hammerstein, and a special tribute to Robert Shaw, who recently passed away.

The concert will be held May 22 in the Arthur I. Johnson High School auditorium, on Westfield Avenue in Clark at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$14 at the door.

Children under 12 will be free. Tickets can be purchased from

any chorus member and by calling Manfred Schneider at (732) 382-4900.

Both choruses were featured at the Steuben Day Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, German Heritage Festival PNC Bank Arts Center, and the pre-Wagner Festival of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra at the NJPAC in Newark.

Arts and crafts fest comes to Cranford

Chamber sponsors 10th annual event

CRANFORD — Unique shopping is just part of the fun as Cranford plans its 10th Arts and Crafts Festival for 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Sunday, May 2. A combination of food, crafts, music, and children's activities, it brings thousands to the downtown business district.

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event, which offers a full day of family fun. More than 200 crafts and food exhibitors from six states will exhibit and sell along the Eastman Plaza area and North Union and Alden streets.

Jewelry designers will sell their creations of silver and gold, as well as fun and fashionable works of wearable art. Professional craftspersons will sell Southwest Indian Art, original designer clothing, clothes for American dolls, toys and dolls, wooden furniture, and unusual home accessories.

The Fabulous Zucchini Brothers will perform their own musical children's classics at 2 and 4 p.m. at the stage near The Cranford Hotel. At noon, Class: The Girls Next Door, a uniquely costumed Retro group, will perform on stage. From 5-6 p.m., the cool sounds of Perception's jazz will be heard.

Art to be exhibited will include watercolors and country tote painting. Festival-goers will also see hand-spun and dyed clothing and accessories, wheat weaving, and wood country furniture

accents and shelving.

Greek and Italian foods are just a sampling of what will be served. Tasty selections from more than 15 food vendors will include calzone, Teriyaki barbecue, falafel, and Passarelli's famous Italian hot dogs and sausage sandwich. Other food specialties include Strawberry Dan's Fresh fruit Smoothies, Greek gyros and grilled shish kebob, calzone, zappoles, and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

The petting zoo, pony rides, Moon Bounce, and other children's activities will be set up in the parking area on North Union Street and Springfield Avenue. The Cleveland petting zoo includes ducks, a lamb, goat, donkey, llama, and emu. There will be more than a dozen friendly critters for young children to observe and pet.

The 10th Cranford Arts and Crafts Festival will take place along Eastman Plaza area, North Union and Alden avenues.

North Avenue will remain open, but traffic on parts of Downtown Cranford near the train station will be detoured of traffic for the day. Admission and parking are free. The rain date is May 23.

Some exhibit space is still available. For more information, contact the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance, Inc. at (908) 996-3036.

Fine art auction will benefit area Girl Scout Council

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will host an auction of fine art at the Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains on May 20.

The preview will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. with auction beginning at 8 p.m.

Wine and cheese as well as coffee and cookies will be served.

Adoor prize will be awarded. Admission is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Advance ticket purchases are preferred.

For tickets and information call Debra Rudman, (908) 232-3236, ext. 209.

All checks for art purchases payable to: Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

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Mother's Day Dining

A three-course salute at Charlie Brown's

Charlie Brown's Steakhouse gives all Moms a three-course salute for Mother's Day, with a special menu created with her in mind.

The complete three-course dinner will be served at all Charlie Brown's Steakhouse locations all day beginning at 11:30 a.m. on May 9. Reservations are suggested.

The complete dinners begin with choice of Unlimited Bowl of Caesar or Garden Salad or the Farmer's Market Salad Bar, plus a choice of a Cup of Manhattan Clam Chowder or a Holiday Shrimp Cocktail. The dinners include a choice of

entree - 10 oz. Prime Rib and Shrimp Scampi, Chicken Pesto, Queen Cut Prime Rib with Fresh Broccoli, Filet Mignon with Shiitake Mushroom Sauce, Lobster Pie, 20 oz. Texas T-Bone, Crabmeat Stuffed Flounder or Veal Cordon Bleu.

The dinners, which range from \$12.99 to \$16.99, are served with choice of fresh-cut Idaho French fries, baked potato, mashed potatoes or seasoned rice. Bring the kids, too - children 12 and under can order from the special menu at \$2 off or from the regular kid's menu.

To top off Mom's day, Charlie Brown's has a variety of

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Give Mom the day off she deserves at The OFFICE with a special Mother's Day Champagne Brunch Buffet, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on May 10 at all seven OFFICE Beer Bar and Grill locations. Regular menu will be available after 3 p.m. Reservations are suggested.

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Garden Club to present flower show, 'America the Beautiful'

WESTFIELD - The Garden Club of Westfield will present American the Beautiful, a Standard Placement Holiday Flower Show, on May 6.

The Memorial Day patriotic floral salute will take place 12:30-5:30 p.m. in four Westfield homes. Ruth Paul, past president of the Garden Club of Westfield, is general chairman of the show, and has coordinated the entire event.

A Standard Flower Show is the official title of a flower show which conforms to standards set by National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc. A flower show has many purposes that include: educating club members and the viewing public, generating interest in horticulture, providing an

outlet for creative expression and showing the community the objectives of the National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc.

In the Garden Club of Westfield's show, flower arrangements will be placed in specific locations throughout several rooms of the homes for viewing. Each floral design will be placed to complement the furniture and architecture of the home.

The flower show will have several divisions, among them Design and Horticulture. It will be judged by a panel of National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Judges according to the Standard System of Awarding Flowers in the Design Division will include pot-et-fleur, which combines both rooted

plants growing in soil and cut plant material, pedestal arrangements, coffee table arrangements, underwater designs and dining room table designs. All designs will reflect the show's patriotic theme, "America the Beautiful." Awards in the Design Division include: Tricolor Award, Designer's Choice Award and Holiday Excellence Award. The Horticulture Division will include bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes, perennials and biennials, trees and shrubs and container grown plants. Awards in the Horticulture Division include Award of Merit, Arboreal Award and Award of Horticulture Excellence.

A third division will consist of special exhibits which include a youth division and education exhibits. Juniors from the Rake and Hoe Garden Club Youth will feature miniature designs in doll-houses.

Special educational exhibits will be on display reflecting the club's civic projects and other Garden Club interests. Awards in this area are the Youth Award and Education Award.

National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Judges have been invited to design arrangements to be placed at the entry of the show's homes. These

arrangements will commemorate the Blue Star Drive as a living tribute to veterans and are eligible for the Award of Appreciation.

The flower show guests will have the opportunity to win a topiary specially designed for America the Beautiful by Randall Miller of Parker Greenhouse Farm and Garden Center in Scotch Plains. Flower arrangement items, stone garden animals, floral T-shirts, and baked goods will be on sale at selected homes within the patriotic flower show tour.

The Garden Club of Westfield is federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Garden Club of New Jersey District V, Piedmont Plain. The Standard Placement Holiday Flower Show is a fundraiser for the club and its proceeds benefit civic projects and scholarships.

Most Design and Horticulture classes in the show are open to the public to enter. Register and obtain a schedule by calling either 654-5380 for an entry in the Design category, or 232-2405 for an entry in Horticulture.

Tickets for the show are \$7 and are available at The Flower Basket, 103 Prospect St., and Lancaster Hallmark Ltd., 76 Elm St., both in Westfield.

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Jazz duo in concert May 14 in Rahway

RAHWAY - The Arts Guild of Rahway Jazz '99 will present the duo of Wayne Van Cortland Smith on piano with the vocals of Honi Gordon on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Arts Guild is located in downtown Rahway at 1670 Irving St. (corner of Seminary Avenue) at the former Claude Reed Center. The program will include jazz and classical music.

Smith has recorded an album under his own name and appeared in concert and jazz clubs with such luminaries as Harry Leahy, Ronald Naspo, Jack Six and Stephen Wolosonovich. He studied at the Julliard School and privately with John Mehegan, the foremost theoretician. This was followed by an Army stint during which he

played concerts in Korea, Japan, Okinawa and Canada. In New York, Smith has appeared at St. Peter's Church, Barnard College, Manhattan Community College and over radio station WBAI.

Gordon has performed in Avery Fisher Hall, Carnegie Hall, City Center, Lincoln Center and Town hall. She has recorded and performed with Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Charles Mingus, Winton Marsalis and Gerry Mulligan.

There is limited seating for this concert. All seats are \$10. Tickets are available through Ticket Central at the Union County Arts Center, one block south of the Arts Guild. For information and tickets call (732) 499-8226.

Gallery will feature black and white photography

WATCHUNG - The Lower Gallery of the Watchung Arts Center will feature the photography of John Arnold in May.

Arnold is a studio photographer who has worked on journal ads, slim jims, brochures, direct mail's and multi-image slide presentations.

As a freelance photographer and animator he has worked on many projects. Most recently Arnold has been working at Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceutical as the head photographer in their Multi-Media Department.

Arnold is not only a technician on cameras and equipment but has added to his talents working with computer programs to enhance his images and create beautiful brochures. His love however is in the darkroom where he is experimenting with silver prints. The black-and-white images are strengthened by allowing the silver to come through giving his nature photographs an awesome feel. "Enoch's Place" show his precision and eye for beauty.

Arnold is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in photo illustration. He has exhibited work in the "CutBank," a fine arts poetry magazine, and at the Joy of Life juried show.

At 7:10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Watchung Arts Center will host an opening reception for Arnold. The opening is free and open to the public. The gallery is open 1-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Westfield Art Gallery to host reception for father/daughter artists

Award-winning duo's work on display

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Art Gallery, 150-152 E. Broad St., announced the opening of an exhibit featuring the oil and acrylic paintings of Urban Weiss and his daughter, Karen Weiss-Bongard. A public reception with Weiss and Weiss-Bongard will be held May 2, 2-4 p.m.

The exhibit will be on display until May 28.

Urban's career in the arts began in the fifties when his interest was peaked while serving in the Navy.

After being honorably discharged, he began to teach himself how to paint in oils. In 1960, Urban began teaching industrial arts at Rahway Senior High School, and served as department chairman for fine/industrial arts and music.

Urban has exhibited widely

in New York and New Jersey, and has won numerous awards for his creations.

Urban's daughter Karen has been interested in art since her youth.

Beginning when she was a toddler, her father, Urban, schooled her in the basics in art theory.

At the age of 10, she began to exhibit her work in professional venues.

She has since developed her style working with acrylics; painting portraits and urban landscapes. Like her father, Karen has won awards for her contributions to the visual arts.

The Westfield Art Gallery is a division of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit organization established in 1972.

It is the mission of NJWA to "enrich lives by providing opportunities to develop creative talents and encourage a greater appreciation of the arts through both instruction and performance."

Their programs include Kids n' Arts, Tots n' Arts, Westfield Summer Workshop, Westfield Fencing Club, the Westfield Art Gallery and seasonal programs such as the Drawing Workshop.

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Summit Symphony to present concert

SUMMIT — The Summit Symphony will present a concert Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m., at the Summit High School on Kent Place Boulevard in Summit. Music by Beethoven, Bruch and Monteverdi will be performed.

The featured soloist for the evening will be violinist, Dmitri Berlinsky. He will perform the Violin Concerto No. 1 by Max Bruch. At the age of 16, he was the youngest winner in history of the Paganini International Violin Competition in Italy. Since then, he has gone on to win several other major international violin competitions. He came to the United States in 1990 as the winner of the renowned Young Concert Artists International Auditions. Berlinsky has since given hundreds of concerts and recitals in more than 40 states throughout the USA, as well as many foreign countries.

Born in Petersburg, Russia, into a family of musicians, Berlinsky began studying the violin with his father. At a very early age he appeared as soloist with the St. Petersburg Symphony and the Moscow Philharmonic. He attended the Moscow Conservatory where he received his bachelor and master degrees. After graduating from Moscow, he was invited to work with Dorothy DeLay and Masao Kawasaki at the Juilliard School from where he graduated in 1993.

The Summit Symphony, under the direction of James Sadewhite, will perform the Prelude and Ritornelli from "Orfeo" by Monteverdi and the Symphony No. 8 by Beethoven. Admission is free.

Art festival to mark 36th year

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Outdoor Festival of Art will celebrate its 36th anniversary on July 10 when it holds its annual festival at Library Park, West Eighth and Park Avenues, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The rain date is July 11.

Artists and craftspeople will compete for \$3,800 in prizes in professional and non-professional categories: oils/acrylics, watercolor, pastels, sculpture, prints, drawings, photography, and crafts. Registration is \$30 for professional entrants and \$20 for non-professionals.

In addition to the several hundred artists and crafters, the festival will again feature the Children's Gallery, which drew only a half dozen youth under age 12 at its debut five years ago. Since then it has become a major feature of the show with exhibits that demonstrate a broad range of young talent. Any youth under age 12 can display two pieces of art on the day of the festival. The rules are that the artwork not be any larger than 20x24 and preferably matted. While the children do not compete for prizes, they do receive certificates and admiring comments from many of the thousands of viewers who come to the festival. There is no fee for the Children's Gallery.

There is a student category in which youth aged 18 and under who are more proficient may compete for a prize. The registration fee in the student category is \$5.

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What makes it different is the atrium area with its plants, huge windows and brass railings making everything feel warm and cozy. There are cushioned booths (dark green) as well as tables and you would believe it — real tablecloths; brass lighting overhead at each table;

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The Hot Spot Dining Team then started with a few appetizers which we shared.

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you can buy — delightfully deep-fried to crispy perfection. The unique dressing that comes with this appetizer makes it a "real happening" — consisting of Italian dressing and horseradish, etc. — spicy zing — try it!

I guess you must think that we overeat but the Hot Spot Dining Team has an obligation to their readers wherein we need to experience as much as humanly possible to be tastefully informative. With this in mind...onto the entrees!

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Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea to perform May 1 benefit

WESTFIELD — The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea again will include Westfield in its spring tour, according to the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson, conductor and musical director of the 45-member professional ensemble.

A benefit performance for the Youth and Family Counseling Service (YFCS), the concert will be held at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield at 8 p.m. on May 1. Father Alphonse has promised a whole new program for this ninth annual visit to Westfield for YFCS.

Appearing with the orchestra this year will be baritone Raymond Martin and, alternating performances, tenors Anthony Buono and Thomas Bethman.

Typical of its musical director, the concert will break stylistic tradition of performing only one type of music and will combine classics from the operatic to the Broadway stage expressly written for men's voices.

"I'm excited about these concerts," said Father Alphonse. "Some of the most beautiful music ever written was done so for the stage."

Reverend Stephenson formed the orchestra in 1986 while serving at St. Malachy's Parish in New York City. For several years he was con-

ductor and musical director on Broadway for A Chorus Line at the Shubert Theater.

Although retired from Broadway, Father Alphonse continues to direct the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, a professional orchestra made up of musicians from the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Father Alphonse is also familiar to New Jersey audiences as the conductor of the Festival of the Atlantic, the free outdoor concerts each summer on the boardwalk at Point Pleasant.

Youth and Family Counseling Service is an independent, non-profit agency serving the residents of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield. It provides counseling and mental health services to individuals, families, couples and groups on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay. The benefit concert helps support YFCS Tickets for the May 1 concert are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for seniors and \$50 for Patron seating.

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Notable home tour will raise money for Westfield Symphony

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra will host its 15th annual Tour of Notable Homes on Saturday.

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

two 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 Jeneane Willyard, a Feng Shui consultant who is opening her home for the tour.

Space is limited for the presentations. 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 merchandise 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 birthdays," added Trabert.

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



Co-chairwoman Renee Trabert and Deirdre Malacrea look at a needlepoint rug donated by Bedrosian's of Summit that will be raffled as part of the 15th Annual Tour of Notable Homes.

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,

Burgdorff Realtors, Coldwell Banker Realtors, Lancaster, Ltd., Music Staff, The Town Bank of Westfield and Weichert Realtors, all in Westfield; Patterson's Interiors in Mountainside; Irma's Hallmark in Fanwood; Richard Roberts Ltd., in Scotch Plains; and Frog Hollow Gallery in Summit.

Garden Club's flower show has a patriotic theme

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of Westfield will present "American the Beautiful," a standard placement holiday flower show on May 6.

The Memorial Day patriotic floral salute will take place 12:30-5:30 p.m. in four Westfield homes. Ruth Paul, past president of the Garden Club of Westfield, is general chairwoman of the show.

In the Garden Club of Westfield's show, flower arrangements will be placed in specific locations throughout several rooms of the homes for viewing. Each floral design will be placed to compliment the furniture and architecture of the home.

The flower show will have several divisions, including design and horticulture, and will be judged by a panel of National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Judges according to the Standard System of Awarding.

Flowers in the Design Division will include pot-et-fleur, which combines both rooted plants growing in soil and cut plant material, pedestal arrangements, coffee table arrangements, underwater designs and dining room table designs. All designs will reflect the show's patriotic theme, America the Beautiful. Awards in the Design Division include: Tricolor Award, Designer's Choice Award and Holiday Excellence Award.

The Horticulture Division will include bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes, perennials and biennials, trees and shrubs and container grown plants. Awards in the Horticulture Division include:

Award of Merit, Arboreal Award and Award of Horticulture Excellence.

A third division will consist of special exhibits which include a youth division and education exhibits. Juniors from the Rake and Hoe Garden Club Youth will feature miniature designs in doll-houses. Special educational exhibits will be on display reflecting the club's civic projects and other Garden Club interests. Awards in this area are the Youth Award and Education Award.

National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Judges have been invited to design arrangements to be placed at the entry of the show's homes. These arrangements will commemorate the Blue Star Drive as a living tribute to veterans and are eligible for the Award of Appreciation.

The flower show guests will have the opportunity to win a topiary specially designed for America the Beautiful by Randall Miller of Parker Greenhouse Farm and Garden Center in Scotch Plains. Flower arrangement items, stone garden animals, floral T-shirts, and baked goods will be on sale at selected homes within the patriotic flower show tour.

The Garden Club of Westfield is federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Garden Club of New Jersey District V, Piedmont Plain. The Standard Placement Holiday Flower Show is a fundraiser for the club and its proceeds benefit civic projects and scholarships.

Most design and horticulture classes in the show are open to the public to enter. Register and obtain a schedule by calling either 654-5380 for an entry in the design category, or 232-2405 for an entry in horticulture.

Tickets for the show are \$7 and are available at The Flower Basket, 103 Prospect St., and Lancaster Hallmark Ltd., 76 Elm St., both in Westfield.

Craft show will benefit hospice

WESTFIELD — The Center For Hope Hospice Auxiliary will host its third annual Arts and Crafts Collection at Mindwaskin Park May 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The collection will feature upwards of 100 of the finest crafters in New Jersey.

This widely attended show is rapidly becoming known by area crafters and the community as the outdoor event of the season. This year promises the return of the talented crafters from prior shows, as well as new crafters with exciting and creative items to sell.

"I am so proud of the success the Auxiliary has had with the Arts and Crafts Collection and grateful for the significant contribution their efforts make to the many hospice families in need of care," said Margaret Coloney, president of The Center For Hope Hospice.

Refreshments of all kinds will be available during this juried show. The children will be entertained by balloons and clowns, while the adults will enjoy a variety of entertainment events throughout the day.

For more information, call Barbara McCutcheon at (908) 486-0700. May 16 is scheduled as a rain date.

Forgiveness workshop is set at church

WESTFIELD — The Spiritual Life Committee of First United Methodist Church will present a workshop entitled "Forgiveness-Breaking the Cycle" on Wednesday, May 5. Reverend Roger Plantikow will lead the session from 7 to 10 p.m.

Dr. Plantikow is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church and is a former Associated Minister of the Westfield church. He has been connected in many capacities with the Blaton Peale Institute of Religion and Health in New York City. In his private practice he works with individuals and groups on Marriage and Family Counseling.

The community is invited to attend the workshop at the church, located at 1 East Broad Street. For further information please contact the church office at 233-4211.

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Sports

Scholar-athletes succeed at balancing act Seth Burstein, Scott Paterson successfully juggle schoolwork, sports and more

By RICH BEVENSEE
RECORD-PRESS

It has nearly become an art for students to successfully balance schoolwork and athletics. When the student plays sports in more than one season, the challenge is obviously multiplied.

Seth Burstein of Westfield High and Scott Paterson of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, both seniors, have overcome the everyday challenges they faced, or are facing, this school year, and were recently nominated by their respective schools to be honored Sunday at the sixth annual NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete

Luncheon at The Pines Manor in Edison.

"Sometimes there seemed like there wasn't enough time to do it all but somehow it always got done," said Burstein, who carries a 4.0 grade point average and is headed for Yale, where he may major in match/science and compete on the men's swim team.

Burstein was an integral part of the Blue Devils boys swim team, which suffered a heartbreaking defeat at the Union County Championships, but reached the finals of the North Jersey Sections 1-2 Public B Boys Tournament.

Burstein specialized in the 100-yard butterfly, and because of his overall talent was used in the 200 IM and freestyle events as well. He was a two-time place-winner at the Pirate Invitational, he won two events in the Devils' dual meet loss to Scotch Plains, and he was one of only two Westfield event winners in the state championship meet loss to Morristown.

"I'm surprised (by the honor)," Burstein said. "There are a lot of great student-athletes in our school. It's quite an honor."

Paterson boasts a 3.4 GPA and is a three-sport athlete at Scotch Plains. As

a two-way starter (left guard, middle linebacker), Paterson was a crucial cog in the Raiders' offensive line (left guard) which helped junior Nathan Jones break the school's single-game rushing mark, and reach 1,000 yards for the season. Paterson also started at middle linebacker.

Paterson chalked up a 1-5 mark as a 215-pound wrestler, and placed second in the district. Paterson majors in the weights now for the Raiders track team. He teamed with Jim Feeley and Dan Loomis to win the shot put at the Randolph Relays Saturday; he teamed with Blair Woodward to win the javelin

at the Blue Devil Relays; and he teamed with Tim Lee and Paul Balanzano to place third in javelin at Summit Relays.

"There's a lot of my classmates that work real hard in school, so to be picked for this is a great honor," said Paterson, who will attend Sacred Heart in Fairfield, Conn., next fall, to major in physical therapy.

"There's plenty of times you want to leave the backpack in the car and go to sleep," Paterson said. "It comes from being an athlete, and wanting to work so hard at athletics, that made me work so hard at academics. I didn't want to be held down."



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD PRESS

Westfield's Lamont Turner returns to first on a steal attempt during Saturday's 14-9 come-from-behind win over Bridgewater-Raritan.

Blue Devils drive home three more wins

BASEBALL

Westfield 8, Linden 7 — Lamont Turner singled and raced to second, stole third, and scored on Brian Flynn's sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh inning to clinch the Blue Devils' come-from-behind win Monday in Linden.

Senior Kevin McCormack scored the tying run on Turner's hit. Chris Giacome homered and Will Hannis doubled for the Devils, who led 5-2 after three innings. Randy Magocha (2-1) picked up the win.

Westfield 14, Bridgewater-Raritan 9 — A two-run double by Jeff Bendix in the sixth inning snapped a 9-9 tie Saturday in Bridgewater, after WHS had trailed 9-3. Brandon Doerr's two-run single in the fifth tied the game at 9-all.

Lamont Turner rocked a two-run home run and Randy Magocha added a solo homer for the Devils (9-3), in support of winning pitcher Luke Mistretta. Kevin McCormack and Brian Flynn both doubled.

Westfield 6, Rahway 5 — Kevin McCormack scored from second on Brian Flynn's infield single with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning April 21 at home.

Luke Mistretta and McCormack were on second and third after back-to-back singles and stolen bases with one out in the sixth

Westfield
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Lamont Turner popped up, but Mistretta scored easily on Flynn's grounder to second, McCormack never hesitated heading home, and eventually beat first baseman Andrew Russell's throw to the plate. Jeff Johnson (2-0) did not allow an earned run in 6 1/3 innings of work, he allowed six hits, walked two and struck out three. Westfield, which had beaten Rahway, 19-0, earlier this season, trailed 4-2 in the fifth inning.

SOFTBALL

Westfield 9, Linden 1 — Sophomore Courtney Thornton homered and drove in three runs. Paige Corbett added a solo home run and Susan Phillips doubled as the Devils grabbed a 5-1 lead after one inning Monday at home.

Westfield 9, Elizabeth 6 — Paige Corbett ripped a solo home run and added a two-run triple for the Blue Devils (7-4) April 22 in Elizabeth.

Westfield 19, Rahway 2 — Paige Corbett was 4 for 4 with two

doubles, an RBI and two runs scored, while Katie Richards was also 4 for 4 and scored twice for the Devils April 21 in Rahway. Sue Phillips had three hits including a double and scored three runs. Lyndsey Guerrero held Rahway to six hits.

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield 11, Hillsborough 3 — Connor Mulvey scored three of his four goals in the second quarter, boosting Westfield (5-5) to a 6-2 lead Monday in Hillsborough.

Westfield 10, Clifton 3 — Ricky Lang, Mike Todd, Conner Mulvey and Mike Stotler (two goals each) scored once in the first quarter to boost the Devils (4-5) to a 4-1 lead Saturday at home. Brian Gallagher scored a goal. Lang finished with two assists and Mulvey had one. Chris Driscoll recorded 10 saves in goal.

Fair Lawn 7, Westfield 6 — Ricky Lang led the Devils (3-4) with two goals and two assists April 21 at home. Fair Lawn's Jeff Duca (four goals) scored the game-winner with 20 seconds to play.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Westfield 16, Stuart Country Day 12 — Kristen Salmond collected seven goals and four assists to help the Devils erase a 4-0 deficit April 23 at home. SCD saw its early

6-1 lead trimmed to 8-7 at the half.

Morgan Lang had four goals and one assist for WHS. Jen Korecky tallied three times, and Allie Rosenthal and Aubrey McGovern each scored once. Devils keeper Libby Schundler notched 17 saves.

Westfield 13, Rutgers Prep 10 — Freshman Morgan Lang scored five goals to spark the Blue Devils in Somerset April 21. Kristen Salmond and Julia Gates each added two goals for WHS, 3-3.

TENNIS

Westfield 5, Scotch Plains 0 — Ryan Jones survived a first set tiebreaker in third singles in the Blue Devils' sweep of the Raiders Monday. Jones defeated John Corbin, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

Also victorious were for WHS (9-2) were Sam Fleder and Jeff Diamond in singles, and the doubles teams of Ryan Buntan and Brett Kahn, and Jeremy Chludnick and Tom O'Connell.

TRACK

The Westfield girls 3,200-meter relay team of Megan Shatts, Heather Dennis, Maury McMahon and Tara Bhandari crossed the tape in 9:38.18 at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia Saturday, but no New Jersey team qualified for the relay final. The cutoff time was 9:26.30.

Bover no-hits Shabazz in her varsity debut

SOFTBALL

Scotch Plains 18, Shabazz 0 — Sophomore Michelle Bover pitched a no-hitter in her first varsity appearance, striking out seven and walking two in the five-inning contest Monday at home. Senior Diana Mendez was 2 for 3 with four RBI. Shabazz forfeited the second game of the doubleheader against the Raiders, now 6-5.

Piscataway 12, Scotch Plains 2 — Megan Miller and Jan Weiner each knocked in a run for the Raiders (4-5) Saturday at home. Mary Szymonowicz tossed a four-hitter for the Chiefs.

Scotch Plains 4, Cranford 3 — The Raiders (4-4) opened a 4-1 lead in the third inning April 21 in Scotch Plains. Jen Stuart had two hits, including a two-run single in the second inning, and scored once. Katie Church scored the eventual winning run in the third when she singled, moved to third on Megan Miller's single and scored on Alicia Pina's sacrifice fly.

Linden 4, Scotch Plains 3 — Megan Miller singled, tripled and drove in a run April 19 for the Raiders, who allowed a three-run rally in the sixth inning. The winning run scored on an error.

BASEBALL

Scotch Plains 20, Shabazz 4 — Senior Tim Pan slugged two home runs and drove in four runs, senior Ryan Hahner ripped a grand slam and senior Joe Franzone homered and doubled twice Monday in Newark. Kevin Schenk (1-0) got the victory for the Raiders, 2-8.

Watchung Hills 15, Scotch Plains 10 — Tim Pan had a three-run home run and Joe Franzone doubled and homered for the Raiders Saturday in Warren.

Aron Lukacs and Sean Magee each had three hits and knocked in three runs for Watchung Hills. SP-F's Dave Herrmann took the loss.

Scotch Plains 6, Summit 5 — Ryan Hahner, who forced the 10th inning with an RBI double, bunted home the winning run with the bases loaded in the 10th to secure the Raiders' first win April 22 at home.

Joe Franzone, Dave Herrmann and Paul O'Connor each drew consecutive walks to begin the bottom of the 10th. Hahner then bunted past the

Scotch Plains
High School
Roundup



pitcher for the winning RBI. Herrmann's two-run double in the sixth inning tied the score at 4-4 and forced extra innings.

Cranford 5, Scotch Plains 1 — Joe Franzone singled and scored the lone run for the Raiders, who were held to four hits over six innings by Jon Polonitza April 21 in Cranford.

TENNIS

Westfield 5, Scotch Plains 0 — John Corbin extended Ryan Jones to a first set tiebreaker in third singles, but the Raiders were otherwise overwhelmed by the 9-2 Blue Devils Monday. Jones defeated Corbin, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3. SP-F fell to 4-4 overall.

Cranford 3, Scotch Plains 2 — John Corbin, at third singles, and the first doubles team of John Garazzo and Paul Sweedlund were victorious for the Raiders April 22. Dave Hassan (second singles) and Dave Signon and Stan Pearson (second doubles) each lost a three-set match, with the latter getting the wrong end of a second set tiebreaker.

Scotch Plains 5, Shabazz 0 — The doubles teams of John Cameron and Jesse Rogowsky, and Terry Levine and Eric Yang, picked up wins April 21. Shabazz forfeited all three singles matches.

TRACK

Dan Loomis, Jim Feeley and Scott Paterson combined to win the shot put with a collective throw of 149-11 Saturday at the Randolph Relays.

The boys finished ninth (with 21 points) behind Randolph (104), Notre Dame (48), Union (47), Morris Hills (41), Ewing (38), Mount Olive (28), Hopewell Valley (26) and West Morris (23).

The girls team, which placed 10th, was led by a first-place finish from the intermediate hurdles trio of Erin Brandt, Jayme Ferraro and Alyssa Sams (3:37.41). Notre Dame won the meet with 82 points, followed by Roxbury (58), Randolph (56), Hillsborough (35), Voorhes (29), Hopewell Valley (26), Hunterdon Central (25), Union (20) and Morris Hills (19).

Jerry McCabe Team Relay Cup new to Holy Trinity's annual meet

WESTFIELD — The Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield will host the 20th annual Holy Trinity Track Meet 11:45 a.m. Sunday at Westfield High. One of the longest-running parochial school track meets in New Jersey, it features more than 300 student-athletes, representing 11 area parochial schools.

Meet Director and Holy Trinity Head Coach Bill Fitzpatrick announced that a new event has been added in honor of the meet's founder, Jerry McCabe of Westfield. The final event of the day, a 1,600-meter relay, will be named "The

Jerry McCabe Team Relay Cup," and a permanent trophy will reside at Holy Trinity listing the winning team each year. McCabe was instrumental in the development of the track and cross-country programs at Holy Trinity, where he served as the athletic director and track coach for many years.

Three returning meet record-holders head an outstanding field of competitors for this year's event. Holy Trinity eighth-grader Dennis Angeles won the 800 in 2:30.1 last year. Angeles, a Trinity basketball standout and last fall's Assumption School Invitational cross country chem-

pin, will be looking to break the eighth grade meet record of 2:23.7 set in 1984. Trinity's Megan O'Shea returns to the seventh grade 400 after her record-setting 1:10.6 performance last year in the sixth grade division. An up-and-coming area track star is Bia Cruz of Our Lady of Sorrows, in South Orange. Running as a fourth-grader last year, Cruz smashed the fifth grade 400 meet record in 1:10.5.

Over the years, this meet has offered a sneak preview of some of the future high school track standouts in the area. The Anzelone family dominated the

meet record list in the 800 and 1,600 meter events. Pete and Alexis Anzelone are currently middle distance stalwarts on the Westfield High team. Their older sister, Jen, holds three meet records in the 800 meters from 1984-1986. Jen held the WHS girls 800 record for many years and was a top track performer for the University of Pennsylvania. Other Holy Trinity graduates who went to become top track performers at Westfield include last year's co-captains, Mary Korfmacher and Katie Egan.

Holy Trinity will look to defend its overall and boys titles

this year, and the St. Clare's girls team will also look to repeat as a winner. Many of the students on the track team are veterans of last fall's cross country season, where the team won three of four age divisions in the Assumption School Invitational.

Holy Trinity has a strong group of seventh- and eighth-graders including Angeles, Robbie Rush, Donald Darlington, Joe Korfmacher and Brendan Egan from the boys squad, and O'Shea, Samantha Gregory, Hannah Lynch, Courtney Bryson, Dennis Quinn, Ashley Alvernes and Kelly Gibbons from the girls team.

The team coached by Fitzpatrick and assistants Andy Muldoon, Emilio Dilorio, Brian Granstrand, Tim McCabe, Martha Lynch, and Athletic Director Keith Gibbons — numbers over 60 students, representing a fifth of the student population at Holy Trinity.

The schedule of events for the meet is as follows: 800 meters, 100 meters, 400 meters, 200 meters, 1,600 meters, followed by relay races. Children in pre-kindergarten through the second grade will be invited to run in 50-yard fun-runs. The public is invited and refreshments will be available.

Hurricanes storm past competition

WESTFIELD — The sixth grade travel basketball team from St. Helen's Parish completed a successful season this past month. The Hurricanes finishes the year with 35 victories during a hard-fought season.

The Hurricanes finished with a 14-1 record to top the Union County CYO league. The team also competed in the Garden State Basketball League, finishing at 8-4 for a third place finish in a league consisting primarily of town teams.

The key to the Hurricanes' season was the fact they remained composed in close games. Perhaps the most amazing statistic that the team put up this year was that they never lost a game in which they were leading at the half or at any point of the second half.

The Hurricanes consisted of 12 players, nine of whom had played together in fifth grade. This helped to build the team's camaraderie and team play. One of the new players on the team this year was Jared Messina. Messina was perhaps the

team's best outside shooter; he was not the player you wanted to leave open, especially when he was hot. He scored his points in bunches, as was seen in Wayne.

Two of the big rebounders for the Hurricanes were Joe Geissler and Bryan Power. Geissler had the ability to come up with the ball at unlikely times. While not being as tall as some of his opponents, he managed to use his smaller frame to split his defenders and make strong moves to the basket. Like Geissler, Bryan Power always came up with a rebound at a critical time of the game. His stamina allowed him to wear down his opponents and dominate the boards.

The Hurricanes' defense up top was led by Alex Monaco and Steven Lynes. Both of these players excelled in games where the team ran an extended zone defense and met the point guard at half court. Monaco was one of the Hurricanes' leaders in steals during the season.

His quick first step gave the opposition fits. Likewise, Lynes

used his body well to play smothering defense. He forced many turnovers because of his relentless coverage.

Two of the Hurricanes' low-post defenders were Christian Luker and Robert Broadbent. Luker was the team's tallest player, and he used his height well. His ability to box out his opponent gave the competition few second chances. Broadbent was a forward who liked to run the court. He was at his best offensively when he was finishing up on a fast break.

As with any team, you need strong play from the guard position to have a great team. Billy Hearon was the team's floor general. He ran the point most of the season. Hearon was kept the game in control and secured many of the late game victories. Richie Hughes always provided a spark on defense when he came in the game.

The two players who provided the consistent scoring attack for the Hurricanes were Matt Delaney and Matt Gallagher.



The Hurricanes — front row, Robert Broadbent, Billy Hearon, Richie Hughes, Jared Messina, Matt Delaney and Alex Monaco; back row, Coach Mark Cleere, Christian Luker, Joe Geissler, Michael Patella, Bryan Power, Matt Gallagher, Steven Lynes and Coach Bob Hearon.

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NAPS — Here are ideas to build upon: Whether searching for a dream home now or in the future, you may want to do your homework before looking for your home.

Consider these ideas:

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- Find out how much homes are going for in the neighborhood you're exploring. A real estate agent or the newspaper may be able to assist you.
- A free offer may help you search for a home. The American Homeowners Association (AHA), the largest

homeowners organization in the United States, recently announced a new CD-ROM giveaway offer on the Internet.

"This free four-CD set is a marvelous tool for those planning to build, remodel or even just explore possibilities, just one small example of the many benefits our members," said AHA President Richard Roll.

The AHA recently released the free offer giving away HomeStyles 4 CD-ROM Set of 3,500 best-selling floor plans and 30 Virtual Home Tours to help you explore your options.

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The offer is free to anyone interested in trying the AHA's membership benefits for a free 30-day no-risk trial.

The free CD set normally retails for \$39.95 at software stores nationwide and is yours to keep no matter what.

More information on the free offer is available on the web site at www.freehomeplans.com.

Lepore joins Weichert staff

WESTFIELD — James M. Weichert, president, announced that Massimo "Max" Lepore has joined the Westfield office of Weichert, Realtors as a sales associate.

A licensed real estate professional, Lepore is a member of the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors.

Before joining Weichert, he was associated with another local real estate company.

Lepore is a longtime resident of Springfield. For real estate transactions, call him at Weichert's Westfield office, (908) 654-7777, located at 185 Elm St.

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Hye-Young Choi enjoys tremendous year

WESTFIELD — Following a tremendous sales performance for 1998 in which she sold over \$27 million in real estate, Hye-Young Choi has again earned Salesperson of the Year honors for the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker. Throughout her 15-year career, Choi has sold nearly \$200 million in real estate, earning substantial recognition within the industry and the admiration of her clients.

Choi additionally earned membership to the 1998 NJAR Million Dollar Club at the Gold Level, marking her 12th consecutive year of receiving the association's highest honor. Her outstanding sales production has earned her a place among Coldwell Banker's International

Presidents Elite, an honor reserved for sales professionals who rank among the company's top 2 percent nationwide. Choi invariably ranks among the top five percent of Coldwell Banker agents in the greater New York metropolitan area.

"Hye-Young's enduring success in indicative of her enormous talent," commented Marilyn Kelly, manager of the Westfield office. "She has truly made her mark as one of the most accomplished individuals in both the company and the industry." Considered one of the most popular real estate agents in the area, Hye-Young Choi is supported by her sales expertise and the attentive manner in which she conducts business.

A member of the Westfield Board of Realtors, Choi possesses the highest sales volume of all agents on the Board for 1998, a feat she has accomplished every year since 1994.

She credits much of her success to her through knowledge of Westfield and the surrounding communities of Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Cranford.

The Westfield office sales team has achieved top ranking throughout the greater New York Metropolitan area for 14 consecutive years.

Sales associates in the Westfield office sell more homes and earn more NJAR Silver and Gold Level memberships than any real estate office in the area.

Thank you Jill Guzman



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Anne Weber is honored

WESTFIELD — Congratulations are in order for Anne Weber, sales associate for Burdett ERA Westfield office, on being named Salesperson of the Month for March 1999, with sales of five units sold and dollars amounting to over \$1 million.

Weber, a lifetime resident of Union County and a current resident of Scotch Plains, can offer her customers first-hand knowledge about area schools, neighborhoods, recreation, and cultural opportunities. She is a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. Weber has also been involved in a fund-raising project that has been very successful for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC).

Weber, as an active volunteer, has dedicated many hours to school, scouting, and athletic activities. She has been an executive board member and committee member of her children's PTA, and a Cub Scout leader. Her generous personality is dedicated to high ideals and principles. She is sensitive and understanding to the needs of buyers and sellers, and provides effective, competent service to all her clients. This has been Weber's biggest month so far.

Jean T. Massard, vice president and manager of Burdett ERA's Westfield office, added that, "We are extremely proud of the production that Weber has achieved, her high energy and great instincts have put her at the top of the industry."

Anne Weber welcomes calls anytime at (908) 618-5285.

Overcoming credit barriers that stand in way of homeownership

WESTFIELD — According to Bernadette Houston, manager of Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield office, more and more people are learning that they can overcome poor credit as a barrier to buying a home. In fact, the 1998 Fannie Mae Annual Housing Survey of consumer attitudes towards homeownership revealed that fewer people saw credit problems as an obstacle to owning a home than ever before. The percentage of persons who saw their credit problems as a barrier fell from 38 percent in 1996 to only 16 percent in 1998.

One of the popular myths is that only poor people have bad credit. "The reality is that many homes well above the median price are sold to buyers with tarnished credit histories," Houston said. "You shouldn't hesitate to talk to our real estate professionals about your credit situation. They are in the business of counseling people on how to buy homes and should be able to find an effective solution for a prob-

lem credit situation. We also work closely with Home Capital Network, a full service mortgage company with many programs specifically designed to help people in this situation."

One of the first things a real estate professional may advise clients to do is order copies of their credit report. The major credit reporting agencies are Experian (800-392-1122), Trans Union (800-916-8800), and Equifax (800-685-1111). Experian provides one report per year free to consumers while the others may charge a nominal fee. After they have received their reports, they should take steps to correct any problems. Be prepared to fully disclose and explain these problems to the lender on the initial loan application. Depending on circumstances, the real estate professional may advise the client to establish six months of clean credit before applying for a loan.

Many people who have less than perfect credit find that the

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) will provide them with mortgages. The paperwork is a little more detailed, but these are good mortgages that are definitely worth considering.

Even with a problem report, the real estate professional may know of sellers who are not concerned by the buyer's credit history. For example, he or she may be able to find a home with an assumable mortgage already in place. Some sellers may even be willing to finance all or a portion of the buyer's purchase of the home. These "eager" sellers may have special reasons for their eagerness - a difficult to sell property, an above market asking price or a need to close quickly.

According to Houston, another approach to buying a home despite poor credit is a lease with an option to buy. "We don't see a lot of these transactions, but they're one more tool to consider," she said. "Under these arrangements you can negotiate to apply all or a portion of your lease pay-

ments to the down payment or purchase price of the home."

When someone has a tarnished credit record, it's important to be open with the real estate professional so that he or she can best help him or her obtain the home wanted. No doubt, credit problems will make it more difficult to qualify for a home loan. Anyone who has a history of late payments, delinquent taxes or even a court judgment filed against him or her, may need to consider what is commonly referred to as a sub-prime loan. These loans are rated B-, C, or D and come with higher interest rates. Today's sub-prime rates are often as much as three to four points higher than those for a standard loan. While payments will be high, is a way to get a foot in the door and refinance at a later date after a better credit rating has been established.

If able to make a down payment of 20 percent or more, the buyer may be able to obtain a non-qualifying mortgage. Millions of homebuyers have used this option to obtain loans where credit is not an important factor. However, many mortgage professionals will prefer to see buyers putting down a smaller downpayment and saving a cash reserve. And they will explain how financing closing costs and paying a few points up front at the closing will actually reduce monthly payments, which can be a deciding factor for families with financial stress.

Remember that the system was developed to the Buyer's advantage. Lenders and real

estate professionals succeed only when they are able to help customers to buy and sell homes. And paying mortgage payments will reduce one's federal income taxes, whereas rent payments are not tax deductible. Realizing goals of home ownership may well be worth the extra costs involved, putting one on the road to establishing a sound credit history while enjoying the new home.

Houston leads a team of real estate professionals at Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield office, a branch of the state's largest independently owned and operated member of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates.

Bill Flagg of ERA Queen City earns state association's Gold Award

FANWOOD — Bill Flagg, the top sales associate at ERA Queen City Realty in Fanwood, has been honored with the 1998 New Jersey Association of Realtors Gold Achievement Award. The Gold Award places him in the top one percent of all Realtors in New Jersey and is earned for annual sales production in excess of \$10 million. Flagg's sales volume for 1998 was more than \$13 million.

This is the fifth consecutive year Flagg has achieved the Gold Award, and the 14th consecutive year as a member of the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club. He is a lifetime member of the NJAR

Distinguished Sales Club and has been the number one agent in total closed units in the Greater Union County Board of Realtors since 1995.

"Bill Flagg is an extraordinary realtor at the highest levels of the industry," said Lydia Flagg, broker/owner of ERA Queen City Realty.

"He has been the top producing sales associate of this firm since 1983, and consistently one of the top ERA agents in the nation. I congratulate him on yet another outstanding year of stellar achievements."

Flagg holds the GRI (Graduate,

Realtors Institute), CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) and ERS (ERA Relocation Specialist) designations.

An award-winning listing agent for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac REO properties, he is an active member of the National Association of Realtors, the Greater Union County Board of Realtors, and the Middlesex and Somerset County Board of Realtors. He is Board member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and an active supporter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

ERA Queen City Realty is located at 313 South Ave., Fanwood.

Jean Massard takes President's Citation Award

Jean Massard, vice president and manager of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield office, was honored by receiving the President's Citation Award, given to the branch manager showing the greatest leadership during the past year.

Presented by Burgdorff ERA President, Judy Reeves, at the company's recent awards luncheon, Reeves said, "Jean led the company in number of recruits while successfully managing the acquisition and merger of

another company into her office.

She remained focused on her office's overall goals and experienced a dramatic production increase in a competitive market. I congratulate Jean and her associates for this outstanding performance."

"I feel truly blessed to be associated with the Burgdorff team for the past 11 years," said Massard.

This company's overall support, from the agents in my office who are so wonder-

fully open to change and to increasing their business with exciting new programs and ideas, all the way to senior management is exceptional.

I could never do what I do without this terrific team effort."

The president's Citation Award is based on the highest increase in recruiting, market share, growth, and overall standing in the company along with increased activity

with Centent Mortgage.

Founded in 1958, Burgdorff ERA has more than 925 sales associates and 30 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

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ERA Statewide 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. So, look for great things in 1999."

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. His 25 years of management experience was gained at WECO, AT&T, NYNEX, NYT and Volt. His real estate experience was gained with another real estate firm.

ERA Statewide Realty is a full-service real estate company with headquarters in Westfield and Belle Mead. A member of every multiple listing service from Bergen County to Cape May County, the firm consistently ranks as one of the top two ERA offices in New Jersey and among the top one percent in the world. The worldwide ERA real estate network includes more than 2,700 independently owned and operated brokerage offices with more than 27,000 brokers and sales associates in all 50 of the United States and 19 other countries.



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A redesigned Sable — what will they think of next?

By Mark Maynard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego International Auto Show made history March 31 when Lincoln Mercury took the tarp off its redesigned 2000 Mercury Sable sedan.

It was not just the first press conference held at the show, it was a significant step for the upscale division of Ford Motor Co., which relocated about a year ago to the southern suburbs of Los Angeles.

Resisting the pull of the Big Apple and embracing the cradle of car culture here in So Cal for its unveiling was not without risk for the division.

The New York auto show in Manhattan attracts a huge crowd of automotive journalists — and big-brother Ford division unveiled its redesigned Taurus there.

Lincoln Mercury moved to Southern California so it can better surf the automotive trends that ebb and flow through these neighborhoods and highways.

Manufacturers know that if they can sell a car in California, they can sell it anywhere in the world. And most carmakers have design centers in the region, including two in San Diego County — Nissan Design International and DaimlerChrysler Pacifica.

By stepping out of the shadow of the Ford division at the New York show, Lincoln Mercury is sending a message that it will be doing things a little differently in the future.

Will the new Sable sell in California? Probably. The old one sold well enough here and elsewhere in the U.S.

The new one probably will be better received. It rides on the same chassis with the same exterior dimensions, but the sheetmetal and interior have been significantly revised and the engines tweaked for a bit more horsepower and refinement.

Among the new Sable features



2000 MERCURY SABLE

- Advanced Restraints System of integrated front seat belt belt tensioners with belt-force limiters; seat-belt usage sensors and driver's seat position sensor that are integrated with dual-stage air bags that fire at different speeds depending on the severity of the collision.
- Child-friendly trunk lid release system.
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- Power-adjustable accelerator and brake pedals.
- More cup holders, storage spaces and power points.
- The standard Vulcan (12-valve) 3.0 liter V-6 is stronger by 8 hp, now at 153 at 5000 rpm, and torque moves up 12 foot-pounds to 182 at 4000 rpm.
- The up-level Duratec (24-valve) 3.0 liter V-6 stays at 200 hp and 200 foot-pounds of torque.

THE NEW Z

Nissan also used the San Diego show for a West Coast/East Coast announcement that it will build the Z car, which was designed just up the road at NDI.

The modern re-creation of the legendary Datsun 240-Z sports car

that gave this Japanese carmaker a recognized name in the United States, is expected to bow as a 2002 model.

There is only one Z concept car, which was on the turntable at the New York show, but San Diego had its own model. Upstairs in the shows International Design Studios, artists from Nissan Design International brought in 24 tons of sand to sculpt the full-size Z.

Also on view in the design studio was a full-size clay model of the SUT concept truck. Jerry Hirschberg, president of NDI, says the SUT is "either, it's neither, it's both" pickup and sport-utility vehicle.

2000 MAZDA MPV MINIVAN

Mazda put on view for the first time a production-level 2000 MPV minivan, which it also announced in New York. These are the only two vans in the country.

The all-new minivan seemed to target the Honda Odyssey for human features and innovations, but Mazda is content with the MPV's smaller size. It also will emphasize the van's creative styling.

"Many young families are very

proud of being a family and are happy to own a minivan. With the styling of the new MPV, we think it will be a minivan people will want to buy," said spokesman Fred Aikins.

The front-drive 7-passenger van runs with a 170-horsepower, 2.5 liter V-6 engine and has such necessary van features as dual sliding doors — with power windows but not power door openers — and a "tumble under" third-row bench seat that folds flat into the floor for a big "playpen-like" cargo area. With the second-row seats in place, there is a very convenient "well" in the cargo area that holds grocery bags or other gear intact. The back seat can also be flipped backward for tailgate seating in the shade of the lift-up tailgate.

The two center seats slide (easily) together for a bench seat or can be moved apart for sibling separation. And there are 10 cup holders, including two bottle holders in the sliding doors.

Up front the standard audio system is an AM-FM-CD with six speakers. The audio upgrade adds 6-disc capacity to the in-dash CD unit and it features 9 speakers

WEST COAST DEBUTS

The San Diego show was also significant for three West Coast debuts:

- Ford brought in two brand managers to give journalists a personal press conference on the 2000 Excursion sport-utility and 2001 Sport trac.

The show was the West Coast introduction for both vehicles.

When the Excursion goes on sale this fall it will be passenger-vehicle-king of the road.

Built on the Super Duty pickup platform, it is 7.2 inches longer than a Chevy Suburban and 3.3 inches wider and about 5 inches taller. It will have engine choices of a 5.4 liter V-8, 6.8 liter V-10 or 7.3 liter Power Stroke V-8 diesel. The gasoline engines qualify for low-emission rating and run on regular unleaded; a 44-gallon fuel tank is standard. The V-10 earns a 10,000-pound tow rating.

The only transmission is a four-speed automatic and there will be a choice of two- or four-wheel drive with electronic engagement.

For the customer in this heavy-duty utility segment, "this vehicle is all about functionality," said brand manager Doug Waleczak. "It is ultimate capability and premium presence."

That's marketing-speak for "the bigger, the better" and for the "premium presence" the topline Limited model comes with leather upholstery and real wood trim. Prices will be competitive with Suburban, Waleczak said.

All Excursions will have three rows of seats; the third row is on rollers so it can be removed. The standard XLT model is a nine-passenger; the Limited has front captain's chairs and seats eight. Also standard is an AM-FM-CD-cassette in-dash audio system and auxiliary rear heat and air conditioning controls.

Its 80.4-inch height is the same as the four-wheel-drive Expedition (the roof rails have been trimmed

and at just-under 19-feet long it can be considered garageable.

General Motors dominates this heavy-duty segment with its Chevy and GMC Suburbans, but Ford expects to take 50,000 to 60,000 sales away from them the first year. Texas is the No.1 market for the full-size utes, followed by California, which together make up one-third of all sales, Waleczak said.

The Sport Trac is a four-door Explorer with a 50.5-inch pickup bed.

Compared with the same concept in the Nissan SUT, the Sport Trac appears to be more upscale.

While the SUT shares a Frontier pickup appearance, it is built on a new chassis. The Sport Trac rides on a wheelbase that was stretched 15 inches to accommodate the bed. It will be powered by the Explorer's single overhead cam V-6 and will be on sale about this time next year.

DaimlerChrysler brought in the 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser. It is technically a concept car now but will go into production as a 2001 model, priced at or below \$20,000, sources say. This subcompact hybrid bridges the gap of van, wagon and sedan and redefines Personal Transportation, or PT, with the fat-fendered appeal of a '50s surf wagon. It is about the size of a Dodge/Plymouth Neon but taller.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- International Design Showcase: Five manufacturers were featured in design studios to illustrate how a car moves from sketch, to clay, to concept to production.

In addition to the exhibit by Nissan Design International were exhibits by Pontiac/GMC, Buick and Mazda, which showed the evolution of the Miata with a 10th anniversary car on view, some eight-scale clay models and a child's Miata pedal car.

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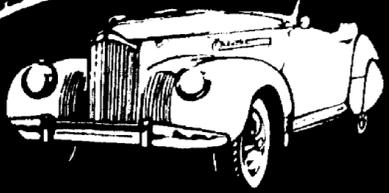
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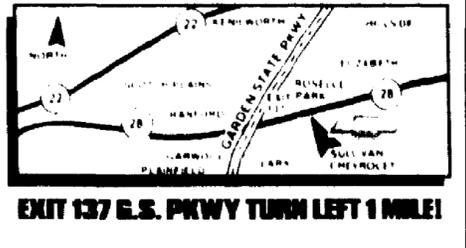
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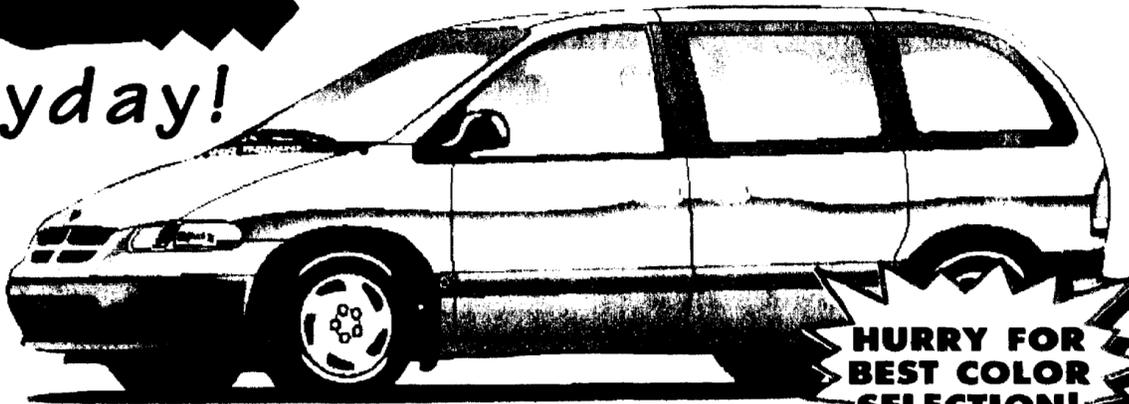
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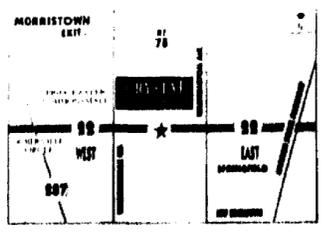
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