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Downtown jazz series is returning

WESTFIELD — The 3rd Annual "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz performances will be held in downtown Westfield on Tuesdays, July 6, 13, and 20, 7-9 p.m., sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We are excited about having the musicians return this year to entertain shoppers and diners in downtown Westfield," said Debbie Schmidt, Chamber Executive Director.

On Tuesday, July 6, Terraplane Blues will perform on Central Avenue, near Bombay. Bradford Hayes will be playing on the corner of Quimby and Elm Streets at the Rorden Building.

The N.J. Workshop for the Arts will set up their 12-piece band on the corner of Elm and E. Broads Streets at the First Union Bank. The Tom Cohen Trio will be located on E. Broad Street near the Leader Store, and The Tom Butts Quartet will be on the corner of E. Broad and Central Ave. by Gap Kids.

"People should plan to have dinner at one of Westfield's fine restaurants, many offering outdoor dining at their sidewalk cafes, and bring folding chairs if they would like to sit and enjoy the music," said Michael La Place, DWC Executive Director. "Having music playing throughout the downtown creates a welcoming ambiance for everyone," he added.

For more information, please call the Chamber (908) 233-3021, or the DWC (908) 789-9444.

Responses needed from waiting parkers

WESTFIELD — The town is still waiting to hear from 469 people who want a commuter parking permit.

In an effort to update the five-year waiting list for commuter parking spaces at the South Avenue train station, town officials are trying to contact waiting list members to see if they want to stay on the list.

Those who don't respond to the town clerk's office by Tuesday, will automatically be bumped off the list.

Of the 1,191 inquiries mailed out, 567 responded yes, 32 responded no and 159 were returned to Town Hall as undeliverable. The town issues 660 permits for the 469-space lot.

Church will hold discipline workshop

WESTFIELD — The First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., will present a "Smart Discipline" workshop for parents 6:15-8:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The "positive system for motivating kids to follow the rules" will be introduced by Molly McClosky, who appeared on the local edition of the now-defunct "Romper Room" television show.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For parents attending the workshop, child care is available for siblings attending the church's vacation Bible school at the same time.

For registration, call (908) 233-2278.

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Hardwick leaves board

Westfield school board member will be professor at Seton Hall

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Ginger Hardwick said farewell Tuesday to the school board, but not to education and community service.

The former Board of Education vice president resigned to pursue a new profes-

sional challenge as a professor in a clinical program at Seton Hall Law School Center for Social Justice where she will focus on advocacy for the homeless.

"As most of you probably know, the past 4 1/2 months have been very difficult ones for me and my children," said Hardwick whose husband, Steve Lapidus, passed away in February. "I'd like to

thank everyone at this table and many sitting out there for your kindness and support."

"The telephone calls, visits and words of encouragement were a great help," she added. "I will be very sorry to say good-bye. Serving on the board has been a true honor and privilege for me."

"Like every board member I have served with, I have put a

great deal of effort into this job," Hardwick said. "But what I put in cannot compare to what I got out of it — intellectual challenge, the opportunity to exchange ideas with so many bright, articulate and caring people, the chance to become truly involved in my community and to have an impact on the schools, which I (Continued on page A-2)



GINGER HARDWICK



Lisa Yagi directs the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School band in the "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the beginning of graduation Friday evening. A complete list of graduates is on page A-6.

Speeders slowing down in Westfield

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Stepped up police enforcement throughout town has put the brakes on speeders.

Westfield Police Chief Anthony Scutti has released results of the police department's Enhanced Speed Enforcement Program which reveal the program is working.

The number of speeding and other moving violation summonses issued March through May 1998 is 70 percent higher than the same three months last year.

"With the support of the municipal governing body and town residents, we announced that we would aggressively and strictly enforce speed limits, pedestrian laws and traffic infractions," Chief Scutti said. "The increase in moving violations issued underscores our achievement of that goal that we set in February."

In February, the police department in conjunction with the BRAKES group (Bikers, Runners and Kids are Entitled to Safety), the mayor and council announced a plan "to dramatically increase (Continued on page A-2)

Residents will vote on future of Dean Oil tract

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Residents will get a chance to tell the mayor and council how they feel about purchasing the Dean Oil property at the corner of Second Street and LaGrande Avenue.

"The citizens of Fanwood are entitled to tell us how they feel," said Council President Bill Populus who introduced the ordinance which will put the question on the November ballot. "This is democracy in action."

The council approved the proposed ordinance earlier this month. The council wants to find out if residents want the borough to purchase the land.

"If we were to purchase the land then we have an option, we could reduce the cost of the land and sell it to a developer or we could joint venture and then sell out to the developer," said Populus who is the Democratic mayoral candidate. "Everyone would like to see something done with the land, we just want to come up with the best solution for the borough and its residents."

The property is being considered by a

developer for a 24-unit apartment complex.

"We have heard a lot of rhetoric about this property and its possible use as a rental apartment complex," Councilman Populus said. "We need to hear what the public truly believes should be done with this property."

"I, for one, will not permit this major project to be forced on the residents without their input," he said. "I also do not believe that the mayor and council should be spending significant public funds to purchase this property through condemna-

tion without a public referendum."

According to New Jersey law, municipalities are allowed to put non-binding questions on the ballot to determine the public's opinion on municipal policy.

"The citizens of Fanwood are entitled to tell us how they feel about the borough's possible purchase of this property, especially since it will undoubtedly cost the taxpayers several hundreds of thousands of dollars," Populus said. "Many citizens have expressed a belief that the property should be utilized for commercial purposes and not for apartments or residential use."

A final curtain call for a life in theatre

Henry Glass dies at age 72

WESTFIELD — Henry W. "Hank" Glass, 72, a prominent player in community theater throughout New Jersey, died June 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He directed and acted in more than 50 productions, many of which were by the Westfield Community Players. These shows included "Our Town," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Guys and Dolls," "The Dining Room," "Summer and Smoke" and "Middle of the Night." His Westfield Community Players production of "The Lottery" was named Best Serious Play in 1961 by the New Jersey Theatre League.

He also was cast opposite his wife, Marion Wilder Glass, in a local production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." He played Stanley Kowalski and she played Blanche DuBois. Mr. Glass would

direct Mrs. Glass in leading roles in 20 shows, including "The Rose Tattoo," "Blithe Spirit," "As You Like It," "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Shows in which he appeared as an actor included "The Price," "The Seven-Year Itch," "Inherit the Wind," "Lend Me a Tenor" and "The Solid Gold Cadillac."

He was president of the Westfield Community Players in 1977 and directed his final production, "Blithe Spirit," last year.

In addition to the Westfield Community Players, Mr. Glass directed shows for community theater troupes in Scotch Plains, Cranford, Clark, Linden, Summit, Plainfield, Woodbridge, Livingston and Chatham. A 1959 production of "The Crucible" for the Livingston Little Theatre won first prize from the New Jersey Theatre League.

During the early 1960's he founded the New Jersey Summer (Continued on page A-2)



Harvest time at Tamaques School

Second-graders at Tamaques School in Westfield recently harvested the salad greens they planted in the spring. Each of the four classes planted their own gardens of lettuce, Swiss chard, radishes and peas. Displaying the fruits of their labors are Mark Fischetti, Carla Raiston, Adria DeVita, Jenna Leopold and Alleen Grogan.

Motorist charged with giving false information to cops

Scotch Plains

Rohan Phillip, 32, of Plainfield was charged with providing false information to a police officer after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22, police said.

A wallet containing a small amount of cash was reported stolen from Union Catholic High School on Martine Avenue June 22, police said.

A cell phone was reported stolen from a car parked on Front Street June 23, police said.

A patron of a Route 22 service station reported the theft of license plates from a vehicle left there for mechanical work during the day June 24, police said.

A bicycle was reported stolen from a residence on Evergreen

Police log

Avenue June 25, police said. The bicycle was later recovered and a 17-year-old Scotch Plains juvenile was taken into custody. Complaints are pending.

A pocketbook and a portable CD player were reported stolen from a car parked on Seward Drive June 27, police said.

Westfield

A Cardinal Drive resident reported the front plate glass door of the house was shattered June 28, police said.

Prospector's Deli reported an attempted burglary June 28, police said. Someone tried to pry open the rear door. No entry was gained.

Hunan Wok III on East Broad Street reported theft of services June 28, police said. A patron used an invalid credit card to purchase \$39.05 worth of food.

A 1972 Mercury was reported stolen from the corner of Pierson and West Broad streets June 29, police said.

The owner of a car parked on Sandra Circle reported the right rear corner of the car and spoiler were damaged June 29, police said. The cause of the damage is unknown.

Hardwick resigns from school board

(Continued from page A-1) feel are the centerpiece of community life."

"And most importantly, I have made wonderful friends with fellow board members, administrators and teachers, and parents who shared with me their concerns about education," Hardwick said. "What a privilege to be able to work with wonderful people on issues of real importance."

Elected to the school board in 1995, Hardwick is no stranger to the Westfield Public Schools. She grew up in town and attended Tamaques School, Edison School and the high school. Her children, Jake, 12, Sara, 10 and Ben, 6, are continuing their mother's tradition in Westfield's public schools.

"I leave confident that the schools my children and yours attend are in the best of hands," she said.

During her four-year career on the school board, Hardwick has served on several committees including the Finance Committee, which develops the district's budget and the Long Range Planning and Board/Staff Relations committees. She has served on the board's negotiation teams in contract negotiations with the Westfield Education Association of Administrators and Supervisors.

An attorney, Hardwick has analyzed pending legislation for its impact on public schools as a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Legislative Committee for the past four years. She has also served on statewide commissions studying educational, business and legal issues.

Understanding the value of education, Hardwick established a scholarship fund in her husband's name. Ranked by *New Jersey*

Monthly as one of the top attorneys in the state, Lapidus himself benefited entirely from scholarships to attend Cornell University and Fordham University Law School.

The Steve Lapidus Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to college-bound seniors graduating from Westfield High School. The Steve Lapidus Memorial Family Run for Fun held at Kehler Stadium last month raised money for the scholarships, which will be given out next year.

"It is true to Ginger's spirit that she would choose to pursue a position that continues her spirit of service to those in need of her help," said friend and fellow school board member Annmarie Puleio who pointed out that the 15-20 hours a week required by school board service usually are in the

evenings when Hardwick would rather spend time with her children.

"Ginger joined the board in the wake of a failed bond referendum, motivated by her abiding commitment to education she worked to bring the district forward in its goal to provide appropriate instructional space for the town's growing enrollments," said Puleio, noting the successful passage of the 1998 bond. "As the chairperson of the curriculum committee she set the highest standards for the education of our children."

"Her intelligence, her energy, her commitment to community service and her love of children has been the hallmark of her service to this community on the Board of Education," Puleio said. "The results of her efforts will be felt by generations of students to come. Her work endures."

Speeders are slowing down in Westfield

(Continued from page A-1) police presence in the Central Business District, school zones and other selected sites in a consistent manner to increase public safety."

To accomplish this, more than 20 streets were targeted including Boulevard, Central Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Rahway Avenue and Dudley Avenue. Also, parking laws were strictly enforced in school zones and the downtown. All of these efforts supplement the normal selective enforcement patrols on Westfield's streets.

"We're very pleased with the

results of the program thus far and of the hard work of the patrol officers," Mayor Tom Jardim said. "We are particularly happy to see that the number of summonses issued overall declined from 684 in March to 373 in May."

"While it is still too early to tell, we believe that this decrease is actually the result of changed driver behaviors as opposed to any drop-off enforcement."

Co-founder of BRAKES, Sara Strohecker said, "These early results demonstrate that with a concentrated enforcement effort by

our police department, it is possible to make Westfield's streets safer."

"The results also support the belief of the BRAKES Group that speed limits on certain streets are consistently violated," she said.

An analysis of the number of radar summonses issued between March and May 1999 show a high number of speeding infractions occurring on certain streets in town: Rahway Avenue, 151; East Broad Street, 87; Lawrence Avenue, 59; West Broad Street, 48; Willow Grove, 48 and Dudley

Avenue 46.

"The dramatic reduction in speeding violations indicates that drivers are responding to the enhanced enforcement," said Chairman of the Public Safety Committee Neil Sullivan. "Though continued focus on the three E's - enforcement by the police, engineering to implement traffic calming and education to ensure that motorists and pedestrians know and obey traffic and safety rules - Westfield's roads will be safer for all the members of the community."

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A final curtain call for a life in theatre

(Continued from page A-1) Shakespeare Festival, a Woodbridge-based troupe that brought its touring productions to parks throughout Union and Middlesex counties. The festival's presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew" was cited when Woodbridge Township was honored as an All-American City by the National Municipal League. Mr. Glass began his theatrical

career at Pennsylvania State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in theater arts. For his master's thesis he produced "Sadie," a play based on a story by W. Somerset Maugham, and cast the actress who would be his wife. On his 1951 graduation he was voted by his classmates as "Most Likely to Succeed" in the theater world. He also staged "La Boheme," "Il

Trovatore" and "Hansel and Gretel" for the New Jersey Lyric Opera Company, of which Mr. Glass was a director.

During the 1970s he was the director and co-author of eight original musicals for shows sponsored by the Grant School PTA. He was the director and author of benefit shows for the College Women's Club of Westfield, the Westfield Historical Society and high schools

around Union County. A member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rotary Club, Mr. Glass taught classes in the Westfield adult school and recently spent his spare time reading to children in area elementary schools. Off stage Mr. Glass owned the Glendora Millwork Co., a wholesale lumber company in South Plainfield. He retired from the lumber industry following his wife's death in 1976 to concentrate on the theater.

Mr. Glass was born in Chester, Pa., and had lived in Westfield since 1956. Several years ago he met his fiancée, Kay Macrae of Westfield, and traveled with her to Paris and Africa. The couple had planned to marry later this year.

He also is survived by two sons, Stephen of Charlottesville, Va., and Gary of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Bonnie of Sugar Land, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Fairview Cemetery. Donations in memory of Mr. Glass may be sent to the Westfield Community Players at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

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Fire department to sell two vehicles

WESTFIELD—The Town Council passed a resolution last week authorizing the fire department to sell two of its older vehicles.
Up for sale will be a 1978 Seagrave Pumper and a 1988 Ford (truck).
Minimum bid for the pumper is \$6,000 and for the Ford is \$12,000.
The equipment is stored at fire headquarters 405 North Ave.

Council renews liquor licenses

WESTFIELD—The Town Council has renewed the following liquor licenses:
Plenary retail consumption - Brittany's Restaurant, Chez Catherine, Echo Lake Country Club, Ferraro's Restaurant, Galata's, Jolly Trolley, Paprika Grille, 109 North Avenue, Henry W. Kopp, Raymond P. Kostyack. Plenary retail distribution - International Wines & Liquors, The Liquor Basket of Westfield, Peterson's Sonoma Spirit, R. Cano R., Shopper's Discount Liquor, Trader Joe's and Westfield Wines and Liquor. Club licenses were renewed to Centennial Lodge 400, Italian American Club and the Martin Wallberg Post 3 of The American Legion.

Contract awarded for restroom design

WESTFIELD—The Town Council has awarded a \$7,000 contract to Vincentsen Associates to design new handicapped-accessible restroom facilities at Tamaques Park.
The facilities will be built near the lower parking lot of the park.
The Town had received a Community Development Block Grant to finance the project.
As part of its contract, Vincentsen will oversee the construction of the building.

Firm will apply for sewer permit

WESTFIELD—The Town Council has awarded a \$1,850 to Page Engineering Consultant, P.C. to prepare a permit application for the construction of a sanitary sewer and storm sewer for vacant lots being developed on Sedgewick Avenue.
According to the resolution passed by the council, the contract was awarded to an outside firm because "the Town engineering staff cannot prepare the required permit application in a timely fashion due to current work load."
Bids for the construction of the sewers are expected to be received by the town engineer on July 6.

Town will ask for road repairs

WESTFIELD—The Town Council authorized the mayor to apply to the state for grants to make improvements to some municipal roads in town including Scotch Plains Avenue from West Broad Street to Shackamaxon Drive, Benson Place from Lenox Avenue to the Garwood boundary, Boulevard from Park Street to Grove Street and Lawrence Avenue from Hillside Avenue to the Mountainside boundary.

Gospel singer delivers an inspirational message

By CANDACE WALLER
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — Cars lined the streets near St. John's Baptist Church and hundreds of people filled the sanctuary Sunday so they could hear an inspirational message from gospel singer Cissy Houston.

The theme for the annual Women's Day program was "Serving with Prayer, Praise and Power," taken from 1 Peter 4:11.

"We wanted someone to motivate the women and energize them," said Nellie Suggs, coordinator of the women's ministry at the church.

"I think she did a great job," Suggs said. "She's not a minister or evangelist, but she was able to deliver in an articulate and effective way."

Despite her connections in the music industry, Houston is a

very down-to-earth person and direct in her speaking. She did not regale the audience about the people she met or the achievements of herself and her daughter, Whitney Houston.

The gospel singer told the audience, many of which came from other churches, that it is important for women to reach outside their families into the community.

"We have to do something for our community," she said.

"Don't just talk about the problems — do something to help," she said. "It is only through our actions that people know what we are about."

Houston not only spoke about the importance of community service: She demonstrated it by donating the money collected for her during the "thank you" offering to the church's scholarship program.

Being active in the church was an important part of her upbringing.

The youngest of eight children of a musically talented family, Houston — whose actual first name is Emily — learned from a very young age the importance of giving back to others. At age 5 she joined the family gospel group, the Drinkard Sisters, often going on tour with them.

"As Christian women are going to have challenges," she said.

Whenever friends come to her with problems, she reminds them they're not in heaven yet.

"My mom died when I was 8 1/2," Houston said. "Luckily the Lord sent my older sister to care for me. God helps those who help themselves."

Her early singing experiences proved to be a training ground for her illustrious singing career.

In 1957 the Sweet Sensations were formed. The music was rhythm and blues but the rich gospel sound was clearly apparent. This sound brought them attention of other groups and led them to do backup vocals for Wilson Pickett, Aretha Franklin, Solomon Burke and Chuck Jackson.

The group began working with Elvis Presley in 1969 and sang with him in his Las Vegas shows.

Houston's influence in the music industry can still be heard today. In 1995 she received the Pioneer Award from the Rhythm and Blues Foundation in recognition for her musical achievements.

After Houston started talking about the role of women in the family and community, she had the rapt attention of the audience, among them Mayor Geri

Morgan Samuel.
"Her message touched all women," said Samuel, attending her first Women's Day program. "I think the most important thing she said was that women should have self-respect."

"I think her donating the money from the 'love offering' to the children was really wonderful," the mayor said.

Houston also is the youth director of the New Hope Baptist Church and chief executive officer of the Whitney Houston Children's Foundation, a charity dedicated to helping disadvantaged and creative youth.

"Volunteer time in your community to help others," said Houston, a message she taught to her sons Michael and Gary as well as to her daughter.

"As you achieve, remember to look back, reach back and know from whence you came," she said.

Scotch Plains officer commits suicide at home.

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The police department is mourning the loss of one of its own.

Patrolman Christopher O'Neill was found dead in his home 9:30 Monday.

Found by a family member, the 40-year-old apparently shot himself with his duty weapon, dying from a single gun shot wound to the head.

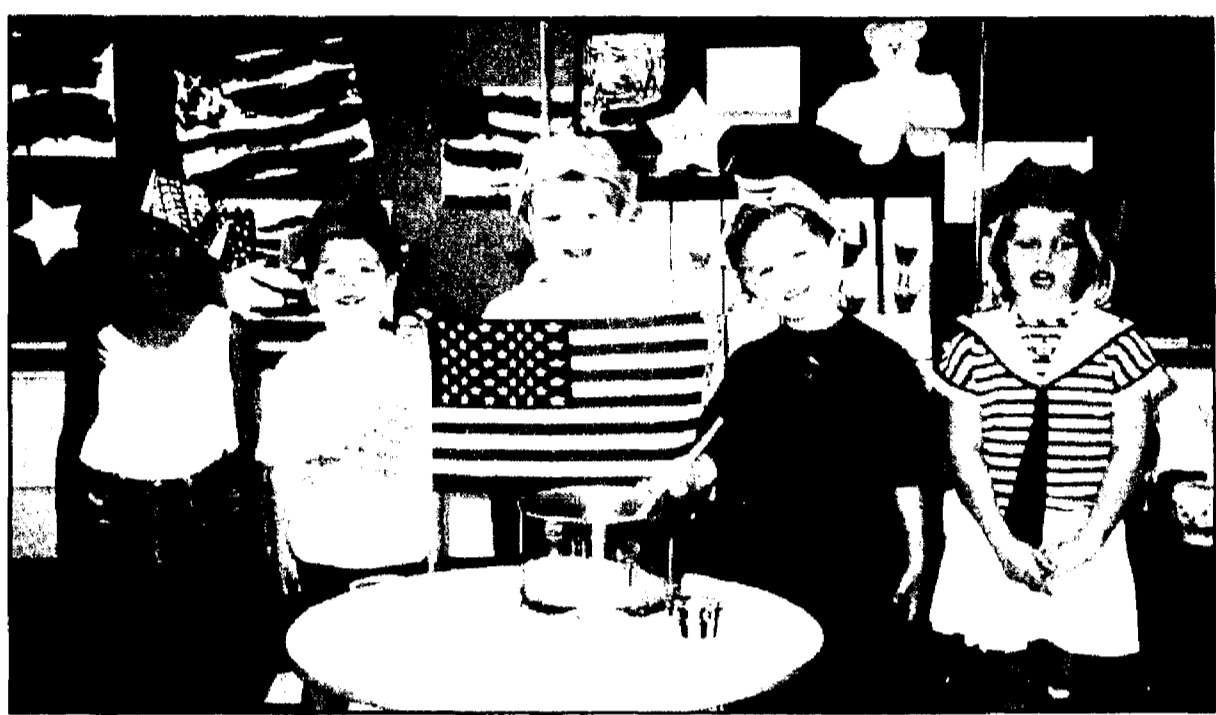
"The entire department is saddened by the untimely death of this officer who had made a lasting impression on those that

had the privilege to work along side of him," Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien said in a released statement. "He will be deeply missed."

Colleagues of O'Neill said they are "shocked" by the tragic incident pointing out he had "positive outlook on life."

O'Neill was a three-year veteran of the police department who had formerly worked for the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Union County Prosecutor's Office is conducting an investigation.

O'Neill is survived by his wife and two children.



Flag Day at Brunner

Brunner School Pre-K students Christline Boodhoo, Joe DiFiore, Joey McQuoid, Joshua Ospina and Sarah Weber perform the "Flag Recipe" during a Red White and Blue Celebration on Flag Day.

Crews to attend conference in England

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dr. John Crews, assistant superintendent for instruction in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools, is one of 34 select participants who have been identified as a school leader in a U.S. school system who could best benefit and contribute to the Third Annual Oxford International Round Table on the Superintendency and the Principalship.

This year's Round Table theme is "Overcoming Barriers to Change — What Leaders Must Do." This will be an intensive experience dealing with current problems and issues in school leadership, the decision-

making process, central government reform. These topics will be amplified through discussion with colleagues from the United Kingdom who have also experienced dramatic change in autonomy, school choice, and curricular standards during the past decade. Round Table participation is limited to assure that an open and reflective inter-change of ideas can take place on these issues.

In addition to his instructional responsibilities in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Dr. Crews is also an adjunct professor for Fairleigh Dickinson University and a senior faculty member of the Principals' Center for the

Garden State. He is the recipient of a Dodge Foundation Curriculum Leadership Award, has been cited in Manhattan College's Profiles in Distinction, is one of 75 "China Breakers" sponsored by RJR Nabisco, and is on the Governor's Teaching Scholar Selection Committee.

The conference will be held July 25-30 at Pembroke College, University of Oxford, England.

Class of 1959 will hold reunion

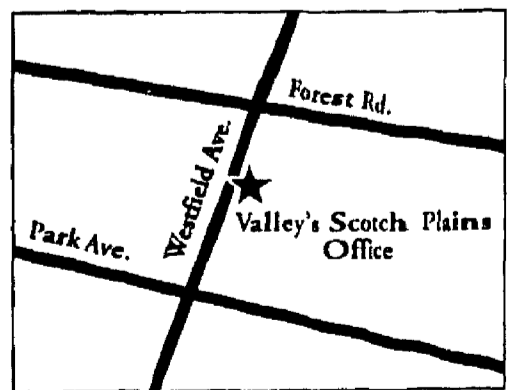
SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Class of 1959 will hold its 40th anniversary reunion Oct. 15-17.

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Commentary

Responsibilities of independence

Millions of Americans are looking forward this week to a long three-day weekend of fun. We will barbecue, play softball, swim in the ocean, get sunburned and watch glorious fireworks displays. Yet, in the midst of these distractions, few of us will take the time to think about the meaning of Independence Day.

July 4, 1776 was not only a turning point in this country, but also a momentous day in the history of the world. On that historic day was laid the political foundation for a government whose authority rested on the respect and protection of the inalienable rights of individuals.

The document signed that day in Philadelphia has proven to be the most revolutionary manifesto in the history of western civilization; it is as relevant today as it was 200 years ago. There are still many nations in the world where the citizens do not enjoy the freedoms we take for granted. They do not have the power of self-determination that is at the heart of the American experience. You do not need to look any further than the horrors of Kosovo to see how true this is. For them the Declaration of Independence is a beacon of freedom.

The rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence are precious and must be preserved. But they can be threatened if we become apathetic and take them for granted. The continued health of our democracy depends on all of us taking an active role. If we do not exercise our rights as responsible citizens, our democracy will atrophy and wither like a muscle that's never used.

To live in a free and open society carries a burden of many responsibilities for the normal citizen. Yet there are too many people in our country who shirk their responsibilities. They do not vote, they do not keep up with current events and they do not become involved in their communities. That sort of apathy has an insidious negative impact on the health of our democracy.

That's why it is important for us to take a few moments of time this fun-filled weekend and read the Declaration of Independence. It's a homework assignment over summer vacation for all citizens; for extra credit, we should all read the Bill of Rights too.

Just as we make personal resolutions on New Year's Day, we should make resolutions as citizens on Independence Day. It could be as simple as resolving to vote in the November general election. It could also be as demanding as resolving to volunteer for a municipal board or becoming involved in a local political party.

In those simple ways we can guarantee the continued strength of our democracy and we can keep alive the Spirit of '76 as we approach the new century.

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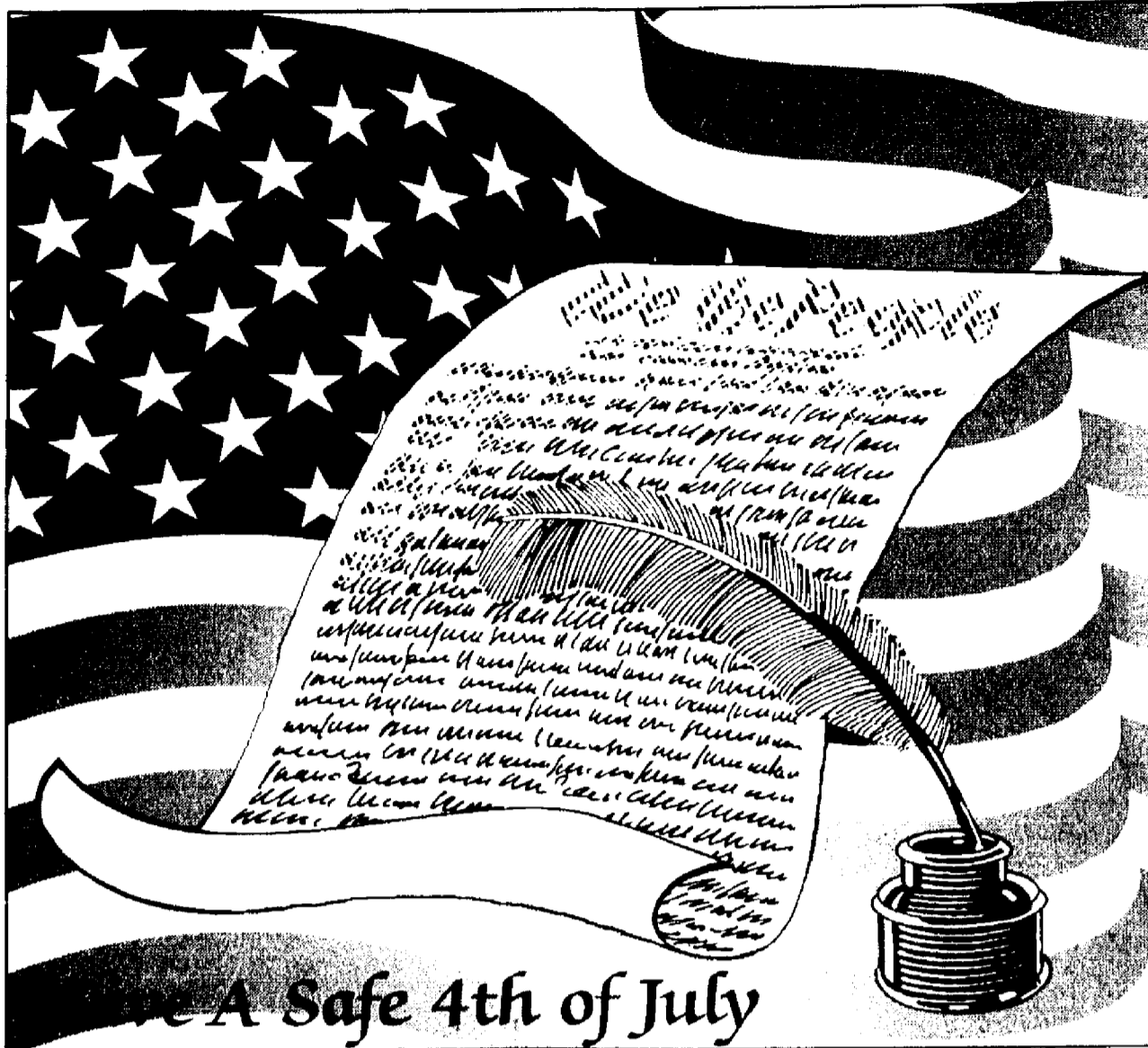
A child of Vice President Al and Tipper Gore was severely injured in an accident.

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The deadline for submitting articles and press releases to *The Record-Press* is 5 p.m. Friday. Because of the July 4th holiday, the offices of the *Record-Press* will be closed Monday, July 5.

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Letters to the editor

Day was important at high school

To The Record-Press:

This is written in response to a letter printed in the June 11th *Record-Press* regarding the all day program on hate and discrimination at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

As an active member of one of the groups who helped organize this day, Students Learning About Multiculturalism (SLAM), I regard the letter writer as uninformed and impractical. Quote "It is the role of the parents and religious institutions they trust to instill moral values and attitudes in children." OK, in a perfect world maybe. What about the kids I know whose parents literally ignore them, parents who frequently get drunk, parents who kick their children out and don't care what happens to them, parents who raise their children with extremely prejudiced views? Parents and religious institutions did an excellent job recognizing a lack of moral values with all the kids who recently went on shooting rampages and destroyed lives. It is foolish to think that an event such as this is not plausible in Scotch Plains-Fanwood or Westfield because it certainly is. None of the towns where these tragedies occurred ever believed such an event could ever happen in their towns, but it did. There are disturbed and prejudiced people in our towns and they are obviously not providing the "moral values" the letter writer claimed.

High school is a breeding ground for emotions, and if not carefully watched these emotions can turn to hatred and lead to irreversible actions. Quote "Obviously, these activities should be held after school for those who are interested." Well obviously the kids with hatred, anger, and resentment are not going to come after school and discuss how to stop

prejudice. They are the sources of prejudice and unless they attend a mandatory program such as the one Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School presented, they will never hear or care to hear the other side of things. The goal of the day was not to change people completely in a six hour school day but to plant a seed in the hope that the students would continue to think about what they heard and learn to stop prejudices in themselves and others.

The opinion of John Stone, educational psychologist and professor at East Tennessee State University and head of the On-line Education Consumers ClearingHouse was quoted. I'm sorry, but what does the uninformed opinion of a man from eastern Tennessee really mean to anybody? He was not present at the program, the writer of the letter was not present at the program, the judgments both made were unfair and somewhat and/or uninformed.

Some of the programs were not as successful as we had hoped and due to a completely random assignment of programs, some students received some uninteresting schedules for the day, we don't deny this. But the majority of the programs received positive responses from both the students and faculty. The day was important and did open some eyes to prejudice awareness. The argument made by the writer of the letter may seem plausible if it could be assured that students would receive moral instruction at home, but many don't, and we were trying to do what we could to give those students some direction and awareness. Please rethink your opinion and argument against this type of program.

BECKY GARCIA

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student

Westfield DPW did a great job

To The Record-Press:

On behalf of the Westfield Baseball League, all of its players and residents of Westfield who use its fields, I would like to send a letter of commendation to the Department of Public Works for the work it has done.

On May 10, foreman Jim Van Blarcom sent a work crew to Gumpart Field to skin, level and put new clay on field 2 which was in very bad condition. The crew that was sent consisted of three men named Rich Eubanks, Mike Muth and Keith Brennan. To my amazement, in one day, the three men completed the job and no town baseball games were canceled. At the start of the job, I thought it

would take 3-5 days to complete the job. This quick completion could only be accomplished for the following reasons: The crew had the proper equipment for the job. They operated the equipment expertly. They worked extremely hard and took pride in completing the job as well as they did.

In closing, as a taxpayer in Westfield, it makes me feel good to see the quality of workers our town employs.

I would like to give thanks to those workers, whose work often goes unnoticed.

FRANK RICCIUTI

WBL, Chairman,

Field Maintenance Committee

Better signs are needed by post office

To The Record-Press:

Drivers rarely yield to pedestrians attempting to cross the street at the crosswalk in front of the Scotch Plains post office. Recently, I made it to the middle of the street and pointed at the sign warning drivers I was at a crosswalk. Still, two cars zipped past in front of me at over 30 mph.

The recent added standup crosswalk signs are not working. I suggest the township:

- Relocate the sign to the crosswalk from its current location of over 15 feet away.
- Put it on a taller pole (and add an advisory sign under it reading, "State Law Requires You

to Stop for Pedestrians."

- Station police nearby to stop and warn or ticket drivers who refuse to stop for pedestrians.
- Enforce the often-violated no-parking zone in front of the post office. When a pedestrian is trying to cross the street, the parked cars make it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

The Scotch Plains post office should put a sign on the side of its building by the driveway stating customers can park in back. This advises people who park illegally in front of the post office there is an alternative.

MARC GROBMAN

Fanwood

Graduation party achieved objective

To The Record-Press:

The BASH '99 Senior Graduation Party continued its positive tradition by attracting the vast majority of the Westfield seniors to this substance-free post graduation event.

A total of 250 seniors, or 86 percent of those graduating, attended the all-night party at Richeot Racquet Club and had a super, if not exhausting, time.

The party achieved its objective of making graduation night a safe, sober and, above all, fun way to mark the end of the high school experience. Thank you again to all the Optimists and spouses, parents, teachers, friends, local businesses, clubs, profes-

sionals, and corporations who supported this event and made it happen.

Thanks also to the Class of '99 who through their actions enhanced the reputation of BASH as the best party alternative for Westfield High graduates. Best wishes to the Class of '99 in your future endeavors!

DON PRAY

Project Chairman, OPTIMIST Club of Westfield

DARIELLE WALSH

Westfield High School PTO

GLENN BURRELL

Executive Director, Westfield Recreation Comm.

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Put more teeth into master plan

Summertime may not be what it used to be in New Jersey.

You could go north and west to the mountains and relax in the cool shade by a sparkling lake. Hikes through pristine woods produced memorable epiphanies of nature, revelations you wondered about at night while lying in the wet grass and watching for shooting stars in the clear, crisp sky.

Or you could go south and east to the Jersey shore, where the redeeming sea breezes slice through the oppressive heat of the cities and suburbs. Sandcastles were built on the beach and the only worry about swimming in the ocean was the two-hour wait after lunch. The boardwalk was a boulevard of delights and the soothing rhythm of the uncomplaining waves lulled you into a deep, peaceful sleep, perfect for a vacation.

You had the choice of two small paradises in your own backyard. That choice is being threatened.

New Jersey's suburban sprawl has reached the mountains of the north. Once deserted country roads are now choked with traffic, as commuters hurry to and from their jobs in the "original" suburbs in Essex, Morris, Bergen, Middlesex and Somerset counties. The calm sounds of nature are jolted by machinery clearing earth and chewing trees; the buzz of mosquitoes has been replaced by the growl of chainsaws. At night you can no longer see the Milky Way; the glow from the creeping development films the sky with an orange filter. You might as well sit at home and watch a nature program on The Discovery Channel.

The shore is no longer a refuge from New Jersey's other problems. Understaffed police departments have to deal with burdensome traffic, rowdy hooligans and a crime rate that rises with the temperature. In some towns rents have risen so ferociously that it may be cheaper for a family to spend a vacation at Disney World. Some shore towns which were once popular family destinations — Keansburg and Asbury Park — are now no better than blighted ghost towns. And no matter how many casinos are built or new tunnels are dug, Atlantic City beyond the glitz is still terribly sad.

The state of the shore and the mountains is symptomatic of what has gone wrong in New Jersey over the past two decades. Since 1980 the state has enjoyed phenomenal growth; like the gold rush towns of the west, New Jersey was not prepared for the explosion.

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman signed into law Wednesday the legislation creating the state's ambitious open space preservation program. Though its goals are laudable, that program is not enough to substantially ease the pressure of development.

What needs to happen next is for the legislature to put some added teeth into the state master plan. The state master plan exists only as an ideal picture of New Jersey; local municipalities are not bound by the plan and there's little the state can do to coerce municipalities in love with development to follow it.

The root of the problem, of course, is the state's destructive reliance on property taxes. Local municipalities starved for tax dollars should not be forced into zoning to attract businesses at the expense of their residents' quality of life. Development creates a vicious circle: only in recent years have many municipal officials begun to wise up and realize that development not only breeds more development, but higher property taxes as well in the long run. That's equally true in Sussex and Cape May counties.

If we don't do something serious about development, we might as well start thinking about changing the name of the state from New Jersey to Greater Paramus.

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Cheryl O'Brien is the new principal of Edison Intermediate School.

New perspective from behind camera

Westfield High School grad learned a lot at school board meetings

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—Standing on his metal ladder during school board meetings, Alex Schwarzer-Muth got a whole new perspective on education.

The 18-year-old Westfield High School graduate was recently bid farewell by the Board of Education members he has videotaped the past two years.

"Alex was with us from the beginning, when we first started televising board meetings to the public," said School Board President Danielle Walsh. "He has been a reliable and skilled technician who sometimes has had to tolerate a sound system with a mind of its own and a board that could sometimes talk beyond the length of a videotape."

"We appreciated his lack of body language and facial expressions when our meetings really dragged on," Walsh added with a smile.

Taping the Tuesday meetings which started promptly at 8 p.m., Alex would begin setting up his equipment 7:30 p.m.

Although he admitted his "mind would wander a lot of times," Alex said he did manage to learn a few things while standing on his ladder - often longer than three hours at a time.

"First of all, I'd always have coffee before, to keep me up," he said. "To keep it interesting, I'd try to focus on what they were talking about and I actually learned a lot about the Board of Education and how it runs."

Some of the highlights of his two-year gig that paid \$10 an hour were the passage of the bond, the foreign language curriculum change and a location shoot at Washington School where an elementary school teacher was honored.

"It was kind of special," Alex said about witnessing the teacher's gratification.

"I've grown up with teachers, so it was nice to see besides getting a paycheck, they actually get admiration and respect from students, families, faculty and all the people of Westfield," he added.

"When I was in elementary school, I never thought about it much. Now it has a different meaning."

In high school, Alex shared his "Tuesday-night" perspective with fellow students.

"Westfield always had their final exams scheduled much like colleges - you only showed up when you have a final," Alex explained. "And then all of a sudden that changed because the state started enforcing its law that public schools had to be open 180, four-hour days."

As a result, students who didn't have a final, had to attend a four-hour day of instruction.

"All the kids around me would complain about Dr. (Robert) Petix, the faculty and our Board of Education for changing the schedule, but I saw that it was our Board of Education who was fighting to keep the old way, the way we were used to," Alex said. "I had this whole other perspective."

Alex wants that perspective to carry beyond the scope of the VHS camera he operated at 302 Elm St. Accepted to the School of Film at New York University, he plans to pursue a career in directing.

"I want to go into film because when I go to the

whole other world and I want to create that for other people," he said.

If he were to "direct" school board meetings, Alex said he would purchase a better sound system.

"They have this wacky sound system that decides to shut off for some reason, so I'd have to run up to the audio behind where Mr. (Bob) Berman sits and have everyone reset their mikes," Alex recalled.

He said he'd also make the "more TV oriented" by using more than one camera so he could cut to different shots and not just "pan around the room from one spot."

Capturing a conversation between residents in the audience at the back of the room and school board members at the table in the front of the room was sometimes a challenge for Alex.

"I'd lean out over the camera almost falling off the ladder to try to grab a picture of their faces," he said. "At least in film, I'll have a director's chair to sit in."

Bash '99 was a smash for Westfield seniors

WESTFIELD — The parents of the Westfield High School senior class were able to sleep soundly on graduation night, June 20, even though their sons and daughters were out at an all-night party.

That is because a total of 250 seniors, or more than 86 percent of the graduating class, attended Bash '99, an all-night, fun-filled drug and alcohol-free party on their graduation night at Ricochet Racquet in South Plainfield.

Co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield, the Westfield High School PTO and the Westfield Recreation Commission, the party achieved its objective of making graduation night a safe, sober and, above all, fun way to mark the end of the high school experience.

The entire Westfield community deserves credit for the success of the Bash '99 graduation party, as this

event received overwhelming support from the Board of Education, parents, teachers, local businesses, clubs, professionals, corporations, sponsors and the senior class to make it a success. Special thanks are also due to all of those individuals who worked on the project and the 30 chaperones who attended Bash '99, many of whom stayed the entire evening.

"As project chairman and on behalf of the co-sponsors, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of those individuals who supported or worked on Bash '99. We can all be proud of the response of our community to this worthy undertaking for the Class of '99 and future seniors at WHS. Westfield is a special place to live and the success of Bash '99 is testimony to the positive spirit that exists in this community," said Don Pray, project chairman of Bash '99 for the Optimist Club of Westfield.



Palm reader and psychic Jean reveals the future to a Westfield High School graduate during Bash '99.

Union Catholic student in Washington conference

SCOTCH PLAINS Luigi Carulli, a senior at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, recently took part in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Science, Technology and Public Policy Program in Washington, D.C.

He joined more than 400 high school juniors and seniors from 45 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Canada, and Mexico. The students spent a week meeting with government leaders and learning about the democratic

process first hand.

Carulli has had numerous leadership opportunities in his high school career including president of the Italian Club, homeroom representative for the Environmental Club, commander for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and vice-president of the Class of 1999.

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AFTER WORK — "networking party" for single professionals in their 30's and 40's. Sir Puff's Cafe, 43 Elm St., Westfield, 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 15. Cost \$10. Visit nypages.com/singles or call (908) 232-8827.



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School salutatorian Gerald Kavinski walks to the stage to meet his speech during graduation Friday evening.

Class of 1999 at SP-F High School

SCOTCH PLAINS — The following are members of the graduating Class of 1999 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School:

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

Monthly chapter meetings will resume in September.

Old Guard of Westfield

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

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:

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

Oct. 11-15 — Nevele Grande 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.

'Over 55' Travel Club

Adults are invited on these trips for the "Over 55" Travel Club from the Senior Citizens Council of Union County:

Sunday, July 11 — Woodloch Pines. Cost is \$54.

Aug. 18 — Musikfest in Bethlehem, Pa. Cost is \$34.

Aug. 23-27 — Scott's Oquaga Lake House in upstate New York. Cost is \$525 per person, double occupancy.

Sept. 13-17 — Grand Hotel in Cape May. Cost is \$375 per person, double occupancy.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 — Amish trip. Cost is \$145 per person, double occupancy.

Oct. 4 — Oktoberfest at Platzl Brau. Cost is \$55.

Oct. 10-14 — Yankee Doodle Lodge in Vermont. Cost is \$430 per person, double occupancy.

Oct. 25 — South Jersey Culinary Arts. Cost is \$42.

Oct. 31 — California coast and San Francisco (9 days).

Nov. 10 — Larison's Turkey Farm and village. Cost is \$638.

Nov. 17 and 30 — Radio City Christmas show and South Street Seaport. Cost is \$45.

Nov. 21 — Three Little Bakers. Cost is \$62.

Dec. 5 and 15 — New York City lights tour. Cost of \$25 includes coffee and dessert (children over 5 welcome).

Dec. 11-12 — Lancaster, Pa. Cost is \$155 per person, double occupancy.

April 20-May 1, 2000 — QE2 to Miami, Barbados, Dominica and St. Thomas. Space is limited.

All trips leave from the Boys and Girls Club in Union. Special trips and pickups can be arranged for groups and clubs. Payment in full is required for one-day trips.

For more information or a brochure, call Richard Stone at (908) 964-7555 day or (908) 687-1559 night.



And the beat goes on

Davon Wise, a fourth-grader at McKinley School in Westfield, listens to his heartbeat with the help of Carmella Warne from the Visiting Health and Nurse Service in Elizabeth. Warne taught fourth-graders about temperature, pulse and blood pressure. Her visit was arranged through the district's Talents and Skills program.

Choong Sil program will begin at YMCA

WESTFIELD — For constant and never-ending improvement this summer, the Choong Sil martial arts program is being offered at the Westfield Y on Clark Street.

Classes will run Monday evenings for six weeks beginning July 12. Children 5-12 may attend 6-7 p.m. Teenagers and adults may attend 7-8 p.m.

Choong Sil martial arts is taught using taekwondo patterns and forms while encompassing the best of jujitsu, boxing, self-defense, strength and flexibility training, and other forms. The program is being taught in conjunction with Martial Arts America in Scotch Plains.

Instructor Dave Lavery is a second-degree black belt and has been involved with martial arts since he was 9. A former national champion of the U.S. Taekwondo Federation, he was a member of the national team in 1996.

For more information, registration and fees, call (908) 233-2700 or visit the Westfield Y.

Record-Press deadlines

The deadline for submitting articles and press releases to *The Record-Press* is 5 p.m. Friday.

Gordon K. Reese

FANWOOD — Gordon Kennedy Reese, 82, died June 27, 1999 at Genesis ElderCare-The Woodlands in Plainfield. He had been a naval officer and a marketing executive.

He was born in Pittsfield, Mass., and had lived in Fanwood since 1950.

Mr. Reese graduated from the University of Virginia in 1940 and was a lieutenant in the Navy until his discharge in 1945. He then had an extensive career in international marketing with General Motors Corp., Pfizer Inc. and the Boyle-Midway Co. He was employed in international marketing with the

U.S. State Department prior to his 1970 retirement.

He was a member of the Westfield Tennis Club.

Surviving are a son, Gordon K. Jr. of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Sally Anderson of West Tisbury, Mass.; a sister, Anne Taylor of Ridgewood; and three granddaughters, Allison of Sacramento, Amanda of San Rafael, Calif., and Elizabeth of West Tisbury.

Private arrangements were by the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Plainfield. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Christopher J. O'Neil

SCOTCH PLAINS — Christopher J. O'Neil, 40, died June 28, 1999 at his home. He had been an officer with the Scotch Plains Police Department since 1996 and the Union County Sheriff's Department before then.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Fanwood and Scotland before moving to Scotch Plains in 1965.

Mr. O'Neil received a bachelor's degree in business from Kean College of New Jersey (now Kean University) in 1981. He graduated from the John H. Stamler Union County Police Academy in 1995.

He also was an Eagle Scout leader with Boy Scout Troop 271

in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Flinn O'Neil; two sons, Connor J. and Cooper J.; his parents, Jeremiah and Vivian; three brothers, Patrick, Joseph and Timothy; a sister, Kathleen Rankin; his mother-in-law, Pat Cook; and his father-in-law, James V. Flinn Sr.

Services will be 9 a.m. today at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave.

Memorial contributions for the Christopher O'Neil Fund will be accepted at the funeral home.

Edward Allen Tice

WESTFIELD — Edward Allen Tice, 81, died June 27, 1999 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. He had been a metallurgist for 20 years with the International Nickel Co.

He was born in St. Albans, W.Va., and lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1959.

Mr. Tice became a private consultant for 15 years after leaving International Nickel. He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and was a member of many chemical societies.

He and his wife of 58 years, Olive, recently were honored by the First United Methodist

Church as ministers-at-large for their outstanding community work.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen Allen Tice of Great Falls, Va.; two daughters, Virginia Tice Stillman of Croton, N.Y., and Laura Tice Weiner of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday at the First United Methodist Church with arrangements by the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Elizabeth Naulty

WESTFIELD — Elizabeth Ann Naulty, 73, died June 24, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She once was dean of admissions at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A native of Manchester, N.H., she lived in Westfield from 1955 until she moved to Mountainside in 1985.

Mrs. Naulty received a bachelor's degree in education from Skidmore College and a master's degree in education from Cornell University. She was a member of the College Women's Club of Westfield; the Poothills Club, in Mountainside; and the auxiliary of Children's Specialized Hospital, also in Mountainside.

Surviving are her husband, Leslie; two sons, Sherb of Gillette and Robert of North Plainfield; a daughter, Sharon of Manhattan; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the First Congregational Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the College Women's Club of Westfield Scholarship Fund.

Linda Resnick

SCOTCH PLAINS — Linda R. Wasserman Resnick died June 24, 1999 at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan. She and her husband, Jerry, operated the Jerlyn Associates insurance agency in North Plainfield since its founding in 1964.

A native of Newark, Mrs. Resnick lived in Scotch Plains from 1975 until she moved to Watchung in 1985. She received a master's degree from the College of Insurance in Manhattan and a doctorate from a Canadian business school.

Her father, Louis, is deceased.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marini; a son, Christopher; her mother, Myra Ashukan; a sister, Iris Decker; and a brother, Alan Wasserman.

Services were held Sunday at the Memorial Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island.

Memorial contributions may be made to Julie Gould Fund, c/o Ann Lee, 716 Sunfly Lane, Vero Beach, Fla. 32963.

Obituaries

George B. Skaff

SCOTCH PLAINS — George B. Skaff, 66, died June 26, 1999 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He owned Skaff's Pharmacy in Rahway prior to his 1995 retirement.

A native of New Brunswick, he lived in Scotch Plains from 1972 until he moved to Bedminster in 1997.

Mr. Skaff graduated from the Rutgers College of Pharmacy and was a consultant to the Woodbridge Diagnostic Center. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a director of the former Rahway Savings Institution.

His wife, Gerry Stroppa Skaff, died in 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda R. Fleming of Doylestown, Pa., and Eileen R. Hernandez of Birmingham, Ala.; a son, Paul G. of Hillsborough; two sisters, Evelyn of Mountainside and Georgette Milan of Roanoke, Va.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207.

Anne McGovern Shea

SCOTCH PLAINS — Anne C. McGovern Shea, 94, died June 22, 1999 at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Conn. She retired in 1963 after 25 years as a secretary with the Union plant of the Air Reduction Co.

Mrs. Shea was born in Jersey City. She lived in Scotch Plains; Hong Kong, China; New York City; and most recently in Rowayton, Conn. Her husband, Michael, died in 1937.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Anne Hotung, and a son-in-law, Eric Hotung, both of Hong Kong; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Shea was a parishioner. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Arrangements were by the Rossi Funeral Home.

John P. LiVecchi

WESTFIELD — John P. LiVecchi, 79, died June 27, 1999 at his home. He retired in 1982 after 20 years as a truck driver with Strickland Motors of Kearny.

Mr. LiVecchi was born in Newark and lived in Carteret before moving to Westfield in 1995. He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered in combat.

His wife, Jeannie Foti LiVecchi, died in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Theresa Juliano of Westfield; a sister, Mary Verdi of Edison; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Linden, following services at the Krowiecki Gorny Memorial Home in Clark. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Randall O. Zempel

FANWOOD — Randall O. Zempel, 68, died June 23, 1999 at his home. He had been a distribution manager with a division of Time Warner Inc.

He was born in Rogers City, Mich., and had lived in Fanwood since 1973.

Mr. Zempel retired last month after 12 years with the Manhattan offices of Time Warner and a predecessor company. He earlier was with the Singer Co. for 25 years at its Manhattan offices.

He earned a bachelor's degree and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan. Mr. Zempel received a law degree from the New York University

law school.

He was president, vice president and treasurer of Messiah Lutheran Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Janette; a daughter, Carole New Brunswick; and a sister, Sally Trafelet of Rogers City.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church, 630 E. Front St., Plainfield, N.J. 07060, or Plainfield Area Humane Society, P.O. Box 074, Plainfield, N.J. 07063.

Marion Brown

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marion Brown, 73, died June 20, 1999 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was born in Cranford and lived in Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains in 1981.

Mrs. Brown had resided in North Plainfield since 1991. She was a member of the National Federation for the Blind.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Jr. of South Plainfield and Bruce L. of Rahway; three daughters, Beatrice C. Braxton of Clinton, Md., Darlene R. King of Newark and Sharon Z. of North Plainfield; two sons-in-law, Kenneth Braxton of Maryland

and James Cooley of Scotch Plains; two daughters-in-law, Darlene L. of South Plainfield and Theria Montclair; a brother, Walter Davis, and a sister, Gladys Roach, both of Elizabeth; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Another daughter, Sylvia Brown Cooley, died in 1996.

Funeral services were held Friday at the New Zion Baptist Church in Elizabeth. Burial was in Roschill Cemetery, Linden.

Arrangements were by the Hicks Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

Ruth W. Alzua

WESTFIELD — Ruth Wakefield Alzua, 71, died June 27, 1999 at her home. She was born in Newark and had lived for more than 39 years in Westfield.

Mrs. Alzua graduated in 1945 from the Mount Holyoke College of Nursing in Boston, Mass.

Surviving are a daughter,

Christine D. Hynes of Westfield; two sons, Richard C. of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Raymond W. of Murray Hill; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Cannonball House open July 4

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains, will be open to visitors on July 4 from 2-4 p.m.

The original owners, Jonathan and Abigail Osborn, raised eight children in this small, circa 1760, salt box farm house.

Jonathan was an inn-keeper, farmer and tailor. Three of the Osborn sons enlisted in the army when the Revolutionary War broke out. David, the eldest, became a captain, John Baldwin was the second son to enlist and the youngest, Jonathan Hand, was only 16 when he joined the troops as a drummer boy.

Docents will give tours of the museum and surrounding herb and floral gardens. There is no admission charge.

Post Card Show coming to Clark

CLARK — The eighth annual Post Card Show, sponsored by the Central Jersey Deltiological Society Inc., will be held on Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark.

Twenty-five outstanding dealers will offer a large selection of old-to-modern post cards and ephemera for sale. The show will also feature post card exhibits, door prizes, free publications, and membership information to the Society. Ample parking and food are available. A \$1 donation is requested.

Drama workshops at Watchung Library

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Public Library, 12 Stirling Rd., is offering a series of drama classes for children and teens. Registration for Youth Stage Acting workshops are now being accepted. Two sessions for ages 4-8 will be on July 14, 3 p.m. and Aug. 9, 2 p.m. Two sessions for ages 9 and up will be offered July 1, 11 a.m. and Aug. 19, 11 a.m. Come in or call the library to sign up (908) 561-0117.

Gallery will have summer exhibition

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eugenie Gallery will present "Summer Salon 1999," featuring a variety of original work by artists Christina Buschiazio, Adam S. Garrett, Gilberti, Owen Kanzler, Zaza Khabuliani, Clara Manheim-Liss, Kelvin McClendon, Ray A. Mobley, Mario Robinson, and Peter Syak, now Sept. 17.

Gallery summer hours through Sept. 3 are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Nakeerah Hood, 9, still has strawberry cream pie on her face after Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan declared her the winner of the pie-eating contest at the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee held recently at Warinaco Park.

Union County to host all-day Blues Jam July 4 festival

The Union County government presents its version of red, white and the blues when it hosts the Independence Day Blues Jam, an all-day festival on the Fourth of July.

Continuous entertainment provided by well known bands from both in New Jersey and out will help celebrate Independence Day with spirit. This blues festival takes place in Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, July 4. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is organizing the festival.

"It is our pleasure to bring this terrific form of entertainment to Plainfield on the Fourth of July," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari. "Blues is an appropriate choice of music to help celebrate the Fourth of July, and we hope that all residents of Union County feel free to join us on that day."

The Independence Day Blues Jam will feature a main stage, offering continuous, live entertainment. Admission is free. There will be various food vendors selling barbecue and other treats. Attendees are also encouraged to bring their own picnics, spread a blanket and enjoy.

"We hope that residents of Union County will take advantage of this free concert and start a tradition by sharing their Fourth of July with us," Scutari said. "The free concert will present five acts in five hours, with a great mix of music for young and old alike."

Headlining that day will be Robert Lockwood Jr., adopted son of legendary Robert Johnson, an innovative guitarist and a role model for blues aficionados around the world. Lockwood began singing and playing the guitar at 13 in his home

town of Turkey Scratch, Ark., and made his home in Cleveland for the last 35 years. Throughout the years, he has teamed with numerous legendary blues artists, among them B.B. King, Sonny Boy Williamson and Muddy Waters. He has been described as a musician's musician, and is considered one of the few remaining legends of the blues.

Completing the lineup is Carl Weathersby, a guitarist-vocalist-songwriter who mixes Southern charm, honesty, husky and soulful vocals and fierce guitar playing. His cordless guitar allows him to roam freely offstage, and he often takes advantage of that to play face to face with his audiences. In 1999, Weathersby was nominated for three prestigious W.C. Handy Awards: Contemporary Blues Male Artist of the Year, Best Instrumentalist-Guitar and Blues Artist Most Deserving Wider Recognition.

Also performing will be the Funky Black Widow Band, Joe Tantor & The Blue Flame and Blunt Force.

"The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders believes strongly in making this county a place where we want to work, live and raise our children," Scutari said. "As part of its responsibility to its residents, we are pleased to present events like this one that promotes the quality of life for all of our residents."

For directions or more information, call (908) 436-2900.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is presenting the Independence Day Blues Jam along with its sponsors: Corner 1, the United Way of Union County and Wyndham Garden Hotel of Elizabeth.

Hanover Wind Symphony set to perform on Village Green

SCOTCH PLAINS — On July 8, the Hanover Wind Symphony will perform a 90-minute concert on the Village Green in Scotch Plains adjacent to the municipal building. The Hanover Wind Symphony is a unique extension of the great American tradition of adult amateur music performances. One of a handful of outstanding community-based wind orchestras in the northeast, the Hanover Wind Symphony differs from a symphony orchestra

in that its instrumentation includes wind, brass and percussion instruments exclusively (no strings).

The theme for this year's concert will be America, Her Heritage Through Music. This is the 14th season that the band is presenting concerts. The founder and music director is Peter Boor, who also serves as the conductor. Several world class soloists perform with the symphony including Philip Smith, Joseph Alessi, Robert

Sullivan, David Singer, Mark Gould, Dr. Mary Ann Craig, Don Butterfield and Scott Mendoker.

Free birch beer will be provided at the concert thanks to Robert Monti of Abatech Industries. The Cultural Arts Committee will be raffling off tickets for framed Monet, Au Jardin, to be given away the night of the concert.

For further information call the Recreation Office at 322-6700.

Traveling Jubilee

Freeholders to present Kids Kingdom

Continuous entertainment for children will be the highlight of the upcoming Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee, an outdoor children's festival planned for three dates this summer. Each event will take place in a County-owned park.

This traveling festival will be held July 18 at Rahway Park, Rahway, and on Aug. 15 at the Watchung Reservation, Loop Area, Mountainside, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is organizing the traveling festival and it is being presented by Union County Government and NU/Elizabethtown Gas.

"We have created a fantasy playland, with activities that will entertain and educate children of all ages," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the county's Board of Freeholders. "Our county parks are beautiful and well-maintained, providing a wonderful outlet for enjoyment for families in Union County. We look forward to transforming these parks into entertainment kingdoms, and guarantee a day that children and adults alike won't soon forget."

The Jubilee will feature a main stage, offering free, live entertainment. School House Rock will be performed by Mystick Vision Players, Kidproy will get kids up on the stage, Brother Saalik Cuevas will provide interactive storytelling, M'zame & The Mardi Gras Band will lead children in a lively parade, and pie-eating contests will take place for all to view.

Rides, games, hay rides, pony rider, yo-yo demonstrations, face painting, jugglers, court jesters, and other forms of fun will be available. County services will also be highlighted with the inclusion of finger printing by the Sheriff's office, a K-9 unit's live demonstration, a Nature Center scavenger hunt with prizes, and an opportunity to check out the biggest equipment and largest

trucks that the Public Works Department has to offer.

An arts and crafts tent will be a major source of enjoyment, allowing children to create musical instruments, masks, and flowers that they can then wear and use in the Mardi Gras Parade.

"We hope that families with children of all ages will take advantage of one, two or all three events. It is designed as a fantasy land for children, and kids will be delighted by the variety of entertainers and activities available," said Scutari.

There will be various vendors selling food and drinks geared to children's tastes, and pleasant areas to sit, eat, and enjoy. Families are also encouraged to bring their own food, with plenty of areas to picnic during the course of the afternoon.

Along with the second annual Jersey Jazz By The Lake to take place in Nomahegan Park in Cranford in September, the Independence Day Blues Jam to take place in Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield on the Fourth of July, and the County's free concerts presented throughout the summer at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee is another in a series of events designed to promote the arts and quality of life initiatives on an on-going basis.

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Directions and further information can be obtained by calling (908) 436-2900.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is presenting this event in conjunction with NU/Elizabethtown Gas and the sponsorship of the United Way, Tosco, Ikea, and Toys 'R Us.

Gallery will feature Polish artist's portraits

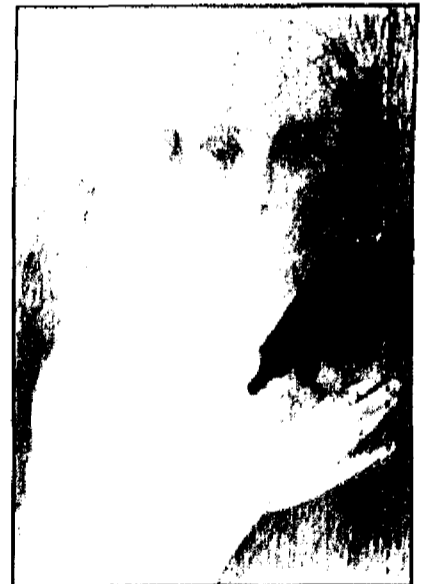
CLARK — The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present the exhibit of drawings by Agata Konior, artist from Poland. The show runs from July 9 to Aug. 6.

The opening reception is planned for July 9, 8:30-10:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend, meet the artist, enjoy light refreshments and view the art. Admission is free.

Agata Konior lives in Cracow, Poland. She graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Cracow in 1984, received diploma with award.

The same year she was a recipient of a Scholarship for Young Artists from the Ministry of Arts and Culture. Konior studied at the Faculty of Painting in the workshops of Professor Tadeusz Brzozowski, Professor Stanislaw Rodzinski and Professor Zbylut Grzywacz.

Her works can be found in permanent collections of art departments in the United States, such as Guilford College, Moravian College, Bethlehem, College of Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Warren Wilson College-Swannanoa, University of Bridgeport, and in many pri-



BY AGATA KONIA

vate collections.

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization, is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. The gallery is open to the public Tuesday to Friday, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information call Aleksandra Nowak, gallery director, at (732) 382-7197.

Westfield will be filled with 'Sweet Sounds Downtown'

WESTFIELD — The third annual "Sweet Sounds Downtown" jazz performances will be held in downtown Westfield 7-9 p.m. July 6, 13 and 20, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We are excited about having the musicians return this year to entertain, hopper, and diner in downtown Westfield," said Debbie Schmidt, Chamber executive director.

On Tuesday, Terraplane Blues will perform on Central Avenue, near Bombay, Bradford Hayes will be playing on the corner of Quimby and Elm streets at the Rodden Building, NJ Workshop for the Arts will set up its 12 piece band on the corner of Elm and East Broad streets at the First Union Bank. The Tom Cohen Trio will be located on E. Broad Street near the Leader Store, and the Tom Butts Quartet will be on the corner of E. Broad and Central Avenue by Gap Kids.

"People should plan to have dinner at one of Westfield's fine restaurants, many offering outdoor dining at their sidewalk cafes, and bring folding chairs if they would like to sit and enjoy the music," said Michael La Place, DWC executive director. "Having music playing throughout the downtown creates a welcoming ambience for everyone."

For more information, call the Chamber at 233-3021, or the DWC at 789-9444.

WYACT returns to NJPAC

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 16-26) 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 per-

formed in the U.S. 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."



The Perlman, Nikkanen and Bailey Trio will perform as part of Rutgers University's SummerFest.

Symphony announces subscription in series

WESTFIELD With Eastern Europe in upheaval and violence making the headlines domestically, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, Union County's resident orchestra, announced that enchantment will be the change-of-pace theme of its 1999/2000 concert season offerings.

David Wroe, music director, said "The WSO makes the transition from the 20th century to the new millennium celebrating the positive and uplifting spirit in us all. If I had but one word to encapsulate the essence of our Season of Enchantment, it would most certainly be 'joy'."

The orchestra's new season opens on Oct. 9 at Union County Arts Center, where it is the resident orchestra, with a concert that invites the audience to the

dance, first through Dance Episodes from Copland's Rodeo and then through Sarasate's steamy Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Dances). Also featured are Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 and Rhapsody for Violin, the work of the orchestra's composer in residence, Richard Nanes. The soloists for Gypsy Dances and the Nanes composition is a violinist Zina Schiff, a protegee of Jascha Heifetz.

The current popularity of the tango is recognized through the orchestra's concert on Nov. 20 at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield in which it will present Three Orchestral Tangos by the Argentinean composer, Piazzolla. One of today's most highly acclaimed cellists, Hai-Ye-Ni performs Dvorak's Cello Concerto.

The concert culminates in Symphony No. 4 by Finland's master composer, Sibelius.

For its Valentine's Day special treat on Feb. 12, at Union County Arts Center, the orchestra "plays along with" Ohio award-winner Bob Berk, a classically trained "musical clown" whose performances Wroe characterizes transcending age, culture and language.

This concert also features DeFalla's El Amor Brujo (Love, The Magician) and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

Back at Union County Arts Center on April 1, piano virtuoso Joshua Pierce pays tribute to Duke Ellington for a return engagement with the orchestra after his acclaimed interpretation of Gershwin during the 1998-1999 season. Pierce is

later joined by his duo-piano partner, Dorothy Jonas, for their rendition of Mozart's Concerto No. 10 for Two Pianos. The concert also features a new composition by New Jersey composer, Mark McGurty. For the evening's capstone Wroe has chosen Brahms' Symphony No. 3.

Opera in concert is traditionally the finale presentation of the WSO season at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. May 13 will see the orchestra and a select group of soloists chosen by Wroe present Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

To receive a copy of a brochure outlining the WSO's 1999-2000 subscription concert season call (908) 232-9400 or visit the WSO on-line at <http://www.westfieldnj.com/wso>.

SummerFest will feature trio playing classic chamber music

NEW BRUNSWICK—A musical dynasty continues as pianist Navah Perlman, violinist Kurt Nikkanen and cellist Zuill Bailey combine their love of chamber music and exceptional talents to form an exhilarating trio that will perform 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at the Nicholas Music Center, George Street, Douglass Campus.

Tickets are \$24. Perlman, Nikkanen, and Bailey take the piano trio ensemble mechanics and forge ahead in a performance style that is unique and full of first rate musicianship. Performing the works of Beethoven and Brahms the youthful and vivacious vitality of their performance is rooted in an up bringing that strongly concentrates on the power of music.

Written in 1816 during a period that saw Beethoven concentrate on smaller works, *Variations in G Major* on "Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu," Opus 121a opens the program with various of a popular melody.

In contrast with this work the trio will perform Beethoven's Piano

Trio in D Major ("Ghost"), Opus 70, No. 1, a set of trios for piano and strings, written in 1808, a very productive year that saw the completion of the Fifth Symphony and the Piano Concerto No. 4, as well as the composition of the Sixth Symphony and the "Choral Fantasy."

Culminating the program is Brahms' Piano Trio in C Major, Opus 87, making his return to the piano trio since the mid 1850's and being part of the beginning of a decade full of intense chamber music composition.

Rutgers SummerFest 99 begins July 3 and runs through July 3, in the Nicholas Music Center, George Street, Douglass Campus, New Brunswick. A SummerPass which grants premium access to all main 22 SummerFest events occurring in New Brunswick is available for only \$160, at a 70 percent discount off the single ticket price.

For more information and tickets, call (732) 932-7511.

NJ Photography Forum to hold annual juried show

WATCHUNG The New Jersey Photography Forum's annual juried show will be on display from July 13 through Aug. 13 at the Watchung Arts Center, after which it will travel to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, remaining on view there through the end of September.

The show will be curated by Nancy J. Ori and Michael Creem and judged by Joan Good, executive director of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit and Larry Cappiello,

director of the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Photographers are invited to submit one or two prints to be considered for exhibition. The exhibit is open to any photographer able to hand deliver their work to the Watchung Arts Center on July 10, between 1 and 4 p.m.

The entry cost for members of the Arts Center is \$15, while the cost to non-members is \$25. Entries are limited in size to no larger than 30 x 40 inches and should be professionally pre-

sented and wired for hanging.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at which time awards will be presented.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is dedicated to furthering the interests of professional and serious photographers living and or working in New Jersey.

The group is now in its fifth year of development and has become the largest and most recognized group of fine art pho-

tographers in the state, rivaled only by the American Society of Media Photographers, ASMP, who are commercially based.

Its monthly meetings at the Watchung Arts Center encourage attendees to share expertise and advance their skills.

The meetings provide access to creative and technical information.

Simple presentations, examples and demonstrations by manufacturers are given regularly and photographers have an opportunity to display their work for critique by others. Exhibition possibilities within the fine art community are explored.

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Juggling troupe to visit Trailside

The Give and Take Jugglers, a versatile group of quick-handed performers, will amuse and astonish visitors at Trailside Nature and Science Center on July 14 at 1:30 p.m.

This show is part of Trailside's Wednesday Matinee summer series for children aged 4 and up, accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$4 per person.

For more information about this show or other shows call Trailside at (908) 789-3670. Trailside is located at 425 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

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CHS plans exhibition of photos, oil paintings

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) will present the work of photographers James J. Stachecki and Purnima Gandhi, along with oil paintings by Sharon Miller during June and July.

Stachecki, an amateur nature photographer who holds a Ph.D. in physiology and works in a reproductive research lab at St. Barnabas Medical Center, has set a major career objective for himself - to help conserve endangered animals, specifically cats, by utilizing his training as a reproductive physiologist and photographer.

He hopes to increase public awareness of endangered animals through his photographs.

Over the past several years, Stachecki has exhibited his photos and received numerous contest awards. His work has been published in magazines including Nature Photography. Most recently, Stachecki was named winner in the "plant life" category in World Wildlife Fund's annual photo contest.

Stachecki teaches photography to both beginner and advanced photo enthusiasts.

Through her photography exhibition at CSH, Journey to the Source of the Ganges River in the Himalayas, Gandhi shares her journeys through the most revered symbols of Indian civilization and culture.

Gandhi was born in Bombay and was encouraged by her family to pursue her interest in the arts and humanities. After graduating from the University of Bombay with degrees in business and law, she came to New York to study photography at the Fashion Institute of Technology where she graduated magna cum laude. Her photographs and articles have been published in newspapers and periodicals in India.

A student of Indian scriptures and philosophy, Gandhi has attended spiritual study camps and made three trips through the Himalayan Mountains. Photographs from these journeys are featured in her exhibition.

Miller's CSH exhibition, comprised of portraits and landscapes in oil, will feature work in both small and large format.

Since a recent return to full-time painting after a career as a freelance commercial artist, obtaining her New Jersey Teachers Certification and raising two young children, Miller has shown her work throughout New Jersey and, at present, studies with artist Dorothy Yung.

Children's Specialized Hospital's art exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., daily.

Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the ambulance entry.

All of the artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the hospital.

Thai House in Scotch Plains offers fine dining

SCOTCH PLAINS — Thai House, featuring fine Thai cuisine, is located in Olympia Plaza, 2532 Route 22 East in Scotch Plains.

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Ped Siam (\$13.95) — Crispy roast duck topped with hot sauce, cashew nuts.

Koong Pad Phed (\$12.95) — Sauteed jumbo shrimp with red curry, coconut milk, bamboo shoots, string beans and Thai basil.

Appetizers featured include:

Chicken Satay (\$4.95) — Chicken marinated in Thai herbs, charcoaled, served with peanut sauce and cucumber salad.

Thai Dumpling (\$5.95) — Steamed crab meat, shrimp, chicken wrapped with wonton skin and served with home made sauce.

Yum Ped Yung (\$6.95) — Crispy duck with ginger, onion, peanut, chili and lime juice.

Tom Yim Kai (soup, \$3.50) — Hot and sour chicken soup with lemon grass, mushroom chili and lime juice.



Paul Ruangsirin, left, prepares the delicious taste treats, such as Pad Thai (above), rice noodles sauteed with shrimp, egg and ground peanuts, and Ped Siam (below), crispy roast duck topped with hot sauce and cashew nuts.



Saul Broudy to bring his soulful harmonica to Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG — On July 24, at 8 p.m., the Watchung Arts Center presents Saul Broudy, one of the finest harmonica players in folk circles across the country. Not only does Broudy play a mean harmonica, but his tenor voice and masterful guitar playing make him part of American culture. His career spans 20 years of performance in virtually every major folk music venue. He is an Broudy is comfortable with his audience as he combines experience with expertise and flair presenting a repertoire based on his travel to such places as the Cajun sound in Southern

Louisiana, hobo songs from the midwest, jazz and blues from Kansas City and the honky tonk sound from Texas.

Broudy holds a Ph.D. in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia where he grew up and now lives. He tours all over the U.S. and Canada and recently finished a European tour.

Broudy involves the audience with sing-along and clapping fun, while giving them a bit of the history of the song and its life. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling (909) 753-0190.

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Sports

Great tune, bad time for writer's road race

To be hummed to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," because there's nothing like Christmas in July.

On Sunday at Pine Beach I ran in the 5K, and here's all the folks who beat me.

In the first mile my legs were lead, and one who dusted me

Was the war vet with a bum knee.

The neighbors had sprinklers on, and kids were laughing at me, Just like two moms with strollers, and a war vet with a bum knee.

The mile marker came, they said my time was 7:03

Unlike the three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

My insides felt knotted but volunteers ignored my plea,

So did four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

The tailwind was nice, but blacktop temps reached 93

I was cooked by five prom queens,

As well as four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

The water station was dry, there was no relief for me

Just for six brats with Keds, And five prom queens,

Four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

With half the race to go my mouth was dry as potpourri

Not for seven pregnant mothers, six brats with Keds, Five prom queens,

Four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

By the looks on people's faces you'd think I had leprosy,

Take the eight sumo wrestlers, seven pregnant mothers, six brats with Keds,

Five prom queens,

Four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

Two miles down, a three-seat baby carriage passed me,

So did nine monks in sandals, eight sumo wrestlers, seven pregnant mothers, six brats with Keds,

Five prom queens,

Four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

Making the turn for home, the paramedics followed me

But not the ten supermodels, nine monks in sandals, eight sumo wrestlers, seven pregnant mothers, six brats with Keds,

Five prom queens,

Four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

Staggering toward the finish, the judges heckled me,

So did eleven guys with leg braces, ten supermodels, nine monks in sandals, eight sumo wrestlers, seven pregnant mothers, six brats with Keds,

Five prom queens,

Four pinochle ladies, three high school freshmen, two moms with strollers and a war vet with a bum knee.

When I crossed the tape my wife said, "What took so long? Did you break a knee?"

I said, "No, my legs were wobbly, my headache was pounding, my stomach was in knots, I stepped in a pothole, my shoes kept getting untied, the route was confusing, a bird crapped on my shoulder, the strollers hit my heels, the leaders knocked me down, and 7-Eleven had a special on Slurpees."

(Rich Bevenssee is the sports editor of the Cranford Chronicle.)

Antonelli's new habit - running with a cause

Westfield resident helping stamp out diabetes

By RICH BEVENSSEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Running a marathon had barely crossed Pat Antonelli's mind when she was in her athletic prime. In fact, up until 12 years ago the only thing Antonelli thought about was where her next pack of smokes would come from.

"I was the classic girl in college — Diet Coke in one hand and a Marlboro in the other," Antonelli said.

But 12 years ago, Antonelli replaced cigarettes with running, and last October she completed the reversal by finishing the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. This fall, the 39-year-old Westfield resident will have taken her training one step further, when she runs the Dublin Marathon in Ireland Oct. 25 and donates the money she raises to the American Diabetes Association.

"You gotta do something big," Antonelli said when asked why she's going overseas to raise money for the disease. "Diabetes is one of the few diseases that can be controlled by diet and

exercise. I'm leading by example for my own children. If this inspires anyone that that could control it, by talking a walk or whatever, then I've done my job."

"She is a very special person to take her own time out and travel across the ocean at her expense to raise money for the disease. We (my wife and I) were astonished. The dedication of Mrs. Antonelli is an inspiration."

— Steven Caruso
diabetic, on Westfield marathoner Pat Antonelli

Antonelli is not so much concerned with how she finishes the race, but that she finishes it with her goal achieved — to raise money for diabetes. Her family has been blessed with good health, Antonelli said, but two

people in her social circle have the disease.

"My best friend's brother has got juvenile diabetes," Antonelli said. "He's been blind since his early 20s, he's had two kidney transplants and he takes like 90 pills a day. And he goes to work as an executive at Lipton. He's an incredible guy and he has an incredible outlook on life."

A friend of Antonelli's husband, Union County Bureau Chief of Security Steven Caruso, also has the disease. Caruso, an insulin dependent diabetic, helps raise money for the American Diabetes Association in Union County.

"I really feel a connection with people who have diabetes," Antonelli said. "I love the fact they think me running a marathon is cool."

The American Diabetes Association, founded in 1940, is the leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy, and it provides services to more than 800 communities nationwide. According to Caruso, nearly 16 million Americans have diabetes — including



Westfield resident Pat Antonelli, here with her 5-year-old daughter Grace, will compete in the Dublin Marathon in Ireland Oct. 25 in order to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

30,000 in Union County alone — and 8.9 percent don't know they have the disease. The disease has claimed more than 170,000 lives, making it the fourth-leading cause of death in the U.S.

"My wife and I chair the walk for diabetes in Union County, and Mrs. Antonelli and her husband came to us in September and asked what they could do for our cause of death in the U.S."

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Secodn baseman Randy Majocho tags out Springfield's matt Del Mauro in recent Westfield American Legion Post 3 baseball action. As of June 29, Westfield had lost its last two and was 4-7 overall.

Empty dugouts plague Westfield

By RICH BEVENSSEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — It only makes sense. A full complement of players at the games will lead to more compliments after them.

Bob Flynn's Westfield American Legion Post 3 baseball team is a strong club when the dugout is full, but that was not the case last week. Westfield scored one run in two losses and went 1-2 in the past week, with losses to Union (13-1) and Roselle (7-0), and a victory over Kenilworth (10-4), and is treading water at 4-7 overall.

"We only had nine guys show up and that's what happens when you don't have your whole team," said Flynn of the Union affair Monday. "We had no pitching. It wasn't even a contest."

As for the Roselle contest Sunday, the usually potent Westfield lineup managed two hits. Nick Geisler had a one-hitter going through three innings before he was forced to leave for a personal commitment. Randy Majocho took the loss in relief.

"We played well for three innings and then all hell broke loose," Flynn said, referring to a bases-loaded error in the fourth inning that proved to be the difference. "But the way Nick

pitched, he showed he has come a long way."

About the only good news Flynn had game-wise was the performance of recent Westfield graduate Luke Mistretta in the Kenilworth game June 24. The right-hander whiffed 14 in a complete-game effort and went 4 for 5 with a home run and three RBI.

Mistretta is 3-0 with a 3.68 ERA for the Legion team, with 22 strikeouts in 19 innings pitched. "He's what I call a warm-weather player," Flynn said. "He can really crank it up in warm weather. He did well in the high school season, don't get me wrong. But he's gotten tougher this summer."

In the Kenilworth game, the game was tied at 3-3 after four innings when Westfield broke loose with a six-run fifth.

Through June 26, outfielder Michael Duells leads the team in hitting (.440, 11 for 25), but catcher Brian Flynn (.394) has more at bats and hits (13 for 33). Seven of Flynn's hits are extra-base knocks (two doubles, four triples, one home run), and he's chalked a team-high 14 RBI.

Westfield travels to Elizabeth for a 5:45 p.m. Monday contest, and hosts Clark 5:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Late rallies twice as nice for St. Thomas

Come-from-behind rallies were the main staple for the St. Thomas softball team, the only team to win twice last week in the St. Bart's Old-Timers Softball League, and the club did it against the top and bottom teams in its division.

St. Thomas team sponsor Joe Shea led a fourth-inning rally to boost the squad past Angels Division cellar-dweller St. Joseph, 7-4.

Pat Nigro drove in three runs on two hits and Tom Henderson also had two hits for St. Thomas, which improved to 3-4 overall.

For St. Joseph, Dave Rothenberg had three hits including a home run, Rich Worth had two hits and Al Antoine scored twice.

Tom Swales collected four hits and St. Thomas scored eight runs in its last two at bats to defeat division leader St. Louis (4-2), 13-6. Art Hobbble had two hits and three RBI for the winners and Ben Loblance added two hits.

St. Louis team captain Marty Lillis had three hits, and Steve Murano, Lou DeCristofaro and Billy Hicks each had two.

St. James gained a share of first place with St. Patrick in the Saints Division at 5-2 with a 13-8 decision over St. Michael.

Tom Ulichny led St. James with two hits and four RBI, while Stan Lesniewski, Larry Szenyio and Bill Lawrence had

three hits each. For St. Mike's, Glen Walz and Nick Litterio had three hits each, and Bob Veeck, Dom Valenzano and Ron Del Prete had two hits.

St. Patrick 13, St. Blaise 5 — St. Patrick scored eight runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to break a 5-5 tie. Brian Williams drove in three runs, while Steve Pietrucha, Lee DiDonato and Wayne Morse

St. Bart Old-Timers Softball League Standings as of June 25

Angels Division		
	W	L
St. Louis	4	2
St. Jude	4	4
St. Anne	3	3
St. Thomas	3	4
St. Joseph	1	6
Saints Division		
	W	L
St. James	5	2
St. Patrick	5	2
St. Michael	4	3
St. Paul	3	4
St. Blaise	1	7

had two hits. St. Blaise got two hits each from Tom Reade, Dave Hagan and Jack Quinn.

St. Paul 8, St. Patrick 2 — St. Paul checked in with five

first-inning runs to claim the lead for good. Team captain Paul Nadolny had three hits and two RBI, Wes Chase and Mike Hayeck had two hits each, and Tom Kucin scored two runs.

Karl Mende had three hits for St. Patrick and Erik Baum had two hits.

St. Michael 24, St. Blaise 12 — In an offensive showcase, St. Mike's Lou Balestriere and Dan Perrine gathered four hits each. Randy Grizzard banged out three hits and collected five RBI, and John Chupko and Dom Valenzano each had three hits.

Tony Williams and Tom Reade each scored three runs for St. Blaise, while Dave Hagan added three hits.

St. Anne 8, St. Joseph 0 — St. Anne broke open a close game with five runs in the top of the seventh inning. Pete DiCristofaro, Wally Bradshaw, Rich Chaplin and Fran Liehard had two hits for the winners. Al Weber, Ed Marchelitis, Howie Jones and Mark DiFrancesco slapped hits for St. Joe's.

St. Louis 10, St. Jude 8 — St. Louis, led by Bill Mitchell's four RBI, held off a late-inning rally for the win. Team captain Marv Scherb, Marty Lillis, Rory Ruhl and Lou DeCristofaro had two hits each.

For St. Jude, Tommy Straniero had three hits, Steve Ferro and Steve Pirella each had two hits, and Mike Brennan drove in three runs.



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Star turn for Turner

Halfback and safety Lamont Turner, a recent Westfield High graduate, represented the Blue Devils on the North squad at the 21st annual North-South All-Star Football Classic June 26 at Rutgers. Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina was a member of the North's coaching staff. The South rallied from two scores down to win, 22-19, and boosted its series lead to 11-8-2. Ted Trump of Delran High completed 18 of 29 passes for 318 yards and three touchdowns and earned MVP honors.

Firecracker Four-Miler, in 20th renewal, never above repair

By RICH BEVENSEE

WESTFIELD — In 1996, then-race director John Bashaw offered cash awards out of his own pocket for anyone male and female who could break the course record at the Cranford Jaycees Firecracker Four-Miler on July 4. The race produced not only a record crowd, but a deficit in Bashaw's wallet, as both the men's and women's record were broken, forcing Bashaw to fork over \$1,000 in prize money.

That was Bashaw's farewell gift to the race after serving 10 years as race director. There are no outrageous cash awards to claim in Sunday's event, but the Firecracker Four-Miler, now in its 20th year, promises to continue the three-year old growing trend.

"Last year we had about 1,200 people sign up, and that includes close to 1,000 people in the 4-mile race," said John Williams, in his second year as race director. "This year should be amore of the same. We would like 1,200 a little more, but we have a good number."

The race begins and ends in Cranford's Nomahegan Park. The one-mile fun run begins 9 a.m. and the 4-mile race is 9:30 a.m. First-place male and female finishers receive \$250, while second- and third-place finishers receive \$100 and \$50, respectively.

Last year's winners were Rachid Razguaoui (19:04), the 1997 runner-up, and Kristen Hall (23:08), a former All-American at North Carolina State. The course records were set in 1996, by Lhoussine Siba (18:13) and Alicia Kelly (21:04).

Westfield High cross country and track coach Jack Martin is a Cranford resident and a race supporter from the beginning. Martin and eight other people put the event together in 1979, and 225 runners participated. Martin's wife designed the first T-shirt.

"It was a time when local races could take off on their own," Martin said. "We started off with virtually no sponsorship."

The program has obviously grown, but not without hitting a few speed bumps along the way.

"Whenever the centennial for

the Statue of Liberty was, everybody that year ran that one, and we wound up with 300 extra T-shirts for our race," Martin said.

That was the only time race planners were stuck with such a load, but the director and planning committee meet a few weeks after each race at what Bashaw called a "post-mortem" meeting, to pick apart the race for its pros and cons.

"It's pretty challenging, but we have a core group of people helping out," Williams said.

"It's gotten harder because

some of the old-timers are fading out of the picture. A lot of stuff really isn't written down. You just pick things up from people that have been involved."

"What I love about the race," Williams added, "is seeing all the community spirit, all the people who want to come to our town on July 4, and sacrifice their holiday just for this."

For those interested in signing up on race day, registration fees are \$7 for the mile run and \$15 for the 4-mile race. Registration opens 7:45 a.m.

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Bernstein defends 800 title
Irwin Bernstein, of Westfield, won a gold medal at the Garden State Athletic Club's annual Track and Field Classic Sunday at Randolph High School. Bernstein, representing the Shore Athletic Club in the 65-69 age group, successfully defended his 800-meter title in 2:45.37.

Adult Softball
The Westfield adult pickup softball league offers three games every Sunday through November. Interested players should meet at the Memorial Pool Park Field, behind the tennis courts.

All games are slow-pitch. The first 20 people to show up start Game 1, and a new game begins every 90 minutes.

The next 10 people play the winners of the first game, etc. Games run 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, call David Waxtel at (908) 232-5762.

Baseball Camps
SportSMARTS Baseball Camps will hold summer day camps, advanced player camps, baseball basics, prospect and showcase camps, private lessons and coaches clinics throughout Union County. Call Paul Reddick for details at (908) 686-6057.

Westfield Little League
Open registration is under way for Westfield girls and boys K-5 to play in-town Little League baseball this summer. No tryouts are necessary and everyone plays in each game. Play will commence in late June or early July. Practice and games will be played on weekday evenings. Registration forms were sent home to every student in Westfield elementary schools, and they are also available at Kehler's Athletic Balance on South Avenue, and at The Leader Store on East Broad Street. For additional information call the Westfield Little League hotline: (908) 233-4767.

Raiders Wrestling Camp
Mike Artigliere, head wrestling coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High, plans on taking the team's returning members to the Delaware Valley wrestling camp July 11-15. Incoming freshmen interested in joining the team are welcome to attend this camp. Incoming students should contact Artigliere at the high school's athletic department, at (908) 889-4882.

Raiders Soccer Camp
The 1999 Raiders Soccer Camp, under the direction of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Head Coach Tom Breznitsky and Roger Bongaerts of the Dutch Soccer Academy (a full-time professional coaching school), will be offered July 12-16 and Aug. 2-6 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High, home of the seven-time state champion boys soccer team. The featured clinician for the girls is four-time All-American Nickie Kelly, who plays profes-

sionally for the Jersey Stallions. There is a separate goalkeeper program under the direction of Jeff Gillie, an All-Stater from Scotch Plains and presently the starting keeper at Princeton. There are three soccer fields and two indoor gymnasiums available. The camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-17 (grades K-11). Players are grouped according to ability level and range from beginner to advanced. For a brochure, call (908) 322-6102.

Girls Hoops Camps
The Watchung Mountain Girls Basketball Camp, directed by Union Catholic Head Coach Kathy Matthews, will be July 12-16 at Union Catholic High. The camp is for players entering grades 8-12. The Watchung Mountain Junior Girls Basketball Camp will be June 28-July 2 for players entering grades 4-9. For further information on either camp contact Rocco Letieri or Kathy Matthews at (908) 889-1600.

Westfield is helping stamp out diabetes

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Caruso said, "She is a very special person to take her own time out and travel across the ocean at her expense to raise money for the disease. We were astonished. The dedication of Mrs. Antonelli is an inspiration."

Antonelli, admittedly, wasn't always inspired to run, let alone for a cause. She never competed in athletics while at Red Bank Catholic High School or at King's College, in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. Then she married Sal Antonelli, and when they were ready to raise a family, she checked the butts at the door.

"I didn't want to smoke and be pregnant, so I got into got running," said Antonelli, who has two children, Peter, 10, and Grace, 5. "It was either that, or smoke and weigh 400 pounds. I wasn't really athletic, so I got into running because no one is going to stop their car and say, 'What is she doing?'"

No one is questioning Antonelli now, especially since she has a marathon under her belt. Completing the Marine Corps Marathon last fall was a triumphant stride for her confidence, Antonelli said, because she was able to balance children, a career (she is a sales representative with

Flexpac, a cosmetic packing company in South Plainfield), some semblance of a social life and numerous weeks of rigorous training.

"Not one second did I say to myself, 'I can't do this,'" Antonelli said. "I was sobbing when I could see the finish line, going around the Iwo Jima monument. It was so flippin' cool. It was a huge thrill, knowing you've done something a very tiny percent of the population can do."

"Part of my training was never doubting it before I did it. It's gotten me through other difficult times in my life."

Antonelli said she wants to raise between \$3,000-5,000 for diabetes before she departs for Ireland with her husband and her training partner, John Litinsky.

Those interested in making a contribution to Antonelli's run for diabetes, contact Karen Drzik at (877) 469-7979, extension 16, or send donations to Pat Antonelli, c/o Karen Drzik, American Diabetes Association, 200 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, N.J., 08873.

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 18 Van Buren Ave. from Leonard J. & Helen M. King to Prakash & Charlotte Daryani for \$218,000.
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Sue Checchio's success reflects her philosophy of 'caring'

WESTFIELD - What has made Sue Checchio successful, and the top Sales Associate of the Year (1998) at Prudential Realty's Westfield Office, is her philosophy of 'caring' about her customers. Hers is an inherent and genuine concern.

"It really is simple. I know the pressure that a family feels when they're purchasing a home and all I want them to know is that I care, and that I'll do all I can to find them the right home and negotiate the best possible terms" says Sue. "When representing a seller, I share with them my unique marketing strategies to help them sell their home as quickly as possible for the best price and terms. Successful marketing of a home is like successful marketing of any product. Maximum exposure and properly positioning the home in the marketplace is key."

When word circulates about town that Prudential is a company that has an old-fashioned work ethic, it's not difficult to understand why Sue Checchio chose Prudential. A Westfield native and home-owner who is raising her two children in Westfield, Sue recognizes that how she presents herself in the workplace is akin to the values she instills at home. "At home we try to ingrain in the children a sense of hard work and objectivity." Sue states that, "People can sense whether you are working in their best interest. If you're honest, work hard and employ efforts of negotiation that introduce terms that make both the buyer and seller happy, everyone feels like a winner."

Sue Checchio is a Silver Level member of the 1998 NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club. She has also earned Prudential's prestigious President's Circle



Sue Checchio of Prudential New Jersey Realty receives the Sales Associate of the Year honors for the Westfield office from President William O. Keleher Jr.

Award, ranking her among the top 4 percent of all 39,000 Prudential agents in North America. Sue also achieved the Prudential's Round Table honor, bestowed on only 25 of Prudential New Jersey Realty's more than 350 sales associates. She can be reached at (908) 232-5664 or on-line at SueChecchio@PrudentialNJ.Realty.com

Coldwell Banker to offer reduced-rate classes

SHORT HILLS - Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has recently entered into an agreement with three additional real estate licensing schools to offer real estate licensing classes at a reduced fee of \$99.

With the addition of the three new programs in key locations, Coldwell Banker sponsored real estate salesperson licensing classes are available throughout New Jersey. An individual who wants to pre-qualify to take the state test for a real estate license can do so with the help of Coldwell Banker at any one of thirteen locations across the state.

With a certificate obtained at any Coldwell Banker sales office, the cost for the program

is \$99, a savings of as much as \$266 from the regular price. Participation in the program does not obligate the student to Coldwell Banker, nor does it guarantee association with Coldwell Banker on completion.

Pre-licensing classes may be completed in the evening, during the day or on weekends. A seventy-five hour licensing program must be satisfactorily completed before an individual is eligible to sit for the state real estate salesperson's licensing test.

"Coldwell Banker will make this investment in people considering a career in real estate," according to Anthony Cacchabeve, Coldwell Banker vice president.

Prudential unveils high-tech office

WESTFIELD - In a bold move to the future, Prudential New Jersey Realty has opened its first high-tech real estate office in Westfield at 215 North Avenue West.

At this office, every sales associate is equipped with a laptop computer through which he or she accesses the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and the Internet.

Instead of carrying blank sales agreement forms in the trunks of their cars, these agents will soon have software to customize each sales contract to the clients' needs. Even the conference rooms are networked to provide clients computerized services, including large screen monitors to better preview the on-line listings before visiting houses. The company expects this office to be a prototype for future offices at other locations.

Prudential New Jersey Realty has been one of Westfield's premiere real estate brokerages for a number of years, growing exponentially last year with additional staff and increased sales that dramatically exceeded all expectations. When it became clear that the old quarters on Mountain Avenue would no longer adequately serve the company, manager Bernadette Houston and executive vice president Peter Degnan were delighted to find the new location. "Now we're right in the heart of the downtown area, close to the railroad station and to public parking. We've already had tremendously positive feedback from people who pass by and from our clients."

Just as they are better positioned in town, so the agents at Prudential New Jersey Realty are also better positioned on the Internet. "All of our agents have their own Web pages as part of our Website at www.prunidnialnjrealty.com," says Houston. "All of our listings for sale are also on that site, as well as on the

Garden State Multiple Listing Service site.

For selected listings, we will also soon be providing virtual tours where interested home seekers can preview homes and actually see 360 views of the certain rooms and the view from the front of the home."

For more information about this state-of-the-art facility, stop by Prudential New Jersey Realty's new office at 215 North Avenue, West, or call (908) 232-5664 to speak to manager Bernadette Houston or any of the sales associates.



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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jim Botsacos, president of James Toyota Outlet in Flemington, has again won Toyota's most prestigious honor, the President's Award. From left to right, are Greg Sconzo, James Botsacos, Wylon Harper, David Goldberg and Ira Melamed.

James Toyota Outlet wins President's Award, will be featured in *People*

FLEMINGTON — James Toyota Outlet has again been awarded Toyota's prestigious President's Award. The dealership will be featured in a special full-page profile in the Aug. 9 edition of *People* magazine.

The Toyota President's Award recognizes excellence in all aspects of dealership operations, including quality service initiatives that extend far beyond the showroom, parts counter and service bay. The company's highest honor for overall performance, the award reflects rigorous quality standards.

The dealership profile in *People* highlights the ways in

which the James Toyota Outlet exceeds its obligations to customers and community. Top performance in customer satisfaction and service was of major importance. Another distinguishing feature was the Outlet's "Full Disclosure" sales policy, which commits the dealership to providing all "inside" prices and information to the customer, who then helps determine a fair selling price.

In addition to being committed to providing total customer satisfaction, James Toyota is actively involved in the community, particularly in the betterment of the Flemington area.

Located in a scenic wetland area, the James Toyota Outlet facility was designed to complement its natural setting, and the dealership works hard to recycle and use resources wisely. Owner Jim Botsacos is proving that a partnership between business and the environment can thrive.

James Toyota Outlet is located on Route 202, just two miles south of the Flemington Circle. The Sales and Service Departments are open Monday to Saturday. Sunday browsing at the facility is encouraged, as well as web browsing all week at www.toyotaoutlet.com.

Win a one-year MPV lease

'Summer of Style' giveaway on at Flemington Mazda

FLEMINGTON — Visit Flemington Mazda this summer and you could win a free one-year Mazda MPV lease or any one of 63 fabulous prizes. Mazda welcomes the arrival of its new 2000MPV minivan with the "Summer of Style" giveaway.

Starting the week of July 5, visit a Mazda showroom, or check out www.mazdausa.com/mpvstyle online to enter the Summer of Style giveaway. Nine payment-free one-year leases on the new front wheel drive minivan plus jewelry, furniture, electronics equipment, Weber grills, leather jackets and luggage will be given away during the nine-week promotion. winners' names will be drawn every Monday and will be posted on the Mazda website.

When you visit the Flemington Mazda showroom, or the Mazda website, check out the new 2000 Mazda MPV. The front wheel

drive minivan boasts dual sliding rear doors with exclusive roll-down windows. Combine the 2.5L DOHC 24-valve V-6 engine with 170 horsepower with the dramatic new design that features sharp lines blended with sculpted curves and you will want to take a test drive.

"Prior to the 2000 MPV, the Mazda MPV was rear wheel drive. It was available in four-wheel drive but the two-wheel drive was rear-wheel drive," said Keith Thomas, assistant manager at Flemington Mazda. "Now we are competing on a level playing field with the competition."

Mazda is calling the MPV the most stylish entry in its class. A well-designed dashboard echoes the stylish exterior lines. There's a superb sound system, including a standard CD player or available in-dash 6-CD changer.

Practicality is not lost on the

new MPV minivan. Rear cargo space is close to some of its long-wheelbase competitors. Numerous safety features include available front-seat side air bags and a specially designed safety cage body structure.

"Mazda created a niche — a core of followers among MPV buyers because the MPV had minivan capacity but looked like a sport utility vehicle," Thomas said. "Now we'll be attracting a whole new type of buyer — the conventional mini-van buyer."

The first new MPVs will be available at the Flemington dealership in July. MSRP is expected to range between \$23,000-\$25,000.

Flemington Mazda is a member of the Flemington Car & Truck Company family of dealerships located on Routes 31 and 202 in Flemington.

Safety tips for wet weather driving

Few, if any, drivers take a shine to rainy-weather driving. Wet weather not only makes road surfaces slippery, it can dramatically reduce visibility. This can make driving stressful and hazardous. Here, from the experts, are some foul-weather driving tips that can help make your next trip in the rain safer:

* At the first sign of rain, put your lights on. This will help other drivers see you better.

* Slow down. On wet roads drivers should keep extra distance between themselves and the car ahead of them.

* Check your windshield wipers. Over time, blades lose

their effectiveness because of substances such as road grime and salt that build up on the surface of the blade. The result? Ineffective, chattering wipers that leave the windshield streaked and smeared.

Surprisingly, despite the risks, most motorists don't replace their wiper blades as often as they should, say the experts at Prestone Products Corporation. One of the reasons for this is that although drivers feel concerned about poor wiper blade performance during a rainstorm, it's all too easy to forget it when the sun starts to shine.

However, there are some

new ways to keep a driver's vision clear when driving in rain. According to car experts, using a wiper blade restorer regularly can extend the life of wiper blades. A product such as Prestone Wiper Blade Restorer can help stop blade chattering, squeaking and windshield streaking caused by a built up layer of oxidation and road grime.

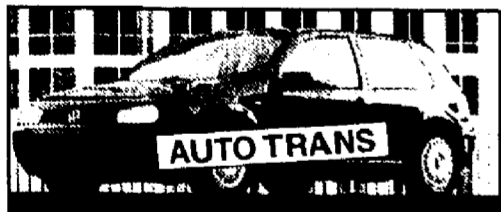
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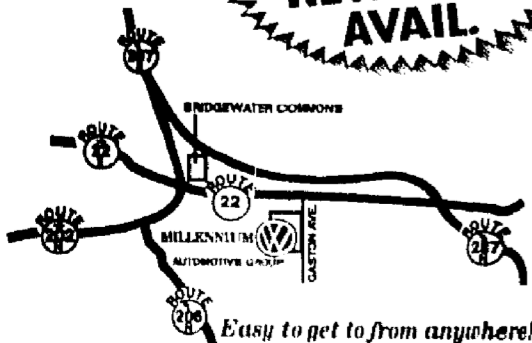
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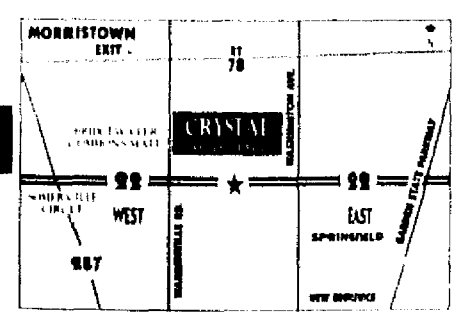
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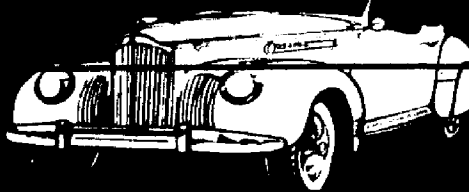
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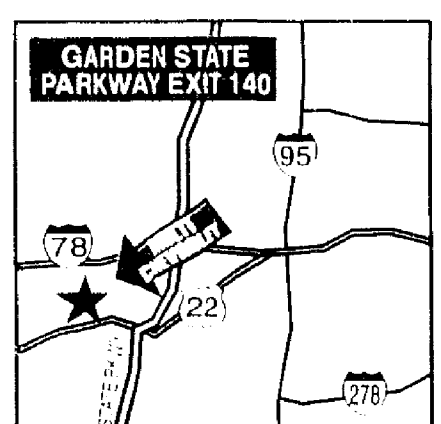
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