

Everybody in the pool?

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established by the Recreation Commission, but thinks there "should be some exceptions, at least the first time."

"I feel we need to do something for the residents who are taxpayers to somehow work out a program where they can enjoy the pool, whether it is a special guest pass or a limited membership," the councilman said.

The Recreation Commission has scheduled a meeting Monday to review the issue.

Currently, membership registration starts March 1.

Members are not given preference, but are given the convenience of receiving renewal packages in the mail. Renewal only requires mailing back the agreement and fee.

Since the pool was built with Green Acres funding - money given by the state to municipalities to develop recreational facilities - the town must offer membership to non-residents. According to a State Supreme Court ruling last month, municipalities cannot restrict access of non-residents to recreational

facilities established by Green Acres money.

Gildea said about 15-20 percent of the members are non-residents. Non-residents pay \$375 for the summer and residents \$200.

"The pool has not one thing to do with tax dollars, it is strictly membership driven," Gildea explained. "Anyone who works for the pool is paid by membership fees. It's a self-sustaining utility."

"All the membership money goes back to the pool to buy new things, add new features and keep the pool up to date."

"That's why our members keep on returning," Gildea added. "The fact that we're closed is a great thing for the pool, it shows that our pool is doing very well."

"To better serve the community, I think that they should let the town residents in first and publicize those date and then have the non-residents come in after the residents," O'Leary said. "I don't think this is fair at all."

O'Leary isn't interested in

voicing his opinion at the Recreation Commission meeting Monday.

He wouldn't be satisfied with anything short of the full-membership he has enjoyed in the past.

"There's no common sense there," he said. "Why not realize the problem and have an emergency meeting and tell these families that we'll have it resolved in 24 hours?"

"Instead, they decide to pick an arbitrary date that's convenient for them," he said. "We're already halfway through summer. The damage is done."

"We do a lot of charitable things for the community," said O'Leary who owns Zachary Jackson of Springfield, a financial company that was the lead sponsor of the Westfield Cup, an annual soccer tournament. "This is not really good business at all."

"I would feel like a second-class citizen. They could take the pool pass and throw it in the garbage," O'Leary said. "I'm not interested at this point to do any business with the Westfield pool, at least not this year."

Community mourns death of Mrs. Dobyns

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Westfield.

Mrs. Dobyns also was a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader in Scotch Plains. She was a member of the American Field Service Club, the Scotch Plains Woman's Club and the Ladies' Golf Association at the Scotch Hills Country Club and the Parent-Teacher Association at the former Shackamaxon School.

She held receptions in her home for Republican Party candidates in the township and arranged to have mailings sent out and fliers delivered in support of the party's slate.

Besides her husband, Mrs.

Dobyns is survived by three daughters, Lynn Takach of La Crosse, Wis., Kathleen Watt of Saylorsburg, Pa., and Susan Barbato of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; two sons, Dr. Mark of Wichita, Kan., and Richard II of La Crosse; four sisters, Ann Carrara of New Providence, Marie Dudzinski of Milford, Pa., Mildred Oprysk of Toms River and Angela DeBerjeois of Berkeley Heights; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with arrangements by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Endowment Fund, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

Town won't allow filming of commercial

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Generally, there's a limitation of three consecutive days at any one location and six consecutive days in the case of a major motion picture.

The application must be filed at least seven days before the requested date. Also, evidence that adjacent property owners were notified is required. The seven day advance period may be waived if adjacent property owners do not need to be notified.

Applicants must provide the town with evidence of insurance, an indemnity agreement in favor of the town, a bond to insure compliance with all local ordinances and clean-up of the filming location.

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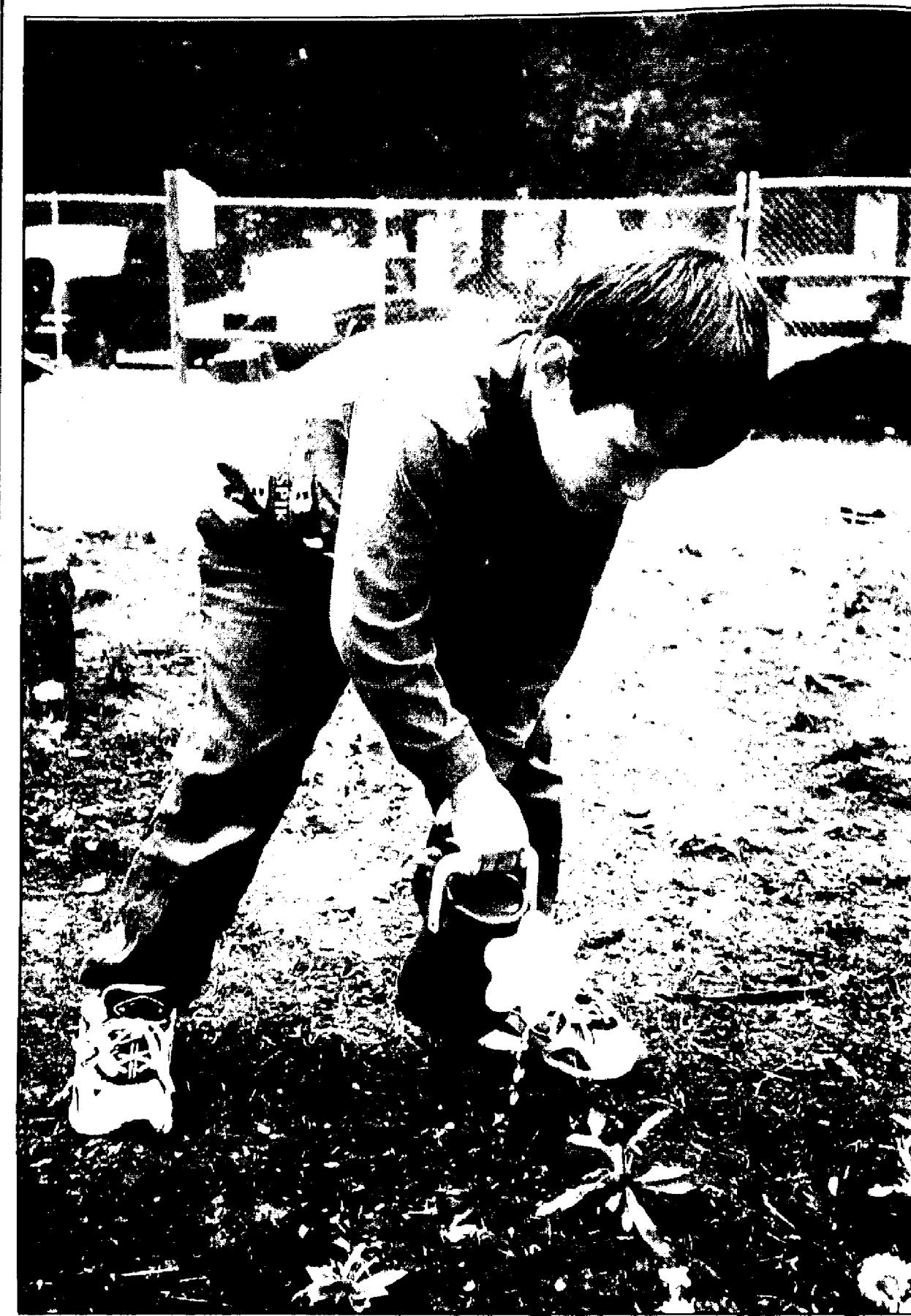
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Brunner School garden is growing

Pre-K student Christopher Burke waters a garden that he planted this spring at Brunner School. Plants for the garden were donated by Williams Nursey, Home Depot, the Brunner PTA, AT&T, Parker Greenhouses administrators, teachers and families. The project was started in 1996 by teacher Bernadette Hoyer.

Sidewalk sales begin next week

WESTFIELD—Downtown Westfield will be bustling with activity next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Westfield Sidewalk Sales will begin Thursday, as many of the retailers set up tables on the sidewalks displaying their wares and

merchants invite customers to come inside for special items at bargain prices. This summer clearance event will continue through Saturday, July 17.

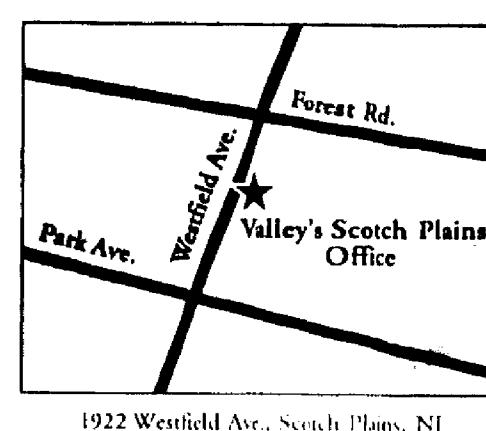
Face painting and animal balloons by "Sparkle the Clown" will delight the children 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 11-4 p.m. Saturday while mom and dad look for summer specials. Along with shopping and dining in Westfield, downtown goers can enjoy musical performances by the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts on East Broad Street.

The Westfield Art Association, celebrating 75 years of shows for the community, will have artists displaying their work on the sidewalks throughout the central business district. Barbara Zietchick will demonstrate Gocco Printing and show her work from 1-4 p.m. all three days.

The Westfield Sidewalk Sale Days are sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the DWC at 789-9444 or the chamber at 233-3021.

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Solution is near for Euclid Avenue parking problem

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—Residents who complained that North Euclid Avenue was a "parking lot" for a nearby doctor's office may soon get their residential road back.

Having lost patience with the patients of the Westfield Medical Group on East Broad Street, residents have spoken out against the 45-plus cars that line their street, blocking access to their driveways, destroying curbing and sidewalks as well as causing a safety and

liability hazard.

Town Attorney Bill Jeremiah, whose law office had been on the same corner for 22 years, agreed there was a problem with traffic and investigated the residents' claim that the medical practice was in violation of zoning variances. The former Planning Board attorney recently reported he is on the brink of a solution.

"I have met with the neighbors, I have met with the doctors in the office and I am exploring voluntary solutions to the problem which would mean that the doctors and their staff would park

behind the Christian Science Church on East Broad Street," Jeremiah said. "That would leave some parking places behind the offices for patients."

"I am also looking to remove the blood lab from the building because they have 45 people a day visiting for the blood lab," Jeremiah said. "And there's a question as to whether it is a legal use of the property under the zoning ordinance. There has been no variance obtained for that use."

The property is zoned for professional use. The laboratory is only one of three medical laboratories in Union

County. Jeremiah said the blood lab originally started as an accessory use to the Westfield Medical Group's own patients, then in the 1970s it developed "totally separate from any doctor's office as a free standing lab."

"I believe it has been in illegal use since then," Jeremiah said.

"If we could get the staff and doctors to park behind the church and remove the blood lab we will have gone a great distance to relieving the congestion on North Euclid," Jeremiah said.

In response to the residents' complaint that five doctors' practices are in

the building when a 1992 variance only allowed for one, Jeremiah said the complaint is "without merit."

"Although five doctors use the building, there is only one doctor there at a time," Jeremiah said about the pediatric ophthalmologist and four retinal surgeons. "And that's consistent with the variance condition."

"We're trying to do this on a voluntary basis and the doctors have been cooperative so far," Jeremiah said. "There will be a waiting time to see how it works and I will be in touch with the residents."

Towns will share in county program for downtown funds

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood are three of 14 Union County communities that will share in the freeholder board's \$5 million "Downtown Union County" Grant Program.

"These grants should act as catalysts, spurring new growth in neglected areas and bringing investments by other entities into a town's business district," said Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari who first announced the program when he became board chairman in January. "They come at a good time for small businesses in our downtowns."

"In many municipalities we have seen downtown shopping districts undergo a renaissance in the past five years, as people head downtown, rather than to malls or highway stores, to shop," he added. "For some municipalities a small push is all that is needed."

Westfield received \$450,000, Scotch Plains \$450,000 and Fanwood \$300,000.

Westfield will use the money for a Central Avenue Streetscape project that will add sidewalks, brick crosswalks, lighting, signage and shade trees to "help transform this tired corridor into an inviting and attractive gateway to Central Westfield."

"We are thrilled and we are anxious to move forward with this as soon as possible," said Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Michael La Place. "What is really special about this project is that it links the north and south side of town."

The improvements are going to start on North Avenue and continue south under the underpass all the way to Cacciola Place.

"This is going to beautify an important gateway into the center of town," La Place added.

The town originally applied for \$1.2 million to fund its Downtown Improvement Plan. Town council members didn't expect to receive the entire amount and La Place said he will seek out other grant sources to fund the rest of the projects.

Scotch Plains will use the grant money for its Park Avenue Streetscape project, which includes the removal of overhead lines, utility poles and

cobra head lights, replacing them with underground wires and pedestrian scale lighting. Also planned are new sidewalks with pavers, improved signage, benches and trees. The grant will fund the project from Second Street to Front Street to Grand Street to Mountain Avenue. The township's original request was \$1.5 million.

"We are pleased that we got a portion of what we asked for," said Mayor Geri Morgan Samuel. "The Downtown Development Committee has already met and is looking at the best way to spend that money to effect the downtown area."

"We have also applied to a grant through the Department of Transportation to hopefully make up for the difference and complete the project," she said. "It will be about six to eight weeks before we hear about that."

Fanwood will use the money for its Martine Avenue Streetscape project. To enhance the appearance of the heart of its business district, the borough will add decorative sidewalk pavers and lighting on Martine Avenue between South and LaGrande Avenues, a paver and lighting streetscape around the Fanwood Clock and improvements to the west side stores' back entrances.

"We are very fortunate and thankful that the county gave us that grant to help us with the revitalization of our downtown area," said Councilman Bill Populus.

Fanwood originally applied for \$400,000. The extra \$100,000 was made up by the \$100,000 the borough received under the Christmas Tree Fund.

"This is the second year in a row that we have received funds from this particular program," Populus explained. "It's a program that allows all the legislators to apply for projects within their districts."

"We owe that thanks to Senator Donald DiFrancesco. He's really been helpful getting us money for certain projects in town," Populus added.

Last year, the borough came up with a five year plan for the downtown and other municipal properties. In 1997, the borough hired a planner for the downtown.

"We always had a plan," Populus said. "We just needed the money."

State grant will help fight insurance fraud

ELIZABETH — The Union County Prosecutor's Office will use a \$119,044 award from the state Attorney General's Office to expand its insurance fraud investigations within the office.

Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan said the county will participate with the state's insurance fraud prevention program for two years by utilizing the funds for equipment to aid prosecutors in developing cases involving phony insurance claims and unscrupulous insurance firms.

In a joint announcement with state Attorney General John J. Farmer and Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey, the prosecutor said he will assign members of the Special Prosecutions Unit to help out a statewide strategy of investigating insurance fraud crimes.

According to Neafsey, who was interim prosecutor in Union County prior to Manahan's appointment, the statewide strategy will target crimes involving car, homeowners, marine, life and health care insurance.

"This office intends to use every enforcement tool we can



SP-F students win competition

Students in the African-American History and Literature Classes at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School were this year's winners of the "Black Bowl" sponsored by the NAACP and Elizabeth High School's Pan-African Alliance. Team members are Taffarie Laing, Jaime Hawkins, Cheryl Bembry, Andrea Moore and La Marr McDaniel. The students are taught and coached by James Mason and Richard Call.

Road race will benefit Contact We Care

FANWOOD — Contact We Care's 5K Road Race fund-raiser will be run on Aug. 21, 6 p.m., at La Grande Park.

This year, the fun increases with the addition of a new Youth Race for children 2-12 years old. Runners of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Complete with a USATF certified course, countless individual and team awards, T-shirts, food, drinks and entertainment, CWC's 5K Road Race attracts runners

and supporters from far and wide.

"We had more than 400 participants for last year's race," said Neil Schembre of Scotch Plains, chairman of the event. "This year, with our new Youth Race, we are aiming to break the 500 mark!"

Contact We Care is the 24-hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service located in Union County. Since 1975, Contact telephone volunteers have handled more than 1,000 calls a month from individuals who are lonely,

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Commentary

Rebuilding faith in the State Police

A report issued last week by state Attorney General John Farmer Jr. on the current condition of the New Jersey State Police was devastating. The report confirmed what many state residents have believed since it was admitted earlier this year that state troopers had engaged in racial profiling — it's time for the state government to take more control over the state police.

For much of its history, the state police have enjoyed a high degree of autonomy and independence. But with the public's confidence in the State Police shaken this year, the report outlines 61 steps necessary to restore the faith New Jerseyans have traditionally placed in what had been perceived as a highly professional law enforcement agency.

The reforms are long overdue. The superintendent of the State Police will now report to a civilian, the assistant attorney general. More women and minorities will be recruited. A new, fairer system for promotions is proposed for an agency that has no official policies for evaluating troopers or determining who should be advanced to a higher rank. These proposals will bring the State Police in line with practices expected of law enforcement agencies at the start of the 21st century.

But the most important part of the report focuses on ways the state police should be more responsive to civilian complaints. The State Police's Internal Affairs Bureau will be overhauled and renamed the Professional Standards Bureau, which will directly report to the superintendent. More internal affairs investigators will be hired (now there are only 26 for the 2,700-member force) and they will receive special training in handling complaints. A 24-hour hotline for civilians who want to file a complaint will be established and annual statistics will be released on allegations of misconduct.

There are some critics who say the report hasn't gone far enough and there are other critics who say the report has gone too far. That's usually a sign the report is on the mark. The reforms, if implemented, will do much to restore the public's confidence in the State Police. The changes should be made as soon as possible.

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Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

A lazy summer column

Summer, as any parent knows is a time for short attention spans. When the air gets lazy, so does the mind and it's difficult to sustain a thought for longer than a few seconds. So here's a collection of short thoughts:

1. Over-hyped movies.

Back in the 1960s, there was a famous advertising slogan for a horror flick. "Keep repeating to yourself," the slogan went. "It's only a movie, it's only a movie."

Those are words to remember in 1999 when the approach of new movies generates much more attention in the media than serious news. Peace talks have broken down in Northern Ireland, interest rates have gone up and President Clinton is trying to broker an agreement between Pakistan and India. But the big news is another summer blockbuster at your local cinema, whether it's *Wild, Wild West*, *Austin Powers*, *Big Daddy* or any of the other mediocre films that follow a clichéd formula.

The studios are lucky that newspapers and magazines are so desperate for material to fill their pages that they welcome columns of inflated words and glossy pictures about movies. It's free advertising for the movie studios. Is it just a coincidence that Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman are on the cover of *Time* magazine just two weeks before their new movie, distributed by Time Warner, opens?

Too much attention is also given to box office grosses, as if there's a correlation between revenue and quality. Whatever happened to movies as an art form?

2. Paying more for full-service gas out of state.

Because we're near the refineries, New Jersey residents enjoy some of the cheapest gasoline prices in the nation. But when we leave the state, we have to pay more money for gas and we have to pump our own. Something isn't right.

I can understand paying more for gas in states further from the refineries, but I can't comprehend why we New Jerseyans have to pay so much for full service in other states. Is the cost of living more expensive in Pennsylvania?

Pumping your own gas in other states should be cheaper than buying gas in New Jersey, where self-service is not allowed. We in New Jersey are proud of our pump boys who man our service stations; alone with Oregon, New Jersey keeps alive an unique American breed. By prohibiting self-service gas stations, New Jersey maintains a supply of jobs for teenagers who are interested in cars. They learn how to diagnose an engine's problems just from the murmur of a carburetor and they give laconic but friendly directions to lost damsels. They brave the elements 365 days a year to fill our tanks while we sit comfortably inside our comfortably heated or air-conditioned vehicles. It's a reminder of the work ethic which once made this country so great.

We do not appreciate the fine work done by our pump boys until we venture across the state lines. 3. I'm getting tired of talk.

When I was growing up, I listened to the radio to hear music and school closings. And now, because of my business, I listen to an all-news station when I get up in the morning because I need to know what has happened in the world while I was asleep.

But once I get in my car for the drive to work, I want to hear music. And that's hard to find.

Music can set the mood for my day. If I hear a song I like, chances are I'm going to be in a good mood for at least the first half hour of the day. So I'm constantly pressing the six programmed station buttons on my car radio to escape the inane talk and find a song I like. My frustration grows as I hear the aimless banter and that only sours my mood for work and results in bad columns like this.

Letters to the editor

Birds hold residents 'prisoner'

To The Record-Press:

When our family moved into Scotch Plains three years ago we were greeted by over 60 dead or decaying grackles and starlings littering our lawn.

Each July more than 5,000 birds come to roost in a concentrated four-home area in our neighborhood. Before eventually moving on in mid-October, the birds wreak havoc in our neighborhood by generating more noise, stench and droppings than a reasonable person can imagine. Welcome to Scotch Plains.

We are held prisoners in our own home each summer by these birds; my child cannot play in our yard and we are prohibited from enjoying our yard with friends in the beautiful weather. Friends and family have refused to visit because they are afraid the bird droppings will make their children sick. We are, too.

For three years a group of neighbors has begged our Township Council for assistance in eliminating this health hazard. We researched, studied, learned and interviewed so much about these birds it's almost embarrassing. Last year the council sponsored an effort by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to accelerate the migration of the birds with harmless noisemakers.

Today we continue to plead with the council to sponsor a more widespread effort to accelerate the flock's migration. I now realize they are putting forth a courtesy effort with no real dedication to resolve the problem. The slightest concern voiced by a few unaffected, uneducated individuals has made the council cower and I am left wondering how I can ever keep my child safe and healthy for another toxic summer.

The problem: voluminous toxic bird droppings and dead birds polluting our neighborhood. The solution: widespread harmless noise deterrents for an hour a day for fewer than 10 days. An easy, painless way to resolve a serious health risk to the children of our town.

After three years of begging, it's time to fix the problem Scotch Plains. Please don't wait until you allow a child to get sick — or worse — from a known health hazard which has been pushed off. We can't afford the lawsuit; our taxes are high enough.

STEPHANIE JACOBUS
Scotch Plains

Jung's plan should be supported

To The Record-Press:

On June 22, 1999, Councilman Louis C. Jung, who is also the Republican candidate for Mayor of Fanwood, announced a brilliant idea for the development of the property located between LaGrande and South Avenues west of the municipal parking lot. Councilman Jung's idea is to move the Fanwood Post Office to this property.

For decades this property has been a terrible eyesore and its condition and use has held back the business development of our Borough's merchants. A new Post Office at this location would vastly improve the look and use of this property. The Post Office would also act as an anchor to current and future retail development. The lease on the building of the current post office expires in two years and it has outgrown its current location. Therefore,

today we continue to plead with the council let us down when they received a few phone calls about the noise, and the birds returned to ruin another summer.

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WILFRED P. CORONATO
Fanwood

Street should be named after soldier

To The Record-Press:

I feel strongly about the street naming to honor fallen veterans of all our wars. There is one that particularly stands out at this time and his name is Lt. Retzlaff, who was killed in Vietnam in the summer of 1967. His father still lives at 141 Clover St., which happens to be the only house on the street.

We have a history of doing this for World War I veterans, as you can see by the street signs that have a star on them. We can simply add a "street name rider sign" (near where the family lived) above or below the existing sign. I've spoken to Pete Hogaboom, past commander of (the local American) Legion post. He said he would help organize a

fundraiser for this proposal once it was approved by the Town Council. Then any veteran's family or friend who came forward with a request would be able to have one also.

Let us consider doing this together as a memorable tribute to our veterans of all wars and as a source of pride for their families and friends who remain.

If elected, I will be supportive of this idea.

CLAIRE LAZAROWITZ
Westfield

The writer is a candidate for the Third Ward seat on the Westfield Town Council.

Parents say thank you to Brunner teacher

To The Record-Press:

The parents of Mrs. Hoyer's Pre-K/TipTop class at Brunner School want to say thank you.

Mrs. Bernadette Hoyer and her aide, Mrs. Christine Cahill, leave no opportunity for an enriching learning experience unexplored. Our kids loved the warm affection and stimulating curriculum that this team worked so hard to meticulously plan and carry out.

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Fanwood

Scotch Plains cops nab burglary suspect

Scotch Plains

Clyde Cooper, 29, of North Plainfield was charged with burglary and criminal mischief after police responded to an alarm at a Terrill Road residence 7 p.m. June 28, police said.

Police discovered the house was entered through a gable vent. A canvass of the area resulted in Cooper's arrest who police say was placed at the house by evidence taken at the scene.

Cooper was remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$4,000 bail set by Judge Joseph Perfilio of the Scotch Plains Municipal Court.

Police responded to an alarm of a South Avenue business and found the front door ajar and the lock missing June 27, police said. A small amount of coins were taken.

A postal vehicle was reported vandalized while parked in the rear of the Park Avenue post office June 28, police said. The interior of the vehicle was damaged; a seat was turned outward and a seat belt burned, causing scorching to the roof.

A Maple Hill Road resident reported that his unlocked car was entered and his wallet containing cash and personal effects were taken June 28, police said.

Police recovered a 1988 Nissan reported stolen from New York City on Rivervale Court June 29, police said. Reported stolen on June 7, a resident said the car was parked on the street for several days.

A Stout Avenue resident reported the theft of a bicycle June 29, police said.

Bicycles were reported stolen from residents on Forest Road and East Second Street June 30, police said.

A hundred sheets of plywood were reported stolen from a construction site on Woodland Avenue June 30, police said.

A Martine Avenue resident

Police log

reported the theft of a bicycle from the backyard during the afternoon July 1, police said.

Clyde Cohen, 27, of Westfield was charged with criminal trespass after an investigation at the YMCA on Martine Avenue 2:30 p.m. July 2, police said. He entered the facility's locker room which is restricted to members only.

Two car windshields were smashed while parked at Charlie Browns Restaurant on North Avenue July 4, police said.

A 1989 Honda Civic was reported stolen from in front of a Lake Park Terrace residence July 4, police said.

Graffiti was found spray painted behind Park Middle School July 5, police said.

A rear door window was broken at Brunner School July 5, police said.

Fanwood

An attempted shoplifting at A&P on South Avenue was reported July 2, police said. A woman attempted to take various baby items and fled after she was approached by employees.

Somebody spray painted "sike" on the Sheelans Crossing Bridge July 1, police said.

Westfield

An Avon Road resident reported her pocketbook was stolen while she was at Memorial Pool June 29, police said. A cellular phone and \$50 were in the pocketbook valued at \$48.

A pocket book was reported stolen at Starbucks on Central Avenue June 29, police said. Twenty five dollars was in the pocketbook.

A Martine Avenue resident

Greg Abramson, 22, of Short Hills was charged with trespassing and criminal mischief at the Nomahegan Swim Club June 30, police said. The pool was closed on May 15 when Abramson was allegedly at the pool.

The tire of a Jeep parked on Lambs Mill Road June 30, police said.

A Virginia Street resident reported a CD player and cell phone stolen from his car June 30, police said. The trunk lock was damaged. The total value of items stolen was \$350.

James Paciunas, 47, of Roselle was charged with defiant trespassing on a Mountain Avenue residence June 30, police said. Paciunas allegedly was on the porch of the residence after being told not to sit there.

Daniel Carbone, 18, Angelo DeFrancesco, 18, and Joseph Rajoppi, 18, all of Springfield were charged with the possess of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia June 30, police said. They were charged in the 500 block of Springfield Avenue in a parking lot behind a business building.

Celebrations on Central Avenue was reported burglarized June 30, police said. The store was entered by unknown means and \$1,000 was taken.

Alfonso Garnett, 41, of Cacciola Place was charged with receiving welfare and workman's compensation at the same time June 30, police said.

A car parked in the 200 block of North Avenue was scratched and dented on the right side of the car June 30, police said.

An attempted burglary to a 1996 Toyota two door parked on Central Avenue was reported July 4, police said. Entry was gained by prying the passenger door lock. An attempt was made to steal the stereo, causing extensive damage to the console.

A car parked in the 500 block of Summit Avenue was vandalized with green marker July 4, police said.

A "For Sale" sign on the lawn of a residence in the 500 block of Summit Avenue was written on with green marker July 4, police said.

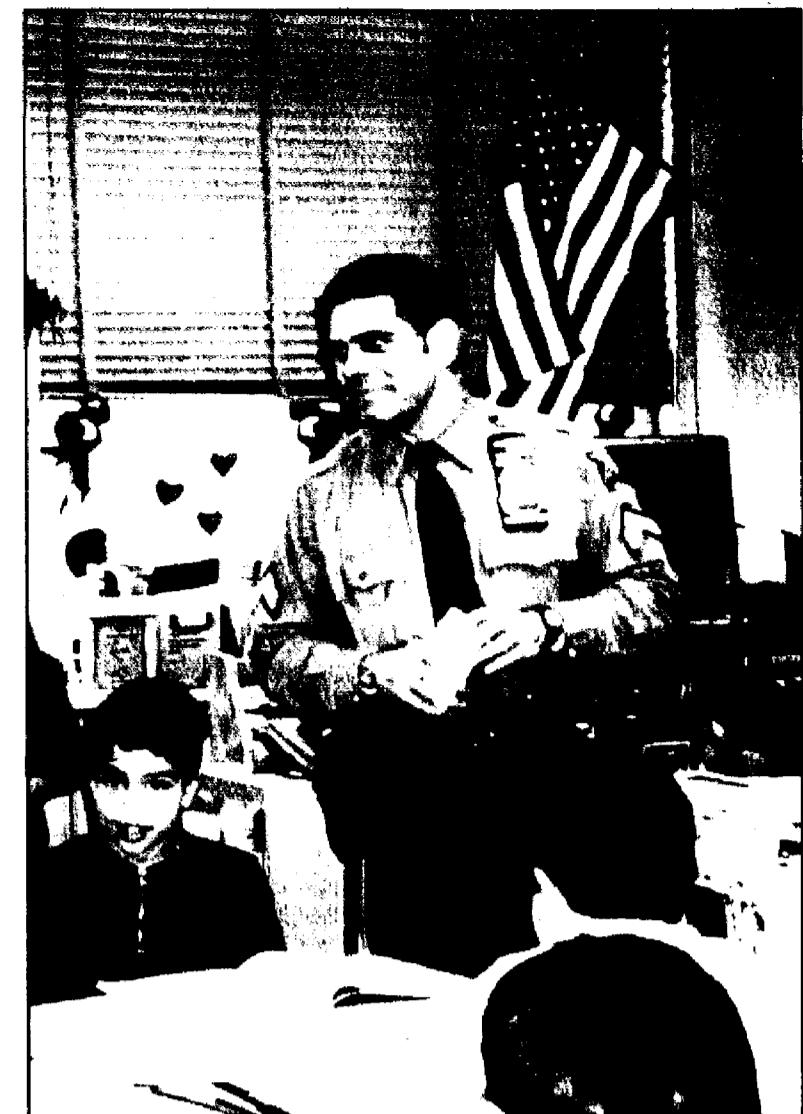
The tire of a car parked in the driveway of a Cacciola Place residence was punctured July 5, police said.

Jeff's Auto Repair on Ross Place reported green marker on the windows of the business July 6, police said.

Carleton Towers on Carleton Road reported green marker on its windows July 6, police said.

The windows of Westfield High School were vandalized with green marker July 6, police said.

A Columbus Avenue resident reported the theft of an unknown amount of jewelry July 6, police said. There were no signs of forced entry.



Officer Frank goes to school

Fanwood Police Officer Frank Marrero became a familiar face around J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains this year. Marrero, the fifth-graders' DARE (Drugs Abuse Resistance Education) teacher, covered topics such as self-esteem, peer pressure and stress. The officer also met with students outside the classroom, either in the lunchroom or on the football field.

Registrations due for Bible school

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Son Castle Faire" is the theme of the vacation Bible school at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road.

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Elizabethtown ready to meet summer demands for water

WESTFIELD

Elizabethtown Water Company has announced that it is well equipped to meet the quantity, quality and distribution requirements of its customers this summer.

"We are looking forward to the summer and are prepared to meet the peak demands," said Andrew Chapman, president of Elizabethtown Water Company. "We have made improvements to our system, which will ensure our ability to distribute water. Furthermore, supplies are abundant as the Round Valley and Spruce Run reservoirs are at capacity."

Elizabethtown Water Company's major sources of supply are the Raritan and Millstone rivers and the Delaware and Raritan canal. Reports from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, from which Elizabethtown purchases its water, confirm that suppliers are ample at the state-owned reservoirs, Spruce Run and Round Valley.

While residents should be able to use as much water as they need when supplies are sufficient, never carelessly waste it. Here are some useful facts and simple suggestions that could help to save thousands of gallons

of water. Residents will be surprised at the results they get without any great inconvenience:

Keep a jug of water in the refrigerator to use for a cool drink instead of running the tap. Dislike the taste of chlorine in the water (which is used for disinfection)? Leave the jug uncovered and the chlorine molecules will escape into the air.

The best time to water lawns is 5 or 6 a.m., certainly no later than 10 a.m. Rapid evaporation makes daytime and breezy day sprinkling of little use. Nighttime watering creates moist conditions that can lead to lawn disease.

Water the lawn deeply. Light sprinkling can kill grass because roots stay shallow and cannot benefit from soaking rains or withstand a dry period. A one-inch soaking will ultimately seep down eight inches into the soil.

Residents who have automatic sprinkler systems should check the heads periodically. Be sure they have not shifted direction to spray water on the driveway, street or sidewalk instead of the lawn.

Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation. It will keep the pool clean and reduce the need to add chemicals.

Sweep outside with a broom,

not the hose. Just five minutes of hosing wastes about 25 gallons of water.

Determine how many gallons of water are used to fill the kitchen sink basin and compare it to the 9.5 to 12 gallons that dishwashers use during a regular cycle. If using a dishwasher, fill it up before each use. If washing by hand, fill the sink half way, wash the dishes, then rinse them all at the same time to avoid running the faucet longer than necessary.

A faucet drip or undetected toilet leak that totals only two tablespoons a minute comes to 15 gallons a day. That is 105 gallons a week and 5,460 gallons a year. To test for toilet bowl leaks, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank.

Wait 15 minutes without flushing and see if the color appears in the bowl. If it does, there is a leak. Make repairs immediately.

Turn off the water until it is needed while shaving, brushing teeth, or washing one's face. Running water uses about one gallon per minute.

Elizabethtown Water Company serves 213,000 business and residential customers in 54 municipalities in Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties.

JCC holding member appreciation program

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central New Jersey will hold a member appreciation program on Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave.

Members can enjoy the company of friends at the

Double Dip Event, where JCC members are invited to swim and make their own sundries. There will be pool games and prizes. There is no charge for attending.

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Terill School Band Boosters co-presidents John Villas (left) and Susan Villas (right) present Ferro Scholarships to Flora Alexander and Marielle Kamouth. The scholarships commemorate Terill musician David Ferro, a seventh-grader who died in 1994.

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Let's Ask Jill
by Jill Guzman
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Junior League awards two scholarships

CRANFORD — The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield has awarded \$1,000 Community Service Scholarships to two area seniors.

The recipients are Lauren L. Blalock, of Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School and Laura Beth Gornowski of Westfield High School. Their selection was based on academic achievement, leadership abilities, and outstanding commitment to volunteerism and community service. The scholarships were awarded at the Junior League's annual dinner at Echo Lake Country Club.

"It is with great pride I present these Community Service Scholarship Awards on behalf of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield to individuals so deserving of recognition for their volunteerism in the community," said Bernadette Houston, president of the JLEP.

Blalock's academic achieve-

ments include Honor Roll status for the past four years, Commended National Merit Scholar, Bloustein Scholar, Waksman Student Scholar from Rutgers University, participating in Project Acceleration receiving credits for Advanced Placement German V from Seton Hall, and first place in a national contest for Geometer's Sketchpad by Key Curriculum Press.

Her volunteer service includes holding numerous leadership positions with the Students Concerned for the Needy (SCN).

As President and Editor of the newsletter she organized charitable events such as a shoe drive, clothing collection, World Famine Day, nursing home visits and American Red Cross disaster relief course. Blalock has done extensive volunteer work with AIDS and HIV-infected patients by participating in the annual AIDS Walk NJ and NY and volun-

teering in the Boston-New York AIDS Ride office in New York City. Her volunteer work continues as a Minister at Large for community service and member of the Peace and Justice Committee at First United Methodist Church.

Blalock will attend Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., where she will pursue a major in Business and International Business.

Gornowski's academic achievements include a 4.0 average in her school's most challenging advanced placement courses, class valedictorian, president of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Spanish Club, National Merit Scholar, and Bloustein Scholar.

Gornowski's volunteer service includes her involvement in the Junior Twigs II program at Children's Specialized Hospital where she served as a committee chairperson and President of Jr. Twigs II. Her

dedication to volunteer work has prompted her to take on a leadership role by recruiting friends and classmates to the program. Gornowski has held leadership roles in the youth ministry at St. Helen's Catholic Church where she served as peer minister and retreat coordinator. She volunteers with a local food pantry and travels to New York City with the program Bridges providing food and clothing for homeless people.

Gornowski will attend Harvard University where she will pursue a major in humanities.

Headquartered in Cranford, the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield is an organization of women committed to improving their communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Membership is open to all area women over 21 regardless of race or creed. For information call (908) 709-1177.

Mrs. Boothe named to association board

WESTFIELD — Gaile Kondor Boothe, retiring as a school teacher at Westfield High School and long active volunteer in Westfield, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Adult School Association.

A resident of Westfield for the past 40 years, Boothe has taught in the public schools since 1971 at every grade level. She started her career as an elementary classroom teacher at Wilson School at then in 1980 and finally to the high school to teach math in 1987.

Outside the classroom, she served as a WEA (Westfield Education Association) officers, on the intermediate planning and the instructional grouping

professional committees, as cheerleader coach, as advisor to the student Council Young Republican Club, Future Teachers Club and Junior Friends of the Symphony and as United Fund representative at the high school.

A graduate of Bryn Mawr College, she also holds a masters degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

She has served as scholarship chairman for the Bryn Mawr Club of Northern New Jersey.

In the community, Boothe has served as president of The College Woman's Club for two terms and is an active volunteer with the Westfield Symphony Friends, Westfield

Historical Society and Friends of the Library.

She is married to Garland C. "Bud" Boothe, Jr., former mayor of Westfield. They are the parents of three grown children: Garland III (Garry), Douglas and Nancy Boothe Dayton; and six grandchildren.

The new Adult School Board member said that she looks forward to working with Westfield's 60-year-old independent, non-profit adult education organization "to continue my lifelong interest in education, particularly the continuing education of adult women."

Boothe introduced to the College Woman's Club the concept of awarding scholarships

to adult women continuing their education as well as to Westfield High School graduates.

"We are delighted that Gaile has agreed to join our Board of Trustees to help us carry out our mission: providing educational opportunities for people in Westfield and the surrounding areas," said Board President Lawrence Pargot. "As a former educator and First Lady of Westfield, she is well known as a competent, dedicated person who gets things done in a most efficient and gracious manner."

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To stay cool, just stare at this picture for a few minutes

The Westfield Memorial Pool was the place to beat the heat during the recent record-breaking heat wave.

This week

SUNDAY

JULY 11

INTERFAITH SINGLES — for single adults over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. July 11, 18, 25. Cost \$2; includes continental breakfast. Call (908) 233-2278.

TUESDAY

JULY 13

SWEET SOUNDS — jazz in downtown Westfield, 7-9 p.m. July 13, 20. Call (908) 233-3021 or (908) 789-9444.

BOOK DISCUSSION — about "Anniversary" by Michael Adamse. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Call (908) 233-3535.

THURSDAY

JULY 15

JERSEY FRESH — farmers' market at railroad station, South Avenue, Westfield, 2-7 p.m. Thursday to Oct. 28. Call (908) 233-3021.

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. Cost \$10. Visit njpages.com/singles or

call (908) 232-8827.

IT'S MAGIC — Kamar the Magician, for children of all ages. Village Green, Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 220.

HEAVY, MON — Verdict, New Jersey-based reggae band. Village Green, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 220.

MUSIC IN THE PARK — with the Community Concert Band.

Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 8 p.m. Rain site: Community Room, Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield.

Call (908) 789-4080.

COMING UP

CAR SHOW — antique and classic car show along Quimby Street, Westfield, 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 27, Aug. 24. (Street closed 5-9 p.m.)

Registration: Call (908) 654-4100.

WANTED

DEALERS — for fourth annual Antique and Collectible Doll, Toy and Train Show sponsored by Westfield Lions Club.

Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 20.

Spaces \$30 first table, \$25 each additional.

Reservations: Call (908) 232-8551 or fax (908) 654-3643.

Veterans are eligible for healthcare benefits

WESTFIELD — The Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System will be participating in an enrollment drive for all veterans for service and non-service connected medical benefits.

The drive will be sponsored by the Leonard J. Sanders VFW Post 11467 at the Westfield Town Hall Recreation Room, 425 East Broad St., 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 13.

The following services will be available: question and answer session; an opportunity for veterans to apply for enrollment; photograph for the "new" Veterans' Identification Card; preventive screenings and regional office counseling.

Veterans applying for enrollment must present a copy of discharge papers (DD214) or separation record as well as a copy of health insurance card (if applicable).

For inquiries regarding enrollment of health care services, veterans may call (877) 222-8387, (888) 954-3553 or (800) 827-1000.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

AARP Chapter 1437

Trips sponsored by the AARP chapter:

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

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

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 Merrymen chorus.

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

Golden Agers Club

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

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

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

Trips sponsored by the Golden Agers Club:

Sept. 23 — Black Whale cruise from Long Beach Island to

Campus notes

Four area students have graduated from the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. Receiving bachelor's degrees during commencement exercises May 30:

Brian H. DeMello of 834 Tice Place, Westfield.

Joseph S. Gentile of 14 Lauric Court, Scotch Plains.

Anthony E. Kwiakowski of 346 William St., Scotch Plains.

Enrico L. Russo of 744 Knollwood Terrace, Westfield.

Four area students have graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. Receiving degrees during commencement exercises May 16:

Meghan E. Bender of 821 Ramapo Way, Westfield. The daughter of Bruce and Margaret Bender received a bachelor's

degree in sociology. Jennifer A. Fox of 10 Greenbrier Lane, Scotch Plains. The daughter of Howard Fox received a bachelor's degree in management.

Edward M. Joffe of 618 Prospect St., Westfield. The son of Edward and Patricia Joffe received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Michael J. Toth of 241 Connecticut St., Westfield. The son of Michael and Maureen Toth received two bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering.

Emily Dexter, the daughter of Marilyn and Richard A. Dexter of Scotch Plains, received a bachelor's degree May 29 during commencement exercises at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.

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.

Westfield ghosthunters will be part of television show pilot

WESTFIELD — Jeff and Laura Muller of the NJ Ghost Hunters Society will be filmed as a segment for a pilot episode of a show titled, "Way Out There" on July 10.

The production company, American Ingenuity, from Washington, D.C., will shoot footage of the ghost hunters as they investigate the haunting of Mead Hall on Drew University's campus in Madison.

The Mullers have been ghost hunting since 1993. Their paranormal investigations have lead them from college dorms to private homes and historic sites. Their website for the NJ Ghost Hunters Society has pictures of the various ghostly anomalies caught on 35mm

film. The site is preparing to move and finalize into a domain name, but for the present, one may log on to it at www.erols.com/zensible1.

The NJGHS is a non-profit statewide organization dedicated to training those interested in becoming paranormal investigators.

The next meeting will be on July 16, 7:30-9 p.m. at 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, and is open to newcomers and members.

To arrange a free paranormal investigation of a suspected haunting, contact the NJGHS at (908) 654-7502. The Mullers are also available for lectures and presentations on paranormal topics to groups and schools.

Abraham Yablon

WESTFIELD — Abraham Yablon, 90, died July 1, 1999 at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains. He had been a dentist and served as commander of the Jewish War Veterans post in Plainfield.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and lived in Plainfield before moving to Westfield in 1975.

Dr. Yablon maintained his dental practice in Plainfield for 50 years and retired in 1985. A member of the American Dental Association, and the New Jersey

Dental Society, he graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

He served in the Army in Europe during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Bernice Leon Yablon; a son, Melvyn of Westfield; a daughter, Norma Jean of Woodbridge; and a sister, Anne Jacobson of Atlantic City.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Beth David Memorial Park in Kenilworth. Arrangements were by Kreitzman's Memorial Home in Union.

Louis Mecadon

SCOTCH PLAINS — Louis D. Mecadon, 86, died July 1, 1999 at his home. He retired in 1978 after 30 years as a plumber in the maintenance department of Ciba-Geigy Corp. in Summit.

Mr. Mecadon was born in Pittston, Pa., and lived in South Orange before moving to Scotch Plains in 1960. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus council in Hillside and a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Tina

Forri Mecadon; two daughters, Gloria Simons and Jeanette Coan; seven brothers, three sisters, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818, or the American Cancer Society.

Grace Savoye Boyle

University and was a member of the Audubon Society.

Surviving are a son, Lawrence H., and a daughter-in-law, Ann, both of Fairfield, Conn.; two granddaughters, Wendy Goetz of Vienna, Va., and Lynda Buscis of Danbury, Conn.; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. today at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 E. Broad St. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, Elizabeth Chapter.

Rose Ann Barclay

Her husband, Mansfield Spencer "Red" Barclay, died in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Barclay-Kilduff of Plainfield; a son, William Gavin Barclay of Atlantic Highlands; a sister, Elizabeth Lynch of New South Berlin, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive relatives and friends 2-4 p.m. tomorrow at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Judy Lorraine Bell

SCOTCH PLAINS — Judy Lorraine Bell, 39, died July 1, 1999 at Broadway House in Newark. She had been a food service worker in Union County for 10 years.

Ms. Bell was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Newark six months ago.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth of Perth Amboy; her father, Willie S. Sr., and her stepmother, Maxine, both of Scotch Plains; a sister, Kim

Services were held Wednesday at the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

David Alan Hill

SCOTCH PLAINS — David Alan Hill, 84, died June 30, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He once was a chemical engineer with the Whitlock Cord Co. of Jersey City.

He was born in Westfield and had lived for many years in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Hill later was self-employed as a supplier of fishing

gear and retired in 1984. He received a degree in engineering from Duke University in 1935.

He also played the trombone in the Doctors Band of Overlook Hospital.

His wife, Marjorie, is deceased.

Services were held Friday at the Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Store will host book discussion group

WESTFIELD — The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., will hold the next meeting of its book discussion group 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"Anniversary" by Michael Adamo is the title that will be discussed. The public is invited; it

is desired that group members read the book in order to participate.

Copies are available at the book store for a discount.

For more information, call (908) 233-3535.

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Obituaries

Ida M. Younghans

WESTFIELD — Ida M. Greer Younghans, 95, died July 3, 1999 at the Plainfield home of a daughter, Lois Cameron. Mrs. Younghans had been a homemaker and avid bridge player.

Mrs. Younghans, who was born in Newark, lived in Westfield from 1935 until she moved to Mountainside in 1960. She had resided in Brick since 1987.

She graduated in 1923 from the Drake School of Business in Newark. Mrs. Younghans was a member of the Westfield Women's Club; the Amity Club of Westfield; the PTA at Holy Trinity School, in Westfield; the Bricktown Women's Club; and the Altar Rosary Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic

Church, in Mountainside.

Also surviving are a son, Paul F. of Green Brook; two other daughters, Arline Strube of Clinton and Marilyn Morris of Brick; a sister, Marion Kopf of Point Judith, R.I.; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Harry T., another son, Robert D., and two other grandchildren are deceased.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Haven Hospice program at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Estella Seybold

SCOTCH PLAINS — Estella F. Seybold, 103, died June 30, 1999 at the Health Care Center at Washington, in Sewell. She graduated from Miami

University in Oxford, Ohio, and was a teacher until she left teaching during the 1920s.

Mrs. Seybold was born in August 1895 in Dayton, Ohio. She lived in Westfield, from 1934-55; Scotch Plains; from 1955-87; and Sewell, since 1987.

Noreen Reedell

SCOTCH PLAINS — Noreen Doherty Reedell, 43, died July 1, 1999 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She was born in Jersey City.

Mrs. Reedell lived in Middlesex, Piscataway and Ohio before moving to Scotch Plains in 1997. She was a homemaker and a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic

Church.

Surviving are her husband, Gary R.; two sons, Kevin and Dan; and a daughter, Katie.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Luisa Rosado Rivera

WESTFIELD — Luisa Rosado Rivera, 81, died July 4, 1999 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, in Berkeley Heights. She had been a secretary with Perry Koplik & Sons in New York City prior to her 1988 retirement.

Mrs. Rivera was born in Havana, Cuba. She immigrated to the United States in 1961 and lived in Astoria, N.Y., before moving to Westfield in 1988.

Her husband, Gus, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Gus of Mount Carmel, Pa., and Ignacio of Westfield; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Queens, N.Y.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home.

County college is offering workshops for job seekers

CRANFORD — There is still a second chance to gain knowledge of specialized resume writing and job interview techniques this summer through Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services. To accommodate persons with busy employment and vacation schedules, the college will re-offer the popular workshops during late July and early August.

With employment prospects still promising in most industries, the single-session seminars are designed for persons who wish to upgrade their status in a chosen field, as well as for those who look to start an entirely new career path. The seminars are practically oriented and provide participants with significant opportunity to address their own personal concerns. Considerable dialogue will be featured, plus some role playing as time permits.

Make Your Resume Work for You will enable students to discover the rationale behind effective resume writing and how it can be worked to the individual's advantage.

The class will review the mechanics of writing a resume and cover letter that are clear, concise, and highlight one's individuality. Participants will learn

to balance marketability with accuracy, gain some tips on making a resume scannable for employers who rely on computerized screening, and become familiar with the dos and don'ts of good editing practices, layout, and professional printing strategies.

The college will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on July 26 at its Cranford campus.

Developing Confidence for the Job Interview will enable participants to develop strategic selling skills for the employment marketplace.

They will learn techniques to prepare effectively for the job interview, which can thus help ease the stress of the experience and equip them with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact.

Participants will learn to conduct preliminary research, the importance of networking, handling trick questions, types of questions the interviewee needs to ask, negotiating for the salary, and how to close the interview to one's advantage.

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For further information call the college's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Sports card show coming to Inn

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Inn Sports Card Show will be held Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for kids under 12. The show will feature former Yankee star pitchers Ralph Terry, signing 10:30 a.m.-noon (all autographs \$15) and Ron Guidry, signing 12:30-2:30 p.m., flats and balls \$20, bats \$35, additional inscriptions \$10. To mail order items include an SASE: Guidry flats and balls \$20, bats, clothing and equipment \$35, additional inscription \$10; Terry flats and balls \$15, bats, clothing and equipment \$20. Mail order items post paid, Guidry 8x10s \$24, balls \$34; Terry 8x10s \$19, balls \$28; Terry, Yankee Mini Helmets \$28.

For mail order and advanced tickets: Schenker Promotions, 13B Chestnut Court, Brielle, NJ 08730; (732) 223-1917; Thrill of Victory, (516) 374-5897.

For dealer tables and information: Collectors Showcase Sandy Greco, P.O. Box 189, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716; (732) 291-1632.

Singing Under Stars July 31 in Clark

CLARK — The United Singers of Newark, a group of German singing societies founded in the mid 1800s in Newark, will sponsor the second annual Singing Under the Stars. Somernactsfest, on July 31 at the Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark. A donation of \$5 will be collected at the door. There is no advance sale of tickets.

The festivities will begin at 4 p.m., rain or shine, and many of the German choruses and other groups from New Jersey will perform. German food and drink can be bought and Bernie's Orchestra will keep one dancing and entertained between the singing.

For information call (908) 388-8889.

Kennel Club Show going to the dogs

The dog days of summer will bring canines to Morristown when Twin Brooks Kennel Club holds its 53rd All-Breed Dog Show at 161 East Hanover Ave., indoors at the William G. Mennen Sports Arena.

On July 18 about 2,000 dogs are expected to be exhibited and vie for ribbons, rosettes, trophies, American Kennel Club points, group placements and, last but not least, Best in Show. Thirteen AKC judges will commence judging at 8:30 a.m. and continue until Marcia Foy selects "Best" around 5 p.m. This show will also select a Best Veteran, which would be a dog more than seven years old. Dogs have been pre-entered for this event.

Spectator fees will be \$6 for general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and \$1 for children. Food and beverage will be available on site, as well as the many dog related concessions where dog lovers and owners will be able to find dog food, grooming supplies, dog toys, crates, hats, shirts, jewelery, art work and much more.

In addition to the dog show, Twin Brooks Kennel Club will have club members available to answer questions or to help located dog breeders.

Twin Brooks Kennel Club, a non-profit organization, meets the second Wednesday of each month in East Hanover. For information on the club or to find out when one's favorite breed will be in the ring call (973) 740-8694 or (908) 647-1357. Remember — don't leave a pet in a parked car in the summer, this is a dangerous thing to do. The pet could suffer from heat stroke and not recover.

Grease will open July 14 at Roosevelt Park

Plays-in-the-Park to feature classic Broadway musical

EDISON — Plays-in-the-Park has announced the opening of its second musical production for the 1999 Summer Season, the ever popular "Grease".

This beloved family entertainment opens Wednesday, July 14, at 8:30 p.m. and plays every evening except Sunday through Saturday, July 24. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults; children under 12 are admitted free.

The box office opens at 5:30 p.m. on the night of the performance and audience members may place their low-back lawn chairs in the seating area as soon as they purchase tickets. Food is available on the premises or audience members may leave their chairs and return before the 8:30 curtain time. Tickets are sold on the day of the performance only-no advance sales.

"Grease" was one of Broadway's longest running hits, with a recent revival and a classic motion picture to its credit. Starring as Danny Zuko, the leader of the Burger Palace Boys, is Louis Steele of

Vernon. His love interest, Sandy, is played by Erin Kukla of Hillsborough. Also in the cast are Carlos Ponton (Kenickie) of Union City and Diane Foster (Rizzo) of Union.

The show is directed by Visitor Maog of New York City; George Warren is the choreographer and Jim Sabo is the musical director. The 1950's sets are designed by Mary Houston, lighting by Alex Fritsch and costumes by Laura Oppenheimer.

Plays-in-the-Park performs in the newly named Stephen J. Capastro Theater (formerly the Roosevelt Park Amphitheater) which is located off of Route 1, one block south of the Menlo Park Shopping Center. Use the Grandview Avenue turn off into Roosevelt Park. The County Police will direct you to the free parking.

There will be a sign language interpreted performance on Wednesday evening, July 21, with a raindate a Thursday, July 22. The theater is handicapped accessible and there is a separate wheelchair section.

For more information, call the theater at (732) 548-2884 Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Featured in the cast of "Grease" are Erin Kukla, Louis Steele, Diane Foster and Jerry Norris.

Theater Project to premiere 'The Little Playwright'

CRANFORD — The Theater Project, now in its fifth year in residence at Union County College, presents the New Jersey premiere of Rose Caruso's sparkling new comedy, *The Little Playwright*. The production runs July 1-17 at the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Tickets may be reserved by calling The Theater Project box office at (908) 659-5185.

Pandora had her box, Frankenstein had his creature, and now, in Rose Caruso's witty new comedy, *The Little Playwright*, there is Vicki. A perfectly coifed 10-year-old, Vicki is inspired by her aunt, a struggling playwright named Beth, to try her own hand at penning a drama. Together, their rollercoaster crash course in creative

writing initiates an hilarious reign of literary terror as Vicki reaches the highs and lows of "writing for the theater." With an unforgettable family ripe for dramatic interpretation (including over-encouraging parents, a staunchly Italian great-great-grandmother, crazed actors, pushy producers, and the artsy director of the Ashram Players), Vicki and Beth find more than inspiration in their journey. Brimming with Caruso's wryly perceptive insights into the creative process and her heartfelt exploration of family, *The Little Playwright* is a thrilling new play for anyone who has felt the pull of imagination.

"I was drawn to this play by its charm," said Mark Spina, director of *The Little Playwright* and The Theater Project. "It

perfectly capture the wistfulness of dreams unfulfilled. It has a quirky ensemble of characters, reminiscent of the best elements of *Calvin and Hobbes*, Golden Age movie serials, and, of course, the B-movie horror genre. It has something for everyone in the family to enjoy."

Spina, who has directed at many of New Jersey's professional theaters (most recently at 12 Miles West Theater Company), said he plans to bring the play's comic-book style together with the more mature, textured levels of the larger issues of family, artistry, and generational rituals.

The play features Barbara Guidi as Beth and Dana K. Gereghy as Vicki. The ensemble includes Gary Wood, Daaimah Talley, Andre DeSandies, Sandra Toll and

Deborah Pires. The play's design team includes director Mark Spina, producer Gary Glor, costumes by Marion Brady, lighting design by John Marinko, sound design by Michael Magnifico, and production stage manager Valerie Hudak.

The Theater Project has won numerous accolades during its five-year history. It was honored at the 1997 Samuel French Theatre Festival for *For Tiger Lilies Out of Season*.

The Little Playwright will be performed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through July 17. There will be one matinee on July 11 at 3 p.m. General admission is \$10; students/seniors \$5. Group discounts are available. Call the box office at (908) 659-5185.

Music Studio to present its second summer concert

WESTFIELD — The second annual summer concert by The Music Studio Wind Ensemble directed by Howard Toplansky and The Music Studio Jazz Band directed by Ted Schlosberg will be held 8 p.m., July 14 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad St. in Westfield. The concert will be air-conditioned.

The Wind Ensemble will perform a variety of selections

ranging from classical, modern and popular music. The Jazz Band will also be playing a wide variety of selections from the 1940s through the 1980s featuring swing, rock, Latin, blues, pop, and Broadway show. Door prizes will be given at the end of the program.

The Wind Ensemble rehearses from noon-1:30 p.m. at the YMCA in Westfield every Saturday and the Jazz Band

rehearses from 4-5 p.m. at NJWA 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield; all interested are welcomed to join.

A special thanks to the Westfield/Mountainside businesses for sponsoring this concert: The Leader Store, Periwinkles, Ferraro's J&M Market, Mountainside, B. Kubick, Opticians, Inc., Snacks & Such, Fleet Bank, The Windmill, The Town Book Store,

Classic Thyme, Lancaster's K&S Music, Baron's Family Pharmacy, the Rialto theater and Theresa's restaurant.

The Mission of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts "is to enrich lives by providing opportunities to develop creative talents and encourage a greater appreciation of the arts through both instruction and performance."

The Music Studio is a division of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit organization established in 1972. Other divisions include: The Westfield Summer Workshop, Kids 'n' Arts, Tots 'n' Arts, The Fencing Club, The Summer Band and Orchestra, The Drawing Workshop, and The Westfield Art Gallery.

For more information on this concert or any program, call (908) 789-9696.

Arts Festival will be jumping, thanks to Crescent City Maulers

Big band, boogie-woogie style coming to Echo Lake Park

Union County will be swingin' Wednesday, July 14, when the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites music lovers to jump, jive and swing with the Crescent City Maulers at the free weekly concert session of the Summer Arts Festival.

The audience is sure to be hoppin' with this group of musicians, known for their big band energy and old-time boogie style," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari.

The four-member New Jersey band combines upbeat, old-time favorites such as "Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" and "Jump Jive and Wail" with the more mellow jazz styles of "Basin Street" and "Up the Lazy River."

The Crescent City Maulers... composed of Tony "Scams"

Salimbeni on sax and vocals, "Big Al" Sagnella performing guitar and vocals, Kevin "Where's the Bar" McCarthy playing upright bass, and Lenny "Boom Boom" Zaccaro banging the drums -- have been delighting audiences for the past five years. These "New Age Swing" kids have not only made appearances on various compilation CD's, including "New York City Swing," "Swing This Baby," and "Blastered," but they've also recently released their own CD entitled "Screamin'."

The Crescent City Maulers have also been chosen to represent New Jersey in the "King Biscuit Unsigned Blues Act of the Year" in Memphis, along with being voted favorite act of the 1996 Lead East "We Wanna Boogie."

This lively and talented band

is being presented free of charge by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders as the third in a 10-concert series.

All Summer Arts concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park, Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. There will also be a refreshment stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. The rain site for all concerts in the series will be Cranford High School, Cranford. Rain information is available by calling 527-4900 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For other concert information or to find out about recreational activities, call the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at 527-4900.

'Sweet Sounds Downtown' continues in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The third "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival will continue on the sidewalks of downtown Westfield on 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, July 13 and 20.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the event to bring more people downtown in the evening.

"Many of Westfield's restaurants offer outdoor dining at their sidewalk cafes during the summer, and the jazz music will add to the festive atmosphere," said Dave Sutter, DWC/Chamber promotions chairman.

On July 13, the Dave Leonhardt Trio will perform on Central Avenue, near Bombay. Josel Chassan Trio will be playing on the corner of Quimby and Elm streets at the Rorden Building. NJ Workshop for the Arts will set up their 12-piece band on the corner of Elm and E. Broad Streets at the First Union Bank. Chris Fiore's Trio will be located on E. Broad Street near the Leader Store, and Scarlett Blue Band will be on the corner of E. Broad and Central Avenue by Gap Kids.

People are asked to bring folding chairs if they would like to sit while listening to the music.

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

Cranford man to speak on 'Life and Times of Longy Zwillman'

Cranford resident Nat Bodian will speak on "The Life and Times of Longy Zwillman," notorious Prohibition-era New Jersey crime boss, at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon, July 7, at B.G. Fields Restaurant.

Bodian, a former Newark journalist, will detail Zwillman's birth in Newark's old Third Ward, and his evolution from produce ped-

dler to numbers runner to leading bootlegger and organizer of the country's first nationwide crime syndicate, all from his Newark Third Ward base.

Not only did Bodian draw from library, historical society references, and his own per World War II boyhood recollections for his talk, but also spoke with former business associates of Zwillman, members of the Zwillman family,

and surviving individuals who had known Zwillman from the Third Ward.

Regular attendees of the First Wednesday Luncheon will be contacted by a phone committee of the historical society to verify their reservations.

Space permitting, others are welcome to attend by calling 233-2930 before noon, July 5 for seating information.

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library's Summer Family Entertainment programs start off with the production "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" on July 13 at 7:30 p.m. presented by The Next Stage Ensemble, the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's summer touring program, this production is a family comedy, a bombastic grocer and his wife insist that their serving boy be added into a professional theater production.

five minutes after the play has started. Watch as the young Rafe steps before the footlights in his stage debut. The production runs approximately one hour in length.

Seating is limited and tickets are available at the library. Admission is free but a Westfield library card is required for everyone in attendance.

The library is located at 550 East Broad St. Call 789-4090 for more information.



The Shanghai Quartet will be performing later this month at the Rutgers SummerFest.

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Shanghai Quartet to perform July 30 at Rutgers Summerfest

Acclaimed foursome set for July 30 concert

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Shanghai Quartet will be performing at the "Rutgers SummerFest '99" at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 30. Tickets are \$24.

Formed at the Shanghai Conservatory in 1983, the group, which consists of Weigang Li, violin; Yiwen Jiang, violin; Honggang Li, viola; and James Wilson, cello, is four individuals capable of creating one sound.

An expressive, temperamental, and precise ensemble that is poetic and intelligent, the quartet has been hailed as "a foursome of uncommon refinement and musical distinction."

Recognized by the press and public alike as one of the leading quartets of their generation, they will perform Beethoven's youthful String Quartet No. 3, opus 18, and Dvorak's folk-inspired String Quartet opus 105.

In 1985, the quartet took second place representing its country at the London International

Competition. In 1987 the ensemble won the prestigious Chicago Discovery Competition and embarked on an extensive touring career.

It has been Ensemble-in-Residence at the Tanglewood and Ravinia Festival and has made several appearances at Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival and on its "Great Performers" series.

Exclusive Delos International recording artists, the Shanghai Quartet has an extensive discography.

Its debut release, featuring works of Grieg and Mendelssohn, was released in early 1994 to exceptional critical acclaim.

Also available are a disc featuring quartet works by Alan Hovnaness, the "Song of the Ch'in" by the Chinese composer Zhou Long, and an album with flutist Eugene Zuckerman entitled "Music for a Sunday Morning," featuring works of Bach, Mozart, Arthur Foote,

Amy Beach and Alberto Ginastera.

After leaving China, the Shanghai Quartet was coached by the Tokyo String Quartet and the Vermeer Quartet.

In addition, it was the Graduate Ensemble-in-Residence at the Juilliard School, where it assisted the Juilliard String Quartet. Currently the Quartet is Ensemble-in-Residence at the University of Richmond in Virginia, where its members hold faculty appointments.

"Rutgers SummerFest '99" runs through July 31 at the Nicholas Music Center, George Street, Douglass Campus in New Brunswick.

A "Summer Pass" which grants premium access to all main 22 "SummerFest" events occurring in New Brunswick is available for \$160, at a 70 percent discount off the single ticket price.

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

UCC, Pepsi sign 10-year exclusivity contract

CRANFORD — Union County College has recently signed a 10-year exclusivity contract with the Pepsi-Cola Company, granting them the privilege to be the sole beverage vendor for the college's four campuses. As a result of this contract, Union County College students will have additional opportunities for scholarships and funding for Student Government Association events and functions. Union County College is one of the first community colleges to establish such a contract with Pepsi-Cola.

"Through such agreements, Pepsi-Cola hopes to engender lifelong loyalty to the Pepsi

brands derived from the positive image that results from their presence on the college scene. We are pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to students of the college, making it a win-win situation for all those involved," said Gary W. Kehoe, on-premise sales manager for Pepsi-Cola. Of course, having exclusive vending rights to the college also give the company the opportunity for tremendous exposure and contributes to their bottom line. This keeps people like John Harnett busy as the new business sales representative for Pepsi-Cola assigned to the Union County College account.

Coincidentally, John Harnett is an alumnus of Union County College.

According to Michael Yosifon, UCC vice president for financial affairs, "This agreement will be positive for the college community now and in the future. UCC and Pepsi-Cola negotiated this agreement and all parties will

benefit from it."

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

Record brunch sales show support for Meals-on-Wheels

SUMMIT — With brunch deliveries completed and sales numbers tallied up, SAGE, the community resource for eldercare, announced that its annual Brunch-A-la-SAGE fund-raiser has raised more than \$21,000 for the Meals-on-Wheels program that feeds needy older adults in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties.

"Our brunch fund-raiser set new records thanks to the generosity and support of our communities," said Donnalee Snyder, director of the Meals-on-Wheels program for SAGE. "Almost 350 baskets were sold and delivered to about 185 households in our com-

munities," Snyder noted.

"It would not be possible to run its only annual fund-raiser without the financial commitment of local merchants who donate goods for the baskets free of charge or sell them at a deep discount," acknowledged Snyder. "People know the brunch basket is filled to the brim with terrific food, thanks to the generosity of businesses that sell high quality items and who were willing to support SAGE with their goods," she noted.

For the second year in a row, Gary Whyte, resident of Mountainside and a director of Ecuadorian Line, Inc. in Staten Island, provided the non-profit with beautiful fruits, free of charge. According to Snyder, everything from sweet pineapples to cantaloupes, melons and grapefruits were donated for the baskets.

Other long-time supporters included Chez Bambu in Summit who has been baking quiches, croissants and muffins at cost for as long as SAGE has run the brunch fund-raiser. Other businesses whose goods were provided free of charge included Pepperidge Farm distributor Robert J. Leahy of Mountainside, The Tropicana Company, Johanna Foods of Flemington, and The Grand Summit Hotel and Trasts Bakery.

SAGE is also grateful to CR Bard, Inc. of Murray Hill for underwriting printing costs for SAGE's annual Journal, which is printed as part of the brunch fund-raiser, and for allowing SAGE to use its corporate cafeteria to assemble the baskets.

Meals-on-Wheels, one of 10 services offered by SAGE, delivers hot, nutritious meals to elders who can no longer cook or shop. These meals are delivered by area volunteers.

SAGE is a private, not-for-profit community resource offering services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older citizens and their families. SAGE offers 10 programs, including an adult day care and Meals-on-Wheels, and serves nearly 3,000 elders and their families annually in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties.

For more information, contact SAGE at (908) 273-5550.

Broudy brings folk harmonica to 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.

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60'S TIME OF LIFE

Petite, white, widow, attractive, feminine, efficient, enjoys music, dancing, travel, art, in search of good natured, white widow, 60 plus, with similar interests, good sense of humor, and traditional values, who is looking for the enjoyment of another's company. BOX 33041

HARD TO FIND

Seems that good friends are hard to find. I am new in North Brunswick. Would like to meet someone to share things with. If you are single and alone, wishing for a good friend male, 65 to 68, give me a call! BOX 33045

SENSITIVE AND HONEST

Attractive, 47 yr old, single, white female, woman, blonde hair and blue eyes. Is seeking an attractive, Christian man 40 to 55 who is sensitive, companionable and honest who enjoys bicycling, movies and dining out. BOX 33046

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62', 113 lb, single white female, with strawberry blonde hair. Seeking a single male, mid 40s to 50s, who is a non-smoker, kind, who wants to be friendly and personally known. BOX 36530

LOOKING LONG TERM

Slightly professional, attractive mom with two children, 5 1/2, 115 lbs, petite, dark brown hair and eyes, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, jogging, walks in the park, movies, dancing, and comedy shows. Looking for a man of her dreams, honest, sincere, financially stable, 35 and up, with similar interests. Possible long term relationship. BOX 32064

KNOWING WHAT SHE WANTS

47 yr old, divorced, white woman, 5'3", petite, business oriented, energetic, successful, non-smoker, gourmet with a taste for the good life. Looking for a kind, considerate male who enjoys golf, tennis, skiing, dining and the rest of life's pleasures. No young children please. BOX 24563

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

20 yr old, single, black female is looking for a white or black male, 35 to 60, who enjoys movies, the beach, and having fun together. BOX 12064

LOTS OF LOVE

18 yr old, 5'4", 110 lbs, single, Italian female, likes dining out, talking and having fun. Enjoys dancing, music and hanging out with friends. Seeking a Puerto Rican or Latin male, including, Brazilian or Portuguese, to love. No games. BOX 42267

FORTY AND FABULOUS

A real female doll. Searching for her. Ken to share long walks in the mall. Interests include: ABBA, popko, mahjong, the pub, and take out food. BOX 33033

LOOKING FOR FRIEND

Slim, attractive widow female in her late 40's is looking for a male to meet and talk to. No need for her to be married. Her box number is 10542, my name is Alyssa. BOX 34714

GAMBLE ON ME

5'5", 130 lb, energetic, white female who enjoys dancing, walking, tennis, movies, music and visits to Atlantic City. Seeking a male with similar interests. BOX 42308

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

18 yr old, 5'8", single female with brown hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys dancing, hanging out and more. Is seeking a Puerto Rican or Latin male, who is outgoing and responsible, for a possible relationship. BOX 33618

ATTN: JOHN

This is a message for John, the ice hockey player. I am a 20 yr old, 5'4", 115 lbs, female. I am not unfortunately, it was cut off. My box number is 10542, my name is Alyssa. BOX 34714

CALLING RICKI MARTIN

5'6", petite, hazel eyes, brown short hair, Portuguese and Brazilian descent. Looking for a Latino male, with conservative latitudes and principles, who also wants someone to love. Spontaneity and outgoing personality a must. Someone who is not looking to play games but looking to fall in love. BOX 42099

NEWCOMER

25 yr old, single, white female, 5'1", long dark hair, hazel eyes. Looking for someone who likes movies, dancing, and music. Someone to spend time with, and hopefully fall in love. BOX 42114

PRICKLY SEEKS ELVIS

54 yr old, 5'10", single female with green hair, 120 lbs, single. Likes to go to the beach, and more. Looking for a single, white male, 45 to 55, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36400

4-1 TIME THE GOOD LIFE

Attractive, white female, 40, single, Italian female, recently related non-smoker and non-drinker, enjoys traveling, reading, music, theater, museums, walks and more. Seeking a male, 40 to 50, in good health, non-smoker and financially secure with sense of humor. BOX 36410

LET'S CHAT

Mid 40's, physically fit, divorced, white Catholic female, homemaker. Seeks non-smoking, non-drinking, financially secure gentleman who is not a couch potato. Must enjoy quiet times, oddities, and summer days on the beach. Be a playful, affectionate, unencumbered, articulate, and flexible. Middlesex County area. BOX 33030

STRIKING BRUNETTE

Attractive, divorced, white, Brunette who is honest, caring and has a good sense of humor. Seeking an honest man, 46 to 55, for a serious relationship. Middlesex County area. BOX 33030

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Be the man to enhance my days and nights. The beach, city events, and dancing, are my main interests. Attractive, shape, shiny, active, divorced, white female. Be a playful, tall, white gentleman, 53 to 63, with integrity. BOX 33031

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22 yr old, single, good hearted, goal oriented, romantic, Native American female, who enjoys candlelight dinners, sports, dancing and animals. Seeking a single, white male, 22 to 27, with similar interests. Monmouth County. BOX 33034

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SEEKING ROMANCE
38 yr old, 5'6", 100 lbs, attractive, white female, Scorpio, with dirty blonde hair and brown eyes. Enjoys the beach, camping, fishing, traveling, candlelight dinners, and more. Seeking an honest, romantic male, 38 to 44, with a good sense of humor, for friendship first, possible long term commitment. BOX 32988

YOUNG AT HEART
Mid 60's, healthy, outgoing, retired, petite, Jewish female with blonde hair and green eyes. Enjoys dancing, the shore, Atlantic City and trips to New York. Seeking a single, attractive male, intelligent, 55 to 62, with similar interests. BOX 13972

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A GOOD WOMAN

Single female, who enjoys dancing, cooking and travel is seeking an attractive male, who is sincere, honest and happy for a long term relationship. BOX 15462

CALL ME!!

41 yr old, 5'2", 112 lbs, single, white, Italian female is seeking an attractive, humorous, neat, clean, white male, 38 to 44. BOX 11442

FULL OF ENERGY

Late 40's, 5'2", 100 lb, petite, attractive, energetic, divorced, Hispanic, Italian female who enjoys working out, the outdoors, dining out, animals and traveling. Seeking a single, intelligent, fit, humorous male, 45 to 52. Non-smoker. BOX 37345

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Divorced, white female, 30s, petite, Jewish female with blonde hair and green eyes. Enjoys tennis, travel and the beach. Seeking a white male, 50 to 65, clean shaven, a good and honest, and friendly. BOX 33042

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Cranford Summer Basketball League

Standings (as of July 6)

Hillside	4-0
Dayton	4-0
Cranford	3-1
Brearley	3-1
Carteret	3-1
Union Catholic	2-2
Roselle	1-2
Gov. Livingston	1-3
Roselle Park	1-3
Ridge	1-3
Westfield	0-3
Chatham	0-4

June 30 games

Brearley	52, Westfield	39
Cranford	50, Ridge	47
Dayton	31, Roselle Park	18
Carteret	59, Roselle	51
Hillside	54, Gov. Livingston	27
Union Cath.	44, Chatham	35

Pads and poms sign-ups

Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL registration for football and cheerleading will take place 9 a.m.-noon this Saturday and on Saturday, July 24, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

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

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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 professionally 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 gyms 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.

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Sports

Doerr, Paterson allies for once at Snapple Bowl

Three each from Scotch Plains, Westfield put aside rivalry, prepare for senior all-star game

By RICH BEVENSEE

RECORD-PRESS

Believe it or not, despite the bitter rivalry that rears its head whenever Westfield and Scotch Plains teams cross their town's borders to play their neighbor, there does exist some mutual admiration among the players.

Scott Paterson, an inside linebacker on the Scotch Plains football team, remembers Westfield quarterback Brandon Doerr torching the Raiders by land and by air en route to a 42-20 decision. He also remembers the Blue Devils spoiling

his team's unbeaten season in 1997.

If there's anything more Paterson wants right now, it's to play with Doerr, and he will get the chance when both players suit up for the Union County squad in the sixth annual First Union Snapple Bowl, 7:30 p.m. Thursday at East Brunswick High.

"Doerr killed us," Paterson said of the last meeting. "He's a real good quarterback. It's real good to see him on the team."

The Snapple Bowl, which pits seniors from Union County against those from Middlesex County, will benefit the

Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison and the Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Practices ended yesterday. There is a pep rally for the Union team 1 p.m. Monday at the Fanwood Out Patient Center, and a banquet for the Union players is Wednesday at The Pines in Edison. The game will be televised by CN8.

Doerr (6-0, 185) will be joined by linebacker Todd Dowling (6-1, 200) and tackle Tom Langton (6-9, 275) from the Blue Devils, while Paterson (6-0, 200) will have lineman Jim Feeley and linebacker Joe

Franzone (6-2, 205) of the Raiders on the sideline with him. Feeley, not on the original Union County roster, was a last minute replacement, Paterson said.

The Union County squad will be coached by Plainfield's Clint Jones and assisted by John Wagner of Roselle Park.

There were lot of familiar faces on the gridiron when Paterson and Doerr began practice Monday. While Paterson enjoyed a fruitful season, caping it with a trip to the Meadowlands and the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 championship.

"After practice everyone was hanging out in the parking lot, remembering games," Paterson said.

"I'll be playing with guys I've known, even guys I've played

with in PAL ball. We're not against them now, we're on the same team. I've known (Union lineman) Mike Piech since eighth grade. I know Mike Harms (of Brearley), too. We wrestled against each other this year, and we'll be going to the same college."

Doerr, headed for Johns Hopkins University, does not have the tortured memory that Paterson has since the Devils enjoyed a fruitful season, caping it with a trip to the Meadowlands and the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 championship.

However, he does have a good memory for the players who have given Westfield fits the last few years.

"It's pretty exciting to play with a bunch of great guys from other teams," Doerr said. "Some

of the guys from Union are pretty good. It's good to have them on our side now."

The players wore upper pads and helmets for the first day of practice, but the heat left over from the holiday weekend was not a problem according to Doerr. Neither was the seven-month layoff.

"It was great," Doerr said. "We put shoulder pads on yesterday, and I got excited to play again. It was really hot, but I felt pretty good and everything went smoothly. My arm felt great. Despite the heat I threw pretty well."

"This is my kind of weather. People think I'm sick," Paterson said. "It's a regular practice but it's really not. It's getting to know everybody, having fun. As practice goes on it's just like riding a bike again."

St. Joseph old-timers stun league leaders

The sleeping giant in the St. Bart's Old-Timers Softball League awoke, as last-place St. Joseph, having scored just three runs in its last two games, erupted for 25 runs on 26 hits and crushed first-place St. Louis, 26-7, in an Angels Division upset.

Ed Marchelitis led St. Joe's with a 4 for 4 effort and four RBI, Mark DiFrancesco had three hits and four RBI, Pete Chemidlin, Dave Rothenberg (four RBI) and captain Dean Talcott each had three hits, while Frank Pepe, Al Antoine, Howie Jones (grand slam) and Rich Worth all had two hits. Steve Murano had three hits and Jack Lynch had two for St. Louis.

St. James went head on with its first-place neighbor in the Saints Division, St. Patrick, and came away with a 10-9 victory and sole possession of first place. St. James also lost to St. Blaise, but remained atop the division by a half-game.

St. James scored six times in the sixth inning to cement the victory over St. Patrick. Offensive standouts were Terry Gallagher and Darryl Eaton with three hits each, and Tom Ulichny, Emmett O'Hara, Dennis Herzel and Nate Manginis each added two. Lee DiDonato had three hits for St. Patrick and Bob Guy and Don Rowthorn each had two hits.

St. Paul 22, St. Michael 7 — Tony Barratucci led St. Paul with five hits, including a home run, and Tom Engleman collected four hits, including a homer and five RBI. Bob Elm (home run), Tony Blasi and Gerry Spitzer (home run, four RBI) each had three hits, and Bill Mirti and Wes Chase each add two hits. For St. Michael, Derek Von Langen, Glen Walz, Ron Del Prete and John Brookseach had two hits.

St. Thomas 30, St. Anne 5 — Pat Nigro led the St. Thomas charge over an undermanned St. Anne team with five hits, including two home runs, and eight RBI. Joe Shea and Joe Cocuzza each belted four hits, and Tommy McGall, Tom Swales, captain Tom Henderson, Joe Romash and Freddy Holm each added three hits. For St. Anne, Jerry Riepe had four hits and Pete DiCristofaro had two hits.

St. Blaise 18, St. James 7 — no details available.

(Note: No games were scheduled for July 2, and all games on July 1 were rained out.)

St. Bart Old-Timers Softball League Standings as of July 2

Angels Division

	W	L
St. Louis	4	3
St. Jude	4	4
St. Thomas	4	4
St. Anne	3	4
St. Joseph	2	6

Saints Division

	W	L
St. James	6	3
St. Patrick	5	3
St. Michael	4	4
St. Paul	4	4
St. Blaise	2	7



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS

Westfield American Legion pitcher Luke Mistretta has pitched two straight complete games, the most recent an 8-7 victory over second-place Elizabeth.



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Four on the Fourth

Rich Antoniewicz, of Linden, proudly displays his Fourth of July spirit during the Firecracker Four-Miler Sunday in Cranford's Nomahegan Park. Geoffrey North, 23, was the fleetest Westfield resident, taking 10th overall in 21:43. Among Westfield's age group award-winners were: Paul Buccino, 34, third in the male 30-34 age group, 15th overall, in 22:26; Lauren Saul, 20, second in the female 20-29 age group, 53rd overall, in 25:05; Jennifer Buccino, 33, second in the female 30-34 age group, in 28:26; Rachel Ackerman, 15, first in the 14-19 age group, in 28:44; Chris Massard, 61, third in the male 60-69 age group, in 31:14; and Kirsten Selert, 11, second in the female 13-under age group, in 35:20.

Comcast on Nilsen's heels

Despite a two-game split last week, Comcast Cablevision kept its sights set firmly on division leader Nilsen Detective Agency, and remains just a half-game out of first place in Division I of the Union County Senior Softball 50-plus league.

Comcast scored eight times in the bottom of the seventh inning to turn away stubborn Jacobson's Roofing, 16-15, the clincher coming on a two-out bases-loaded walk to Norm Stumpf (three hits). Bob Canales, Dom Deo, Charles Ramsthaler, Ron Torsiello, Ron Virgilio and Wayne Ronkiewicz each added two hits for Comcast, 14-3.

Antones Pub & Grill 30, Crest Refrigeration 15 — Vic Gorman and John Patricio each collected four hits for Antones, Joe Tarulli, Don Montefusco, Mike Pender and Bob Matten added three hits each, and Stewart Cofsky, John Lyp, Bob Nardelli, Al Daddio and Tony Muccia each had two hits. Matten also homered for Antones.

Division II

Bottoms Up (10-4) remained the runaway leader in the division, despite a 17-16 defeat at the hands of Nilsen Detective Agency, the Division I leader at 14-2.

Bob DeBellis had three hits including a three-run home run, and Bruce Biletti, Butch Ernst, Ron Ivory, Lou Kruk, Phil Spinelli and Lenny Yennish added multi-hit performances for Nilsen.

Crest Refrigeration 11, Cheeques 10

— Multi-hit games from Dave Levine, Bob Raskin and Rich Conzo, plus a Conzo home run, provided the offense while Crest turned three double plays, including one in the last inning to beat Cheeques.

Union Center National Bank 22, Legg Mason 11 — Jerry Arkus, Maurice Brown, Jim D'Arcy and Bill Hamilton each had three hits for UCNB. Henry Barnes and Bill Canata had three hits each for Legg Mason.

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60-plus Division

Pioneer Transport 20, L.A. Law 5 — Don Robertson, Norm Stumpf and George Forchesato swatted three hits each for Pioneer (6-2), now just a game and a half behind first place L.A. Law (9-2). Charles Brown, Dom Deo, Ed Ganczewska, Bill Ritchie and Jim Steiner had two hits each for Pioneer.

For Union County Senior League standings, see page B-8.

Real Estate

Office market experiencing resurgence

NEW JERSEY — According to a recent market report by Jones Lang LaSalle, the New Jersey

office investment market is experiencing a strong resurgence from the capital market turbu-

lence of the last half of 1998. The office occupancy in New Jersey has stabilized at nearly 90 percent, an extremely positive sign given the amount of new construction taking place in many submarkets.

In New Jersey 3.2 million square feet of speculative multi-tenant office space is under construction and nearly 3.9 million square feet of pre-leased, single-tenant office space is under construction.

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21 Cayuga Road from Sarah Levine to William M. Brennan Jr. & Irene Brennan for \$173,500.

215 Central Ave. from Edward J. & Catherine Maguire to Carol A. Krumm for \$356,000.

104 Cranford Ave. from James L. & Paula T. Ryan to Walter J. & Maureen E. Malar for \$295,000.

24 Dartmouth Road from Dorothy Walton to Andrew C. & Kimberly Stratton for \$240,000.

158 Mohawk Drive from Walter J. & Maureen Malar to John & Margarita Womelsdorf for \$225,000.

42 Richmond Ave. from Terrence M. & Laura Murphy to Robert & Julie Wischusen for \$265,000.

Real Estate Transactions

3 Yarmouth Road from Catherine V. Brosnan to Stanley J. & Dolores Stapsinski for \$178,500.

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92 Cray Terrace from Harry J. & Cindy L. Stratton to Sean C. Flannery & C. Lau for \$162,000.

27 La Grande Ave. from Donnell & Lisa S. Linton to Kathleen H. McDonough for \$142,500.

168 Watson Road from Lance & Melinda Wood to Douglas J. & Denise B. Madigan for \$202,000.

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318 Myrtle Ave. from Michael & Dorothy M. Yawlaw to Todd G. & Lisa J. LaRue for \$180,000.

323 South Ave. from Harry H. Ditzel III to Lula Gonaj & D.J. Peterson for \$105,500.

679 Willow Ave. from Louise A. Nemeth to Dino Bencivenga & D. Daikalo for \$170,000.

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543 Newark Ave. from Yusuf & Zainab Patel to Brian M. Wyss & M.R. Donah for \$171,500.

579 Quinton Ave. from Bertha J. Dvorsky to James Mathias for \$149,000.

260 Washington Ave. from Juan A. Montalvo to Mario & Leida L. Suarez for \$215,000.

221 N. 21st St. from John P. Lehnhoff & G. Gyure to Louis & Tina Jenkins for \$230,000.

SCOTCH PLAINS

2029 Arrowwood Drive from Marie McCann Trust to Thomas J. & Mary E. DeCataldo for \$450,000.

1930 Church St. from Helen M. Wood to Kevin S. Wass for \$177,000.

1118 Lincoln Ave. from Yury & Olga Kalinchak et. al. to Alfie & Deidre Simms for \$220,000.

10 Pitching Way from Yoshiaki & Yoshiko Maruko to Scott C. & Julie

G. Spector for \$382,500.

2020 Prospect Ave. from Charles M. & Renee Dare to Peter E. Donahue & J.D. Dries for \$156,000.

4 Round Hill Road from Andrew J. & Carole Pietak to Ralph R. & Veronica M. Ferraro for \$465,000.

2131 Shackamaxon Drive from Joel Moskowitz to Ralph Checchio Inc. for \$135,000.

230 Union Ave. from Weston M. & Lorie Williams to Kimberly A. Rowe for \$191,000.

400 Warren St. from Joseph F. Noailes Jr. et. al. to Elvira A. Murillo for \$144,500.

328 William St. from Michael A. & Catherine Mortarulo to Joseph Mortarulo for \$200,000.

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439 Birch Place from Thomas L. & Beth A. Ripperger to Michael C. & Colleen Coletta for \$275,000.

527 Coleman Place from Jon C. & Barbara Abeles to Niels & Susan Jensen for \$272,000.

700 Coleman Place from Joseph H. & Cathleen D. Halpin to Thomas L. & Beth A. Ripperger for \$510,000.

77 Fairhill Drive from Joseph & Maryellen Binko to Scott Zornes for \$465,000.

611 Fourth Ave. from James J. & Donna M. McCabe to Alessandro & Anna Guglielmi for \$305,000.

118 N. Scotch Plains Ave. from Edward A. Allen et. al. to Ronald & Sharon Allen for \$200,000.

901 Summit Ave. from Richard T. & Kathryn P. Baker to Michael J. Wallace Jr. & Laura Wallace for \$290,000.

736 Tamaqua Way from Carol Gold to Chris J. & Jill H. Callahan for \$290,000.

42 Unami Terrace from Robert Rosen to Lilyan Rosen for \$32,200.

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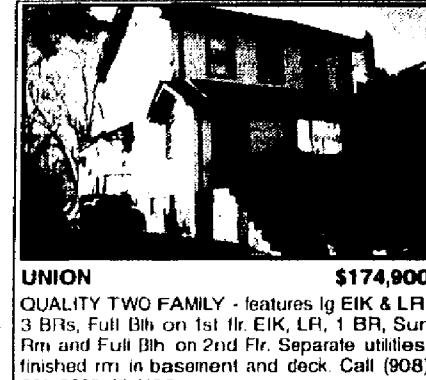
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ERA Meeker stresses importance of using a professional Realtor

CRAFORD — Whether you're buying your first home or your fifth, the process can seem overwhelming at times.

One clear advantage of using professional Realtor is simply that you won't have to "go it alone," according to Bill Decker, a multi-million dollar-producing sales associate with ERA Meeker Realty in Cranford.

"The right Realtor possesses professionalism and high ethics, and shows a sincere interest in your needs. This means being attentive, approachable and service-oriented at all times. What motivates me personally is finding the right home for a buyer and obtaining the best price for a seller. Each and every transaction is important, no matter what the price range. If there's a secret to my success as a Realtor, I'd have to say that the repeat business I get from a long list of loyal and satisfied clients is what truly makes my real estate career worthwhile."

"It's also important to consider the real estate company an agent works for, what support and services they provide, and what their reputation is in the community," stressed Decker.

As part of ERA Meeker, he is able to offer homebuyers and sellers a wide variety of prod-

ucts and services.

These include home warranty plans for buyers and sellers; the ERA Sellers Security Plan ("We will sell your house, or ERA will buy it"); relocation counseling, and both computer-generated and facsimile-transmitted photo listings from across the country.

Decker is a Realtor with 21 years of experience. He has successfully marketed hundreds of homes, graduated from Roselle Park High School and received his Masters Degree in Education at Newark State College (now Kean College). He has been a leader for the American Heart Association Walk-a-thon and the "Books for Kids" collection program.

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Realtors offer tips on how to recycle grass and yard clippings

Summertime's warm weather and sunshine brings another season of mowing and maintaining your lawn. The New Jersey Association of REALTORS (NJAR) would like to provide tips on how to use grass and other yard clippings as a source of nutrients for gardening and landscaping around the home.

"Mowing, bagging and disposing of lawn clippings have been recurring cycles for years in the United States and our landfills cannot continue to absorb the waste," says Gloria Woodward, NJAR president. "During the summer, yard waste can amount to 50 percent or more of residential trash. It's time to change that statistic!"

The NJAR recommends recycling yard clippings for the good of both your lawn and the environment. "Creating a compost pile is an ideal way to recycle your lawn wastes, while simultaneously providing a source of nutrients for gardening and landscaping," says Woodward, president and broker of Woodward Realty Group in Middletown, Rumson and Freehold. "Anything growing in your yard is potential compost material."

Ideally, you should begin your compost pile in late spring for use in fall and in the fall for use in the spring, however it's never too late to begin the process.

To begin, first remove any grass and sod cover from the area where you plan to construct a compost pile. Create a bin to enclose the compost using prefabricated snow fencing, woven wire, wood pallet or bricks. Be sure to allow for easy access through the top or sides for turning the compost.

For best results, NJAR recommends the following "recipe":

1st layer: 3-4 inches of chopped brush or other coarse material.

2nd layer: 6-8 inches of leaves, grass clippings, sawdust, etc. Materials should be "sponge damp." You may want to sprinkle sulfur over the heap to increase its acidity.

3rd layer: 1 inch of soil to speed up the process.

4th layer: 2-3 inches of manure or a handful of commercial fertilizer to provide the nitrogen needed. Add water if the manure is dry.

5th layer: Repeat steps 1-4

until the bin is almost full. Top off heap with a 4-6 inch layer of straw and scoop out a "basin" at the top to catch rain water.

A properly made heap will reach a temperature of 140 to 160 degrees Fahrenheit in four to five days. At this time, you'll notice a settling, a good sign that your heap is working properly. After five-to-six weeks, fork the materials into a pile, turning the outside of the old heap into the center of the new pile. Add water if necessary. It shouldn't be necessary to turn your heap a second time. The compost should be ready to use within three to four months.

Compost is ready when it is dark brown, crumbly and earthy smelling. For best results, turn your soil, apply 1-3 inch layers of compost and work it in well.

"Fertilizing your garden and lawn with compost can improve the overall landscape and beauty of your home," Woodward says. "In addition to saving landfill space, recycling your lawn reduces your water usage and the need to purchase soil conditioners and trash bags. That's good for you and good for the environment."

You can find out more about caring for your lawn and about composts by contacting your local nursery.

The New Jersey Association of REALTORS is a non-profit organization serving the professional needs of over 33,000 real estate agents in the state. NJAR, and its 24 member boards of REALTORS, are part of the National Association of REALTORS, the largest trade association in the United States with more than 730,000 members.

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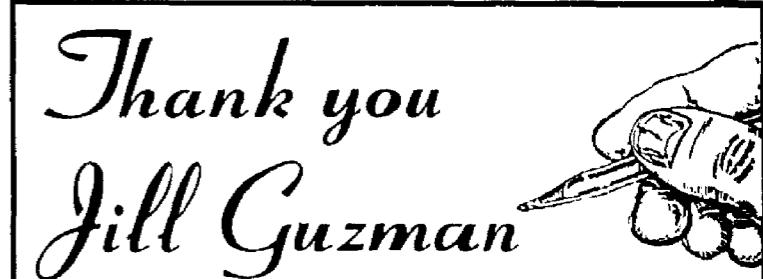
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By Mark Maynard

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

A Lexus and a hot rod might look like opposites, but we know opposites attract. And there is a love affair going on here with an open-wheel roadster in this luxury division of Toyota.

More than a year ago at the 1998 Los Angeles auto show, Lexus took the wraps off a candy-apple red concept hot rod based on a '32 Ford roadster. It was a marketing tool, a vehicle crafted to showcase the drivetrain of the just-released, V-8-powered GS 400 sport sedan.

Because the rod came out not long after Plymouth started selling the Prowler, some thought Lexus might be considering its own lightning rod to reach those baby boomers who already had a Lexus in the garage.

It could happen, but it probably won't. Lexus insists it has no plans to build hot rods.

But this one is much more than a concept car. It is a corporate phenomenon - and a pet project initiated between two American executives at Lexus.

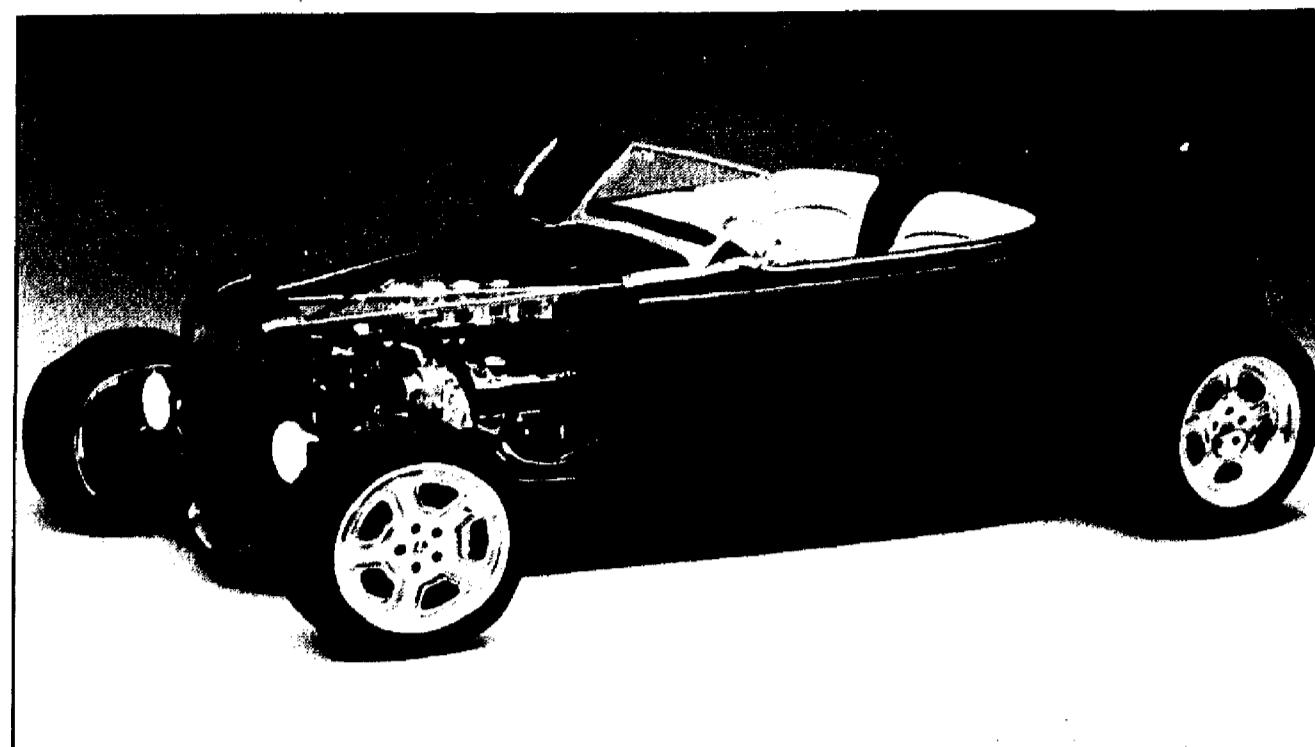
The pristine hot rod with hand-machined chrome moly frame and polished suspension pieces is the love child of the now-retiring Yale Gieszl, executive vice president of the Lexus group, and Bryan Bergsteinsson, vice president and general manager.

It's hard to say which of these guys loves the car more - or who will keep the keys after Gieszl retires.

Gieszl and Bergsteinsson are car guys, and as American executives in a major Japanese car company, they had the ways and means to do something they've always wanted to do - build a hot rod.

At the same time they can help bring a glow of Americana to a company that, at times, struggles to understand the motivation of this market.

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LEXUS HOT ROD

Lexus? Not exactly, but some option packages are being discussed.

"Lexus is a pretty rational car company," Bergsteinsson says. "We're not going to make ourselves into BMW. Our balance is different in content, ride, comfort and performance."

The hot rod was partnered with Rod Miller Motorsport and California Street Rods, both in Huntington Beach, Calif., and Toyota Racing Development.

A lot of money, effort and emotion have gone into this project.

It would have been one thing to slap a GS 400 V-8 and five-speed automatic into a hot-rod body, put the result on a turntable at auto shows and sit back for the oohs and aahs.

But this rod isn't just for show. It has been refined to go fast, corner like a sports coupe and stop as if its life depended on it. It comes with a removable roll bar, but no traction control or anti-lock brakes.

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its cost is difficult to estimate, but as a one-car goodwill ambassador, its value continues to rise. And even though Lexus doesn't really need to attract more attention to itself, every manufacturer appreciates favorable ink from an enthusiastic press.

Since its unveiling, it has been taken to every major new-car show and several top hot-rod shows. It is maintained by veteran hot-rodder Dori Prieto in his warehouse garage near Torrance, Calif., just a short drive from the Lexus-Toyota headquarters.

Prieto, who still has four hot rods, was also part of the brain-storming of the project. "It had to be the right stuff," he says, "so the hardcore enthusiasts wouldn't pick it apart."

The American hot-rodders in this enthusiast group are not typically import car buyers, but a 430-horsepower rod that gets rubber in four out of six gears will get an "atta-boy" from anyone who gets close enough to admire

the luster of the paint (three coats deep) or the eight carbon-fiber velocity stacks on the intake manifold.

Any hot rod worth its wheel hop needs 400 horsepower, but this one gets it from a 242-cubic-inch engine -- puny by American standards.

"It's mostly a lot of breathing adjustments to make the power," Bergsteinsson says, "but the engine is close to stock."

He is as familiar with specs, materials and dimensions as any backyard wrench would be with his own project. At home, he has a '39 Ford convertible street rod, an older Porsche 911 and a couple of Lexus products.

Miller bored out the Lexus 4-liter V-8 to 4.3 liters, added the injection system from Ivan Stewart's Toyota racing truck and ended up with 360 foot-pounds of torque.

The plan was to use the five-speed automatic transmission from the GS 400, but the torque

would have crushed the clutch pack, so Japan suggested they use the six-speed manual out of the turbo Toyota Supra. It worked, with some modifications of the foot well to squeeze in a clutch pedal.

Toe space is tight for size-12 loafers, but that doesn't keep Bergsteinsson from giving rip-snorting rides to curious journalists.

With a curb weight of 2,350 pounds, this is a tire-smoker that does zero to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds, and that was with a second-gear start wearing street tires, BF Goodrich Comp TAs. It turns the quarter-mile in 12.2 and has a top speed of 130.

Weight distribution is a near-perfect 49/51, "with the mass contained in the middle (of the 106-inch wheelbase) for handling in the corners," Bergsteinsson says.

Every aspect of the construction went into building a safe and solid machine.

The doors fit tightly and, when latched shut, contribute to structural rigidity. There is no top, and the smooth doors are opened by an inside handle.

The interior is classic hot rod, but with posh Lexus leather and carpet. The shifter sticks up through the floor, and the instrument cluster (in the center of the dashboard) has light-face gauges with a vintage serif typeface. The split Du Vall-style windshield looks out over the aluminum hood with a chrome accent strip that leads to the radiator shell.

Seating space is just about right for anyone 5 feet 8 or shorter. At about 6-3, Bergsteinsson folds himself behind the tilt wheel and gets the full effect of the wind over the windshield. As steely as the streamlined suspension pieces appear, the ride is kind to the kidneys.

Clearly, this is one of his favorite places to be.

A blip of the throttle clears the pipes with top-fueler clarity.

"Ready?" Bergsteinsson asks. "What enthusiastic member of the media wouldn't be?"

Lexus Hot Rod

-Body type: Rear-drive, 2-passenger, open-wheel roadster with removable roll bar

-Engine size & type: 4.3-liter VVTi V-8

-Horsepower: 430 at 7,000 rpm

-Torque: 360 foot-pounds at 5,500 rpm

-Bore/stroke: 3.46/3.25 inches

-Transmission: 6-speed manual with 4.27:1 limited-slip differential

-Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 3.9 seconds; top speed, 130 mph

-Fuel capacity: 22-gallon cell

-Trunk space: Minimal

-Overall length: 143 inches

-Wheelbase: 106 inches

-Width: 72 inches

-Height: 51 inches

-Track width: Front, 60 inches; rear, 59.5 inches

-Curb weight: 2,350 pounds

-Brakes: Brembo 13-inch vented and cross-drilled rotors and 4-piston calipers

-Suspension: 4-wheel independent; front pushrod/rocker actuated spring/shock; rear, rocker actuated spring/shock; front/rear anti-roll bars; Koni adjustable shock absorbers and Eibach ERS coil springs

-Tires and wheels: BF Goodrich Comp TA; front, 225/45ZR 17-inch; rear, 295/45ZR 18-inch on Budnick custom wheels



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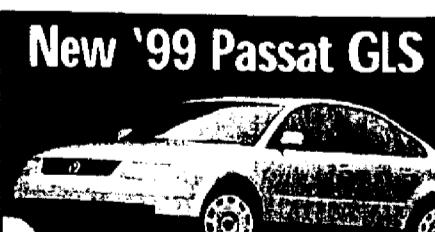
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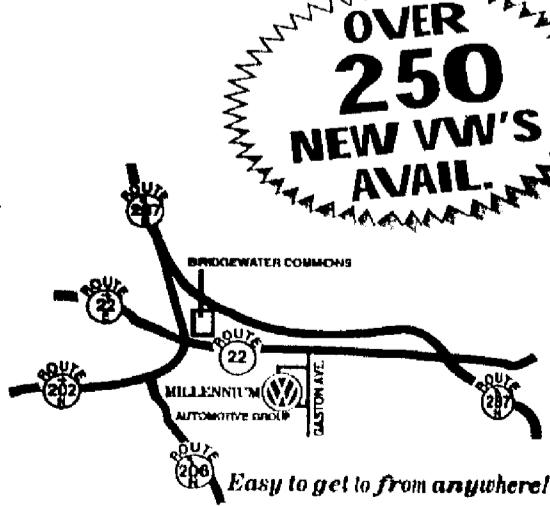
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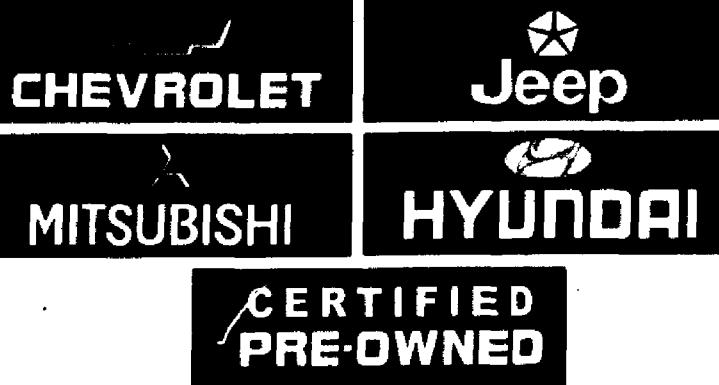
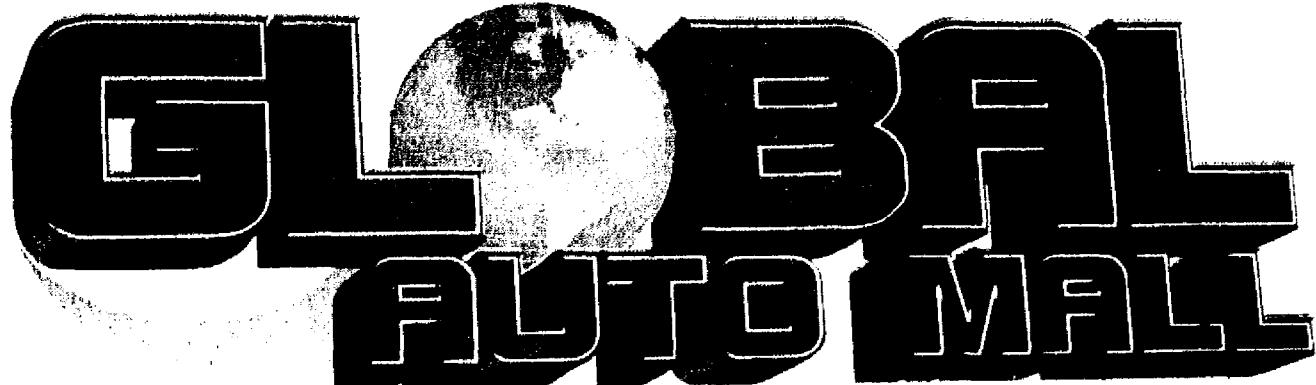
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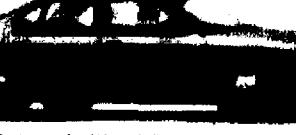
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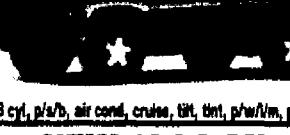


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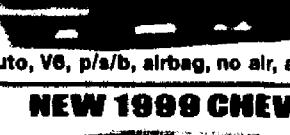


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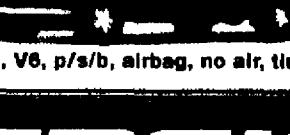
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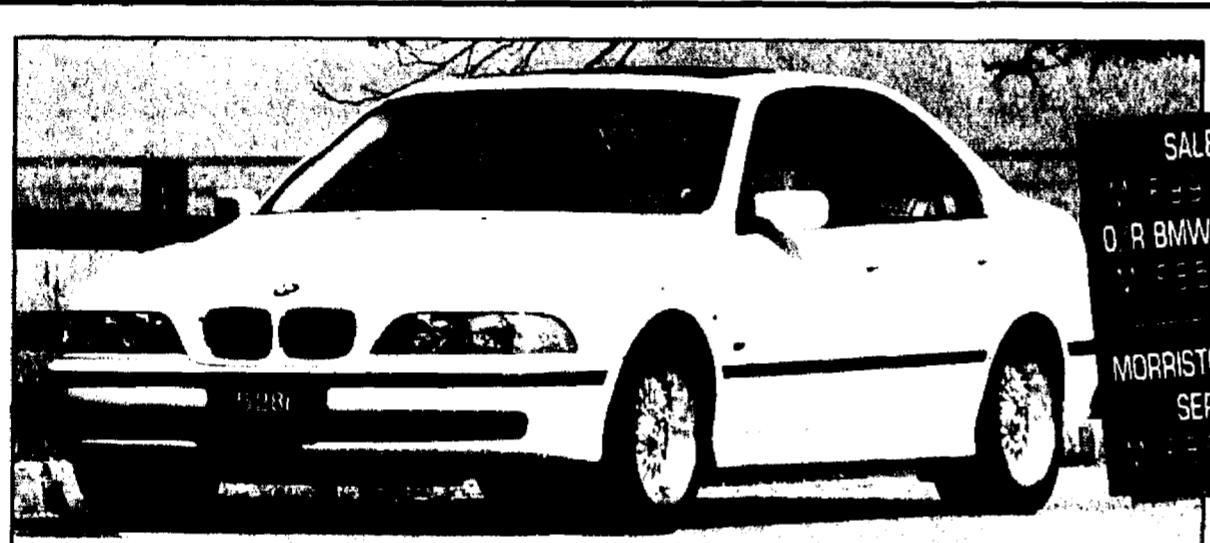
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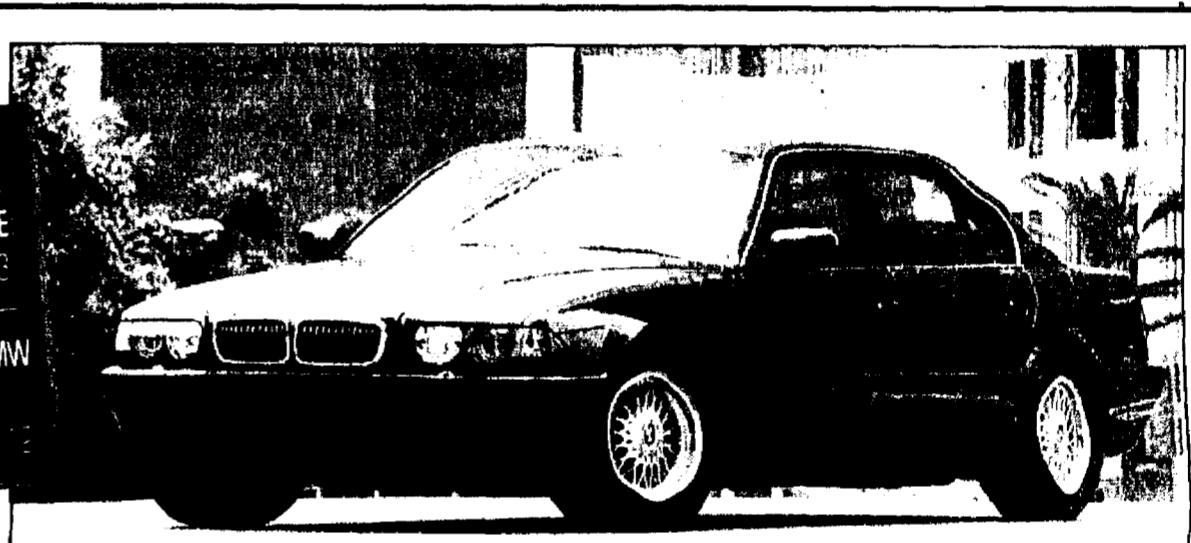
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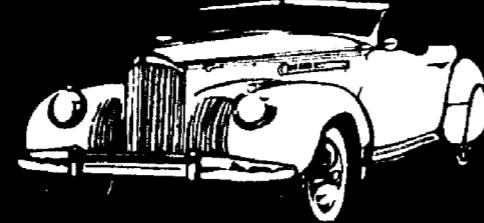
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