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Briefs

Curator highlight 'Images of Westfi'

WESTFIELD — "Images of Westfield in the 20th Century" is the theme for a speech by Ralph Jones before the Westfield Historical Society, of which he is curator.

He will speak at the society's general meeting 7:45 p.m. Thursday in the Community Room of the Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St.

Jones has selected many pictures showing Westfield in the early 20th century and pictures showing the town's steady growth.

The Westfield native has been a Historical Society member since 1978; he was its president from 1983 to 1985 and recently elected a lifetime trustee. He has been town historian as well as the society's archivist and curator.

Frequently he can be seen updating the archives in the society's museum inside the Municipal Building. Along with this Jones answers questions, arranges displays and catalogs the large volume of material the society receives.

Winners named in poetry competition

FANWOOD — Winners have been announced in the first Fanny Wood poetry competition sponsored by the Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee.

Receiving certificates on Sept. 26 in Millennium Clock Plaza as part of Fanny Wood Day:

First — "My Mother's Place" by Deborah LaVeglia of Cranford. The poem deals with the universal theme of grief and regret, characterized by spare language, controlled verse and striking, powerful images.

Second — "Late Train to Newark" by Stuart Leonard of Westfield.

Third (tie) — "The Redbud Tree" by Erin O'Brien of Westfield and "San Gimignano" by Robert Selig of Westfield.

Honorable mention — "A Poem About Normal Things" by John McDermott of Cranford and "When Summer Was Summer" by Grace Lerant of Kenilworth.

Judges' Choice Award — "Who is Fanny Wood?" by Barbara Swindlehurst of Fanwood.

All winners have been invited to read their work at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center as part of the Carriage House Poetry Reading series.

Judges were Tom Plante of Fanwood, editor and publisher of the small press literary journal *Exit 13*, and Alex Pinto, who presents and critiques workshops at Teen Arts festivals throughout New Jersey.

More than 120 entries were received in the competition, according to Adele Kenny, director of the Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee.

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Cultured

The melting pot that is Union County was on full display Sunday at the Multi-Cultural Festival held at the Kuran Cultural Arts Center in Fanwood. The event featured ethnic costumes — like those worn by dancers from the Ballet Folklorico Sentir Criollo (above) — and various cultural dances and traditions, including a *tal chi* sword demonstration (below).



Scotch Plains candidates seek late councilman's seat

Republican Rossi says local taxes must be brought under control

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Republican Township Council candidate Frank Rossi is leading a GOP effort to win back control of the municipal government by focusing on controlling taxes, education, downtown development and recreation facilities.

Rossi, 43, seeking to fill the remaining three years of late Democratic Councilman Frank Donatelli's term, is facing Democrat Phil Weiner in the November election. He said controlling local taxes is the number-one issue on his agenda.

"Good times are not when you raise taxes," Rossi said, noting a 5.4-percent property tax increase passed by the Democrat-led Town Council last year. Rossi, who sat through budget meetings as a member of the Fanwood Borough Council, said offsetting costs with the township's surplus account — which, he said, is at a steady level of approximately \$2 million — would make such a tax hike unnecessary.

Misinformation about tax issues were a major factor in the Democrat's gains in last year's election, according to Rossi. He said a local daily newspaper printed a report that Republicans had raised taxes more in the previous five years than was actually the case, giving the Democrats

in last year's election a public relations advantage. Rossi said the increase, which was reported as 71 percent over the five years, was closer to 14 or 15 percent. "The newspaper printed a correction, but ultimately the damage had been done," he said.

Rossi, who is a corporate attorney with Bristol-Meyers Squibb, said he would also like to see more cooperation between town government and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education — in the form of shared services, which would mean financial savings for the township as a whole. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is unique, as both Scotch Plains and Fanwood share financial responsibilities for the district, according to Rossi. He said this creates many ways for the towns to save money on expenses that overlap between the two governments and the school district. One example he used is rock-salt for snow removal.

If the Board of Education needs five tons of salt and Scotch Plains needs 10, he said, both can save money by purchasing together — something not presently done. "I propose that a citizen's committee be formed to explore ways to share goods and services," he said. "It makes sense for a committee to explore this (sharing services) at a local level."

Campaign '99

Recreation space is another major issue for Rossi, who believes Scotch Plains has done a very good job of using "every inch" of recreation space. Noting "it's a matter of numbers," Rossi said he advocates developing 22 of the 600 acres proposed for new fields behind Union County Vocational Technical School. He also said he supports an open space referendum to set aside two tax points to create new fields, and would like to lead some exploring into ways the township and the county can work together on such efforts.

Downtown development and the so-called "Hedge Property" along Park Avenue are also major issues for Rossi, who said he would like to see the empty site developed as a viable commercial property. "People are looking for a modest retail store," he said, noting he might like to see a clothing store or cafe on the site. "Perhaps we can attract things not currently (downtown)," he said.

Rossi graduated from Seton Hall University law school and has worked with the Union County Prosecutor's Office. He has also been an alternate on the township Board of Adjustment since 1997, and said his prior

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Westfield Dems, GOP square off

Sparks fly along party lines over proposed Common Cause ordinance

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — When pumpkins grace front porches and partisan politics heat up, you know it's October in Westfield.

A shooting match along party lines, over the merits of a proposed ordinance, took place during the Town Council's Tuesday night meeting. The ordinance — which would reform the town's "request for professional services," or RFP, process — is still in draft stages and the work of the Laws and Rule Committee is not nearly finished, but that did not stop Republicans and Democrats from squaring off over its pros and cons.

Democrats said the law, which would change the way the township seeks proposals from consultants and other outside professionals, is important enough to

be passed before the end of this year, but Republicans charged the Democrats with trying to force the issue as an attack on the GOP.

Democratic Mayor Thomas Jardim said he fears the Republicans are turning an important issue into a partisan fight and fears the council will become bogged down on this issue, preventing council members from effectively completing their work. "If this (ordinance isn't passed) by the end of the year, I suspect my fears will be well-founded," the mayor said.

But Republican council members denied any ulterior motives in not supporting the ordinance at this time. "This is all political theater," said Third Ward Republican Neil Sullivan. "This was pure stage management. (The Democrats) were bringing

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Council to decide Club Malibu fate

By **JON LEDERMAN**
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council will act as judge and jury Thursday at a liquor license hearing that could determine the fate of troubled night spot Club Malibu.

The public hearing will be conducted like a court trial, with attorneys for both sides presenting arguments and calling witnesses for and against the renewal of the club's liquor license.

Township Prosecuting Attorney Kenneth Lipstein wouldn't comment on the hearing, but according to Police Chief Thomas O'Brien, "The Township will be objecting to the renewal based on past incidences at the club and because they have not fulfilled the agreements they made to improve certain conditions."

Club Malibu, located on Terrell Road near the intersection of Route 22, has a record of violent episodes and code violations culminating with the murder of a 19-year-old New

Brunswick resident last November. Authorities who investigated the incident said the assailant and victim were part of a crowd of about 50 people waiting to be admitted to the establishment, which had reached its capacity.

Other reported incidents include the arrest of five people in August of 1998 for fighting in the parking lot around the club's 2 a.m. closing time, and a parking lot brawl in 1996 that involved more than 30 people.

In addition to the violence, the club has been fined for fire code violations involving fire lane infractions and maximum occupancy provisions, and has been the subject of complaints about uncontrolled littering, vandalism and disorderly conduct, according to police reports.

O'Brien said club owner Frank Ricciutti, who could not be reached for comment, agreed to implement measures such as placing guards or alarms at doors to prevent patrons from gaining entry to the club unlawfully.

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Democrat Weiner looks to continue 'progress' begun by party fellows

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Township Council candidate said he Phil Weiner hopes to continue the work done by the Democratic Party since it took control of the council.

Working to revitalize the downtown area, passing a referendum for a direct mayoral election and putting \$2 million into township open space efforts are ways the 12-year-resident said he wants "to continue the progress of the Democratic Party."

"Scotch Plains has always been a good town to live in," he said. "But I want to make it better."

Weiner said he strongly favors downtown development, but wants to see it take place in a responsible way. He said he does not want to see large businesses come to town and force smaller businesses out of operation. "I want to see the same faces next year while we add some new ones," he said.

The candidate, seeking to complete the remaining three years of the term of late Councilman Frank Donatelli, said his concerns about the development of the "Hedge Property" downtown center around what type of business goes into the location. "If we put in a business that knocks three out, that's not my idea of

what to do with the property," he said.

Weiner said Democrats have done more to promote downtown development in the nine months they have controlled the council than the former Republican majority did in the 24 years of municipal control.

The 44-year-old Wharton School of Business graduate said his party achieved a major victory by getting a referendum on this November's general election ballot. The referendum, if passed, would give residents the power to vote directly for a mayor, ending what Weiner called the "cynical-minority" system currently in place. "The argument of the Republicans on the council is 'if it's not broke, don't fix it,'" he said. "This will give more continuity (to the mayor's position)."

The Democratic Party has done much to create new parks in town and preserve open space, according to Weiner, who is a controller at Landpower Equipment. And the Democrats are not done yet, he said. "We have a (proposed) referendum to set aside close to \$2 million dollars over 10 years," he said. "If we can get this money, we plan to use it to build new ballfields."

Weiner said if the referendum fails, a backup plan would be to do the best possible with existing funds. "Money put into recreation

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Westfield resident charged with DWI

WESTFIELD — Carlos Maron, 20, of Pierson Street, was charged Oct. 11 with driving while intoxicated after his car hit a utility pole at Rahway Avenue and Dorian Place at approximately 4 a.m., police said.

Maron was taken to Overlook Hospital, although police did not know the extent of his injuries. His blood alcohol content will not be known until police receive the results of a blood test taken at the hospital, according to reports.

Compact discs valued at \$1,400 were reported stolen Oct. 8 from a car in the 400 block of South Avenue, according to police records.

The purse of a Madison woman was reported stolen Oct. 8 from Tamaques Park. Police said the purse contained about \$800 worth of items.

Someone unlawfully entered the vehicle of a Cottage Place resident Oct. 9 and stole a fishing rod and reel valued at \$350, police said.

Police Log

Two projectors valued at a total of \$500 were reported stolen Oct. 10 from a Westfield home, police said.

A Rahway Avenue resident reported Oct. 11 that graffiti was written on a garage door in magic marker, according to police reports.

A Mountain Avenue resident reported an ongoing pattern of harassment by a Roselle resident Oct. 11, according to police records. Police said the suspect has repeatedly left obscene items on the victim's back porch.

Three rings, valued at a total of \$1,475, were reported stolen Oct. 11 from a Massachusetts Street home, according to police records, police said. According to police reports, two female suspects — both approximately 35 years of age — asked the resident Oct. 7 to borrow a pen to leave a note for someone and were granted access to the home. The victim told police they were the only ones in the house in the "recent past."

A fraudulent ATM withdrawal for \$80 was reported by a Washington Street resident Oct. 11, according to police records.

Suzanne Kochis of Lambert's Mill Road was arrested on a contempt of court warrant issued by the Linden Municipal Court, police said. She was released after posting \$75 bail.

Scotch Plains
A cellular telephone was reported stolen Oct. 4 from the vehicle of a Swansmill Lane resident, according to police records.

A generator was reported stolen Oct. 4 from a house under construction on Shackamaxon Drive, according to police records.

Gregory McGarry, 26, of Maplewood, was charged Oct. 6 with driving while intoxicated at Route 22 and Union Avenue. Police said he was involved in a traffic accident at approximately 11:50 p.m. in which the other vehicle fled the scene.

Charles Johnson Jr., 26, of Plainfield, was charged with driving while intoxicated Oct. 7, police said. Police said Johnson was originally stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Terrill Road at approximately 3:15 a.m.

A cellular telephone was reported stolen Oct. 8 from the locker room at Union Catholic High School, police said.

A burglary to the Public Works garage on Plainfield Avenue was reported to police Oct. 8. Police said entry was gained by forcing open a door panel. It was undetermined if anything was taken, according to reports.

Construction bricks were reported stolen Oct. 9 from the driveway of a Newark Avenue resident, according to police records. The value of the bricks is unknown.

Three Piscataway men were taken into custody shortly before 1 a.m. Oct. 10 after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road, police said. Two men, Gary Savage, 22, and Leroy Savage, 33, were charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana. The third man, Marlon Mendez, was charged with contempt after believe discovered a warrant issued by the Plainfield Municipal Court. A fourth man was released without charges, police said.

Fanwood
A woman's purse was reported stolen Oct. 5 from the A&P Supermarket on South Avenue. Police said the purse contained \$60 in cash, credit cards and the victim's identification.

Grant means technology boost for Fanwood Police Department

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Police Department is about to enjoy a technological upgrade.

A complete replacement of the department's aging computer system was approved at a special meeting of the Borough Council held Oct. 6. ACT Technical Group of Middlesex was awarded a \$27,829 contract to install new computers and provide laptops for the department, according to Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern.

The money will come from a federal grant for community policing the borough received this year.

Robert Carboyo, chief of the Fanwood Police Department, said the upgrade will replace all of the department's existing computer workstations with newer, more advanced machines. "We're going to be putting in faster machines," the chief said.

The new computers will give the police Internet access, which they currently do not have. But according to Carboyo, the most striking change

will be that officers will have laptop computers in their patrol cars, which the chief said will allow them to access all state and federal crime databases.

Currently, borough patrol cars are equipped with a computer terminal that only gives them access to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the National Crime Laboratories database, according to Carboyo. The new computers, he added, will allow officers to do some tasks, such as filing reports, in the field. "It gives them more time to be out on patrol," he said, noting that speed and convenience will be the biggest pluses for his department.

The current computer system, which has only received sporadic upgrades since it was completed in the late 1980s, was serving the department's needs very well, but simply needed to be replaced, according to Carboyo. "We started to be computerized back in 1988, and through the years we just added things to the system as we needed them," he said.

Kent Place School schedules open houses

SUMMIT — The Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., has scheduled three open houses for interested families.

The Primary School, for girls in kindergarten through grade 5, will have its open house 9 a.m.-11 a.m. today. This division offers challenging academics in a child-centered environment.

For girls in grades 9 through 12 and their families, the Upper School will hold its open house 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

The Upper School's academically rigorous college preparatory curriculum has been designed to fulfill the admission requirements of the most competitive colleges and universities.

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framework of a comprehensive course of study in mathematics, science, technology and the humanities, enriched with experiences in the fine arts and athletics.

For girls in grades 6 through 8 and their families, the Middle School will have its open house 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 7.

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for a demanding college preparatory program.

The single-sex setting from kindergarten through grade 12 offers girls the advantage of learning in an environment that uses teaching methods with proven effectiveness for young women in terms of learning styles and academic opportunities.

Independent thinking, responsibility and personal development are key components of a Kent Place education.

Interested families are welcome to tour the campus during the Primary School, Upper School and Middle School open houses. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand.

For more information, call the admissions office at (908) 273-0900.

Scotch Plains Lions Club hosts benefit breakfast

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Lions Club is holding a "More Than a Lion's

Pancake Breakfast" at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road.

Servings for the all-you-can-eat breakfast will be 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 24. The menu includes pancakes, sausage,

ham and eggs, juice and coffee.

Cost is \$5 for adults and free for children under 6. Proceeds will go to the Blind Fund. Tickets are available at the door or from any Lions Club member.

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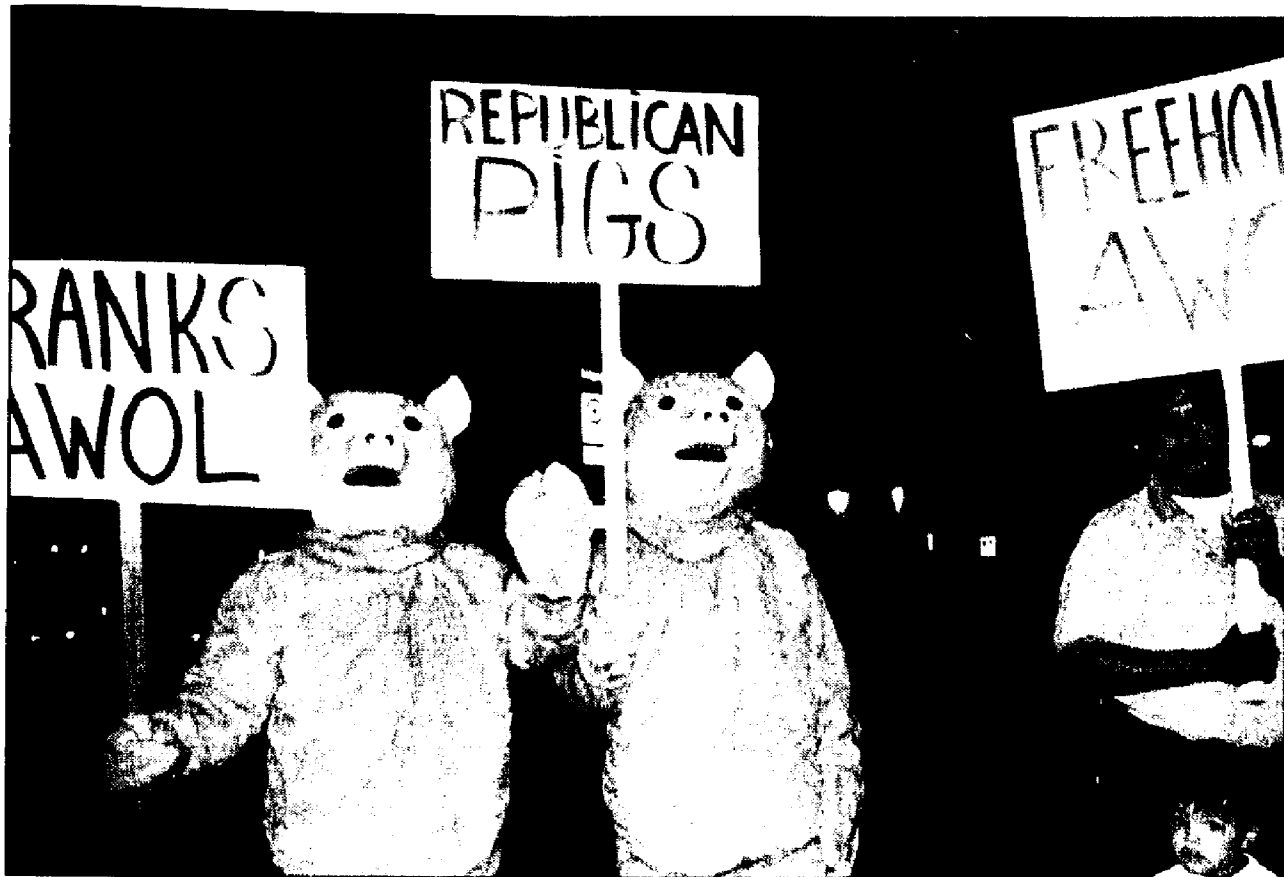
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Protesters left little doubt as to how they feel about New Jersey — and national — Republicans during an Oct. 6 George W. Bush stump-stop at Somerset County Park in Bridgewater. On the protesters' minds were the efforts of regional and national political leaders in the wake of Tropical Storm Floyd.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Bush, GOP hear a snout-ful

Republicans rejoice, but visit sparks 'piggish' protest

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

BRIDGEWATER — Over 30 angry protesters, gathered outside the Somerset County Ballpark to rail against the flood relief efforts of state and federal officials, greeted presidential candidate George W. Bush and Governor Christie Whitman Oct. 6 when they arrived at a \$1,250-per-plate fund-raiser thrown by the State Assembly Republican Majority.

Although Bush's visit was intended to aid state Republicans — and Bush — in their respective campaigns, it provided a chance to vent for some of those whose lives were turned upside-down last month by Tropical Storm Floyd.

"I think it's a slap in the face (to have the fund-raiser so close to flooded areas)," said Rich Cavallo, owner of Taste of Italy deli in Bound Brook, one of the areas worst-hit by Floyd. "They could have postponed it or had it in a different place. It's a pure slap in the face."

"They should be ashamed ... they should find a real job," agreed Cavallo's wife, Frances, adding that politicians who promised grant money during the weeks immediately following Floyd's floods should "drop out" of their upcoming elections.

The crowd, which contained many people from an earlier protest in Bound Brook and included some protesters clad in full-body pig suits, also attacked state Senate President Donald DiFrancesco for what they perceived as lack of action on his

late-September pledge to fast-track an \$80 million flood-relief package. The package has since become bogged down in committee and the state Legislature will not vote on the bill until November.

"People are confused about what's going on," said Carlos Hernandez, noting a lack of communication between Bound Brook's Latino residents and those involved with relief efforts. "Everybody inside can do something. Anything they can give us will help, but those people don't help."

Elia A. Pelios of the Somerset County Democratic Committee said state Assembly Speaker Jack Collin's decision to hold the event — which raised approximately \$800,000 for area Republican candidates — was in poor taste and should have been canceled or moved. "It is rubbing salt in the wounds of these people," he said. "The speaker (Collins) has the power to do something. Thus far he has chosen not to do it."

Brian Silbert, a member of the State Builder's Political Action Committee and CEO of Silbert Real Estate in Watchung, called the plight of flood victims "unfortunate," but said it was not the Republican's fault. "I know the state and federal government is doing everything they can," Silbert said. "People here can't prevent what occurred."

Silbert said the turnout was great for a political fund-raiser in New Jersey. He also said the event was a good step for the Republican Party in New Jersey and a step toward a new millen-

nium with Bush in office.

Bush, the Republican front-runner for the 2000 presidential election, spoke to state political candidates and campaign contributors about the need for a program of "compassionate conservatism" to give the Republican Party a softer face than has sometimes been portrayed. Although he did not go into specific campaign planks, Bush said education reform and a tougher stance on crime should be what the Republican Party eyes during election season. "It's conservative to set high standards," said Bush. "It's compassionate not to quit on any child in any state."

Bush said he recognized the growing prominence of New Jersey in national politics, but remained silent about further specifics — such as a running mate. When asked, he would not state whether Governor Whitman was a possibility.

The Texas governor also spoke briefly about the virtues of limited government, lower taxes and the need to be philosophically compassionate. "On this ground I will make my stand," he said.

Torricelli amendments seen as win for advocates of ocean-routing plan

FAA gets "Sense of Congress" on heated air-noise debate

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

Local groups fighting aircraft noise over Central Jersey won a major victory Oct. 6, when the U.S. Senate approved two amendments to the FAA Reauthorization Bill.

The amendments, including one expressing Congress' written support for a closer study of a controversial "ocean-routing" procedure — were proposed by Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ).

"Aviation is the fastest growing mode of travel in the U.S., increasing twice as fast as car travel," Torricelli said in a written statement. "The federal government has a responsibility to mitigate the hazardous effects of air noise on our health and quality of life. These amendments will go a long way toward accomplishing this goal."

"Senator Torricelli has demonstrated extraordinary legislative skill by specifically directing Federal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey to ensure that ocean-routing procedures are fairly examined and thoroughly considered during the airspace redesign process," said Pamela Barsam-Brown, executive director of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise.

The amendments give the FAA what is known as a Sense of Congress, meaning the entire Congress backs the consideration of ocean-routing as a viable solution to the noise problem that has plagued New Jersey for over a decade, according to Jodi Bennett, a spokesperson for Torricelli. "It means that it will go on record as saying Congress supports this suggestion," said Bennett. "It's an official recom-

mendation to consider ocean-routing. We're not saying we support that option ... but we want to at least look into it as an option."

Ocean-routing is a plan to divert jets taking off from New York-area airports over the ocean, putting them at a higher altitude before they fly over heavily populated areas. Supporters of the plan say this will reduce the noise that has been caused by low-flying planes since flight paths were moved over Central Jersey in the late 1980s.

The U.S. Senate passed another amendment authored by Torricelli requiring the National Academy of Science to complete a thorough study of the noise problem caused by air traffic throughout the country. The NAS would then present the report to Congress, which would use it while weighing options for the redesign of national airspace.

"That wasn't going to happen before," said Bennett. "Depending on the results, we'll

know where to go, how to proceed and how best to go about it."

Bennett said the study should begin in the next few weeks and will take 18 months to complete. It follows a recent New Jersey Institute of Technology report, completed in January, that concluded ocean-routing is a solution worthy of consideration during the redesign of air routes.

Previously, the FAA had been the only agency reporting to Congress on the redesign of U.S. airspace, according to Torricelli's office. The senator has said in the past the FAA's responsibility to advocate the aviation industry while simultaneously studying methods of reducing noise pollution over populated areas was a conflict of interest.

The FAA could not be reached for comment on the new amendments.

Torricelli also voiced his support for increased funding of the National Airspace Re-Design project, which would allow the FAA to speed up the process of redesigning airspace over the northeastern

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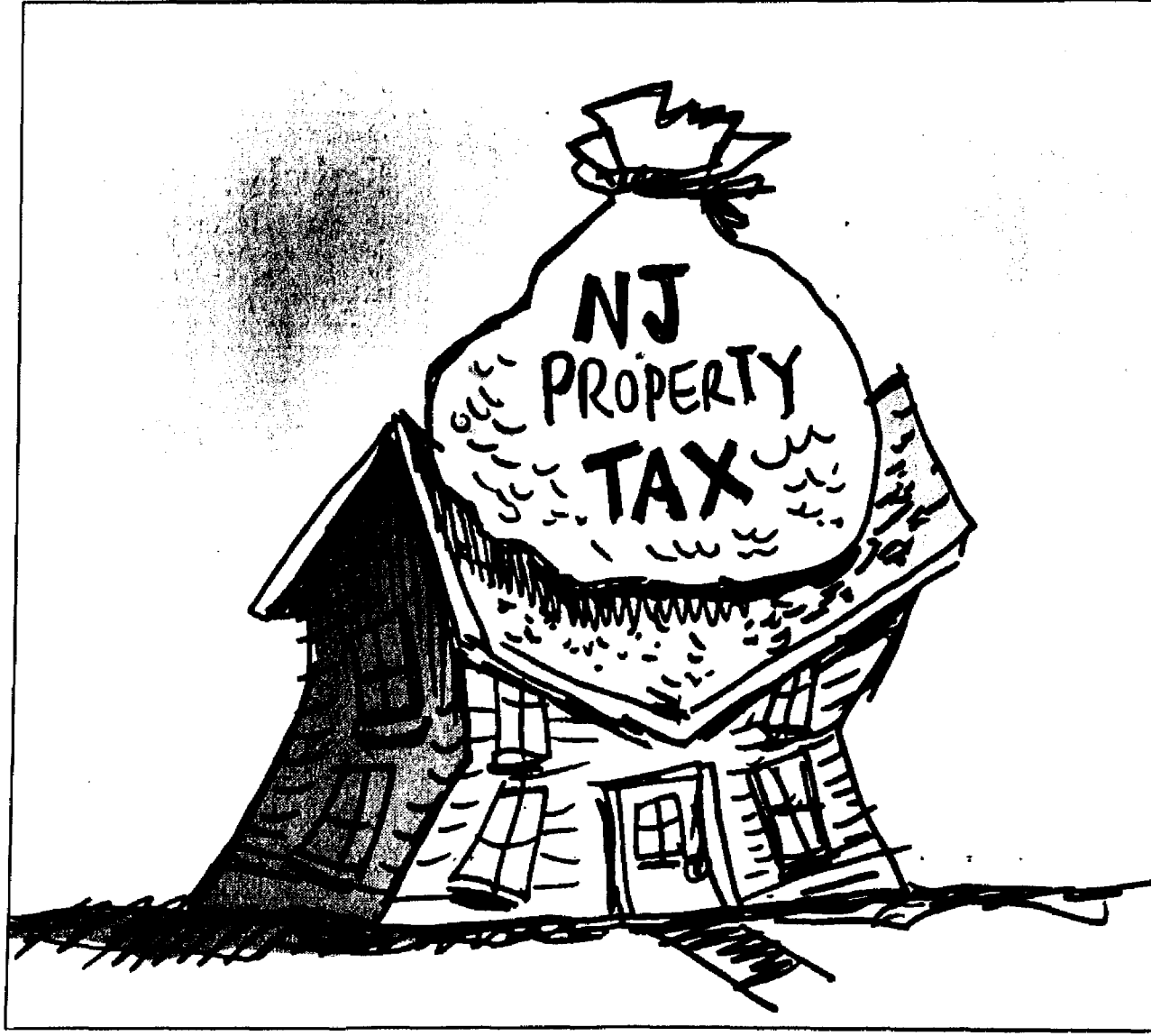
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New Jersey residents are not stupid. They know the property tax is one of the most regressive forms of taxation. That's why they almost elected Jim McGreevey over incumbent Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. The governor got the message from the election and was able to introduce a tax rebate program that was politically safe and economically viable because of the state's prosperity. But, as state mandates grow and the enrollments grow, the cost of education will also grow. And so will property taxes, no matter what the governor says, especially if the state's economy begins to sputter.

Candidates for the state Assembly should be pressed on how they plan to deal with public school funding in the future. They should be asked if they favor a tax shift — not a tax increase — to reduce the property tax burden.



Letters to the editor

Thanks for ocean-routing articles

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation for the Sept. 10 "Candidates endorse ocean routing" and Sept. 17 "Ocean routing plan flying high" articles by Terrance Dopp.

In particular, Mr. Dopp presented an objective, well-researched analysis of the recent NJIT Ocean Routing study.

These articles come at an important time. The FAA is beginning a redesign of the New Jersey

regional airspace. Coverage such as yours is important in providing accurate public documentation of Ocean Routing. This will help to ensure that the FAA adequately considers the needs of citizens during the process.

Yours truly,

Frederick Obrock
President

Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against
Aircraft Noise

Time to end slaughterhouse cruelty

To the Editor:

October 2 marked the 17th annual observance of World Farm Animals Day. It is also the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, a foremost champion of humane farming. World Farm Animals Day is designed to focus the world's attention on the tragedy of animal agriculture.

This is a tragedy not just for 97 percent of all the animals in the United States, but also for our nation's public health. Over a million people are killed each year as a direct result of consuming animal fat and meat. In addition, in our environment we are destroying our forest, parks, croplands and water resources at an alarming rate primarily to feed increasing "livestock" production.

This year, World Farm Animals Day is targeting the atrocities committed in our nation's slaughterhouses with tacit approval by the USDA. Awake, aware and afraid, maimed pigs are dropped in scalding water. They kick and scream and thrash about in pain and terror for minutes before they drown or burn to death. Slaughterhouse workers say cows young and old

are routinely bludgeoned to death or skinned alive. Workers report horses, many young and healthy, are skinned alive or drowned in their own blood. These shocking findings are based on eyewitness accounts by slaughterhouse workers. USDA inspectors are reported in "Slaughterhouse," a thoroughly documented expose by an investigative reporter Gail Eisnitz, published recently by Prometheus Press.

We need to expose and prevent such atrocities. We need to insist that the USDA should start doing its job and start enforcing the law. It's what we pay them to do.

I encourage everyone to participate and join thousands of other caring citizens around the nation to demand that we end the atrocities in our nation's slaughterhouses and accelerate the development and use of alternatives to animal-based agriculture.

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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Donations sought for flood victims

To the Editor:

We are all aware of the incredible disaster that has befallen central New Jersey as a result of Hurricane Floyd. The pictures on television and in the newspapers speak more vividly to the destruction and more eloquently to the need that has arisen than any words could.

Knowing that we must be the helping hands of God here on earth, many people are seeking some way to assist those so tragically affected. Therefore, the Somerville Area Ministerial Association, an ecumenical, interfaith organization, is accepting cash donations for flood relief.

Contributions may be made out to S.A.M.A., David C. Morgan, Treasurer, c/o Pastoral Care, Somerset Medical Center, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876.

All moneys received will be forwarded to responsible local agencies.

For all those who are led to contribute, thank you. We are mindful that this is a war against need, deprivation and despair. But not all battles are fought with the sword. The most important are those fought with the heart.

The Reverend CARL SHESLER, President
Pastoral Counseling Center

One-party rule is 'disaster' for all

To the Editor:

Union County has substantial numbers of both Republicans and Democrats. Yet somehow, we have created a situation where members of only one party, the Democratic, fill all the slots as county freeholders.

As an independent, it seems to me that any time we have a governmental body composed of only one party, we have a prescription for trouble. Whether it be all Democrats or all Republicans, the lack of opposition creates a situation with few safeguards for the taxpaying citizens.

Maybe that is how the county acquired an assistant county manager who by some strange coincidence is a nephew of a powerful Democratic leader. The one-party freeholders voted to pay more than \$100,000 a year to this individual, who has never held a job that was not a political appointment. There were no Republican freeholders to raise an objection or

request some justification. Just a nice, sweet, cozy deal for the one-party freeholders.

Maybe that is how the one-party freeholders managed to give themselves a hefty pay raise. There was no opposition members to answer the freeholders' lame explanation. "Only a \$1,500 raise," they claim.

But when you have a one-party government, there is no one to add "Yes, it was a \$1,500 raise — but the one party freeholders saw it fit to vote for the raise in December 1998, then make it retroactive for the entire preceding year 1998."

When, Mr. Average Taxpayer, did your boss give you a retroactive 12-month raise?

The point is, a democracy requires watchdogs. One-party rule is a disaster for the citizen — Democrat or Republican. Let's vote in some "loyal opposition" and eliminate the danger of one-party freeholders.

Norman Miller
Cranford

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Joy in the Mud-Dome

I grew up in Queens, N.Y. right off the Belt Parkway, probably best known as a main access to Kennedy Airport and, in lesser circles, Aqueduct Racetrack. Between my home and the parkway was a series of ball fields, half-a-dozen diamonds that were most certainly in the rough.

You had to cross Conduit Avenue, a hazardous parkway service road, to reach the parks. There was more broken glass than grass on the fields, and just getting too close to the decrepit, rusted fences would likely give you a nasty case of tetanus. But to me and my friends, the dangerous fields were forever "The Mud-Dome," a place we spent most of our leisure time, and when you're a young boy who hasn't yet discovered girls, you have plenty of leisure time. Remember, this is before video games became every child's central preoccupation; kids actually played outside.

I would call The Mud-Dome a sandlot, but "sand" implies dry, and believe me, "Mud-Dome" — there was no dome — was a well-earned moniker. Still, the boggy fields saw many a classic contest. In the winter, it was no-equipment tackle football. When Pele and the New York Cosmos enjoyed their moment, we tried our foot at soccer. But without a doubt, the most action taking place on these hallowed grounds involved baseball.

I was always fortunate to have 15 or 16 friends standing by, bats and gloves in hand, ready to go nine innings or more. When you live in a dense residential neighborhood in Queens, finding enough kids to field two baseball teams is not a real challenge. Sometimes it was softball, sometimes it was baseball, but always it was pitcher-versus-batter, swing-for-the-fences and let's-turn-two.

Besides the games themselves, afternoons at the Mud-Dome were spent arguing a most important point — who was better, the Mets or the Yankees. Most of my youth occurred during the 1980's — one of the lower points in the history of the Yankees franchise, and certainly the highest in the roller-coaster tenure of the Mets — and we were in Queens to begin with, not The Bronx, so this argument often went in favor of the Mets. But one thing was certain; for the kids who showed up regularly at the Mud-Dome, baseball was a true love and the Mets and Yankees were first in our hearts.

There is joy in the Mud-Dome today.

For the first time, the Mets and Yankees are in Major League Baseball's postseason at the same time. Not since 1956 — when the Yankees beat the then-Brooklyn Dodgers in seven games — have two New York squads squared off for baseball's version of the Holy Grail. Right now, both the Mets and Yankees are battling for their league championship, and if both can bring it home — for some of us, literally — then New York will enjoy a rare and glorious Subway Series, a baseball event unrivaled since the days of The Mick, The Duke, Johnny Podres and Don Larsen.

A lot of the country is probably hoping this won't happen. It's easy to hate New York teams, in any sport, because money is no object with these guys and they've become infamous for "buying" winning teams. Truth be told, there's something to that; it's not like the old days, when young players were nurtured in a team's minor-league system and achieved glory as home-grown products. These days, free agency is the way to the top; a team could have no minor-league system and still put a winner on the field.

Still, this could be — heck, already is — a magical moment for New York. There has been a growing excitement in the Big Apple for months already, and now, with both the Mets and Yankees knocking on the door to the big dance, a frenzy is building.

There is joy in the Mud-Dome today, a joy it has never before known. For the kid from Queens, this is almost too good to be true.

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Retired Superior Court justice to speak on 'World's Great Trials'

WESTFIELD — The Honorable Richard P. Muscatello, a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey for 15 years and now retired, will lecture to the members and guests of the Woman's Club of Westfield on the World's Great Trials.

The lecture will take place at the annual scholarship luncheon, scheduled for Oct. 20 at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Muscatello presided over hundreds of homicide cases, and as a trial lawyer specialized in criminal defense cases and personal injury matters. He was a legal aid attorney for Union County and served as an assistant prosecutor for Union County.

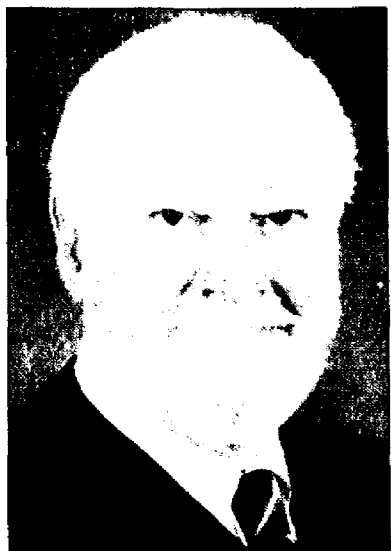
He is a graduate of Rutgers University School of Law.

Currently, the judge is a visiting lecturer at Kean University and Union County College, and has conducted training seminars at the Union County Police Academy.

As a member of the New Jersey State Bar Speaker's Bureau, he lectures to various civic groups throughout the state.

The judge is master in the Richard J. Hughes Inns of Court, which teaches young lawyers the art of advocacy in the trial courts.

The scholarship luncheon will benefit the Woman's Club's scholarship fund, which annually awards grants to graduating stu-



RICHARD P. MUSCATELLO

dents of Westfield High School for their college education.

To reserve a seat at the luncheon for more information, call (908) 233-0532.

Magnet High School schedules information session for students

SCOTCH PLAINS — An "information session" has been scheduled for students interested in the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

The program will be 10 a.m. Oct. 23 in Mancuso Hall at the Union County Vocational and Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road.

The Magnet High School has a curriculum centered around engineering and design technology. The curriculum, developed in association with Union County College, prepares students for college study and allows them to earn up to a year of college credit before they graduate. Classes are held on the Vo-Tech campus.

Extracurricular activities include the Robotics Club, Technology Club, Science Olympiad, Math League, school newspaper, school yearbook, debate team and Student Council. Reservations are recommended; call Corinne Wnek at (908) 889-3800, Ext. 201.

Fairleigh-Dickinson honors local alumnus

SCOTCH PLAINS — Wayne B. Hallard has received the Alumni Loyalty Award from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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The contest requires a composition no greater than 250 type-written words highlighting the works of crisis pregnancy centers, Hospice and the Church. Students can rely on Scripture, Catholic social teaching and the examples offered by leaders like Mother Teresa and John Paul II.

A prize of \$100 will be awarded to one student each from both St. Helen's and Holy Trinity's parishes.

In addition, a \$100 donation to Raphael's Life House of Elizabeth will be made in the name of the winning entrants.

According to Ms. Patti Gardner, the Youth Minister at St. Helen's, the contest comes at a time when students need to know there are alternatives to those who are suffering from painful illness and social rejection.

Those students attending grade six through can obtain entry forms through the CCD

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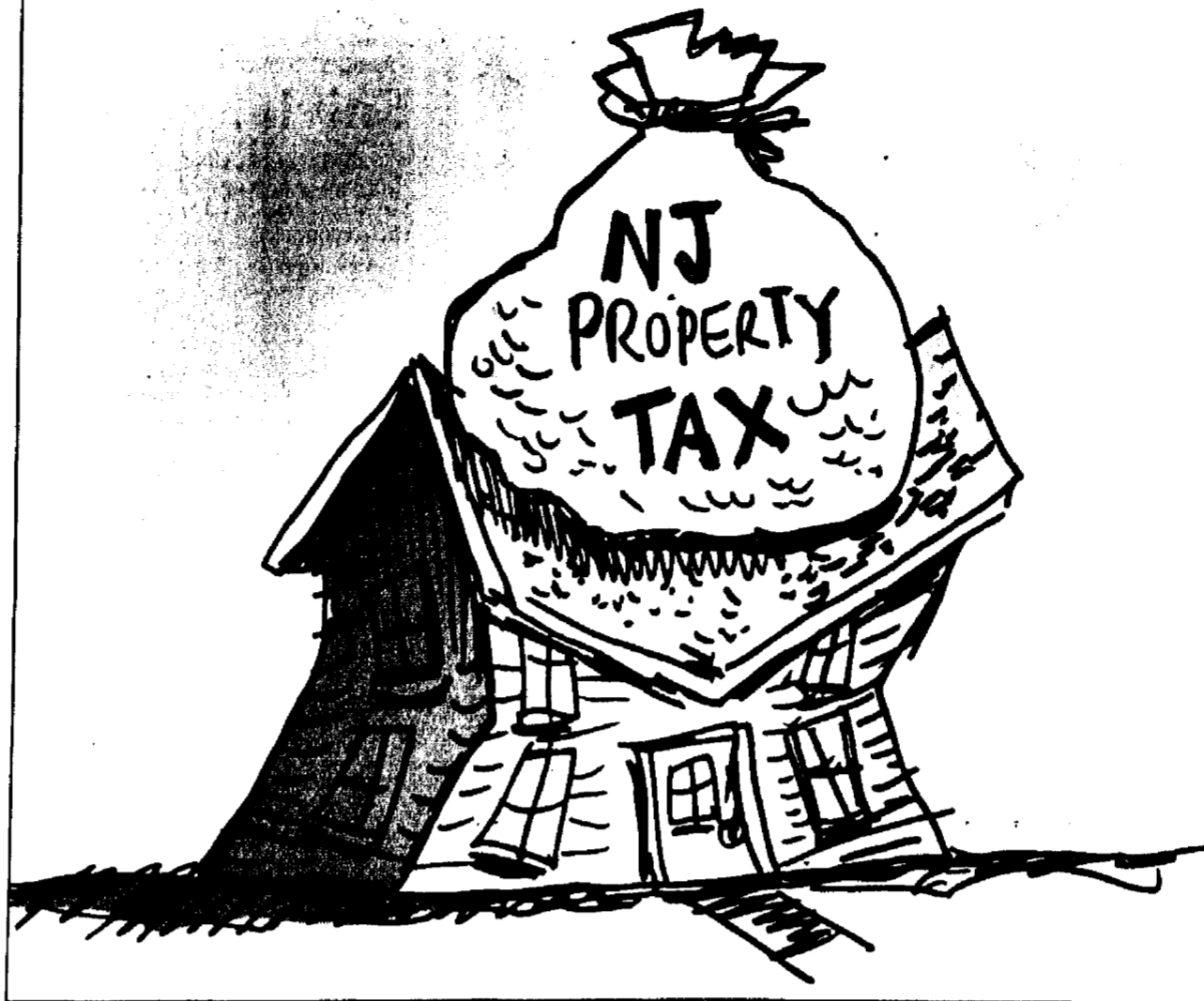
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New Jersey is out of step with the rest of the country. In most states, state aid accounts for about 50 percent of the funding for local schools. In New Jersey, the average is only 40 percent, but that is skewed because of the state's massive infusion of money into urban school districts. Many suburban districts receive less than a third of their funding from the state.

The survey found that 54 percent of state residents believe the property tax is the least fair form of taxation. That's not surprising because the property tax burden falls unfairly on senior citizens or those on fixed incomes. The property tax rate is also a product of arbitrary geography. Why, for example, should residents on the Bridgewater side of Adamsville Road, who live in identical homes as their Somerville neighbors across the street, pay much lower property tax bills? Why should a 75-year-old widow living in a house in Bound Brook pay more property taxes than the lawyer who makes \$100,000 a year who lives in a townhouse in Bedminster?

New Jersey residents are not stupid. They know the property tax is one of the most regressive forms of taxation. That's why they almost elected Jim McGreevey over incumbent Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. The governor got the message from the election and was able to introduce a tax rebate program that was politically safe and economically viable because of the state's prosperity. But, as state mandates grow and the enrollments grow, the cost of education will also grow. And so will property taxes, no matter what the governor says, especially if the state's economy begins to sputter.

Candidates for the state Assembly should be pressed on how they plan to deal with public school funding in the future. They should be asked if they favor a tax shift — not a tax increase — to reduce the property tax burden.



The Z Files

Gregory Zeller

Joy in the Mud-Dome

I grew up in Queens, N.Y. right off the Belt Parkway, probably best known as a main access to Kennedy Airport and, in lesser circles, Aqueduct Racetrack. Between my home and the parkway was a series of ball fields, half-a-dozen diamonds that were most certainly in the rough.

You had to cross Conduit Avenue, a hazardous parkway service road, to reach the parks. There was more broken glass than grass on the fields, and just getting too close to the decrepit, rusted fences would likely give you a nasty case of tetanus. But to me and my friends, the dangerous fields were forever "The Mud-Dome," a place we spent most of our leisure time, and when you're a young boy who hasn't yet discovered girls, you have plenty of leisure time. Remember, this is before video games became every child's central preoccupation; kids actually played outside.

I would call The Mud-Dome a sandlot, but "sand" implies dry, and believe me, "Mud-Dome" — there was no dome — was a well-earned moniker. Still, the boggy fields saw many a classic contest. In the winter, it was no-equipment tackle football. When Pele and the New York Cosmos enjoyed their moment, we tried our foot at soccer. But without a doubt, the most action taking place on these hallowed grounds involved baseball.

I was always fortunate to have 15 or 16 friends standing by, bats, and gloves in hand, ready to go nine innings or more. When you live in a dense residential neighborhood in Queens, finding enough kids to field two baseball teams is not a real challenge. Sometimes it was softball, sometimes it was baseball, but always it was pitcher-versus-batter, swing-for-the-fences and let's-turn-two.

Besides the games themselves, afternoons at the Mud-Dome were spent arguing a most important point — who was better, the Mets or the Yankees. Most of my youth occurred during the 1980s — one of the lower points in the history of the Yankees franchise, and certainly the highest in the roller-coaster tenure of the Mets — and we were in Queens to begin with, not The Bronx, so this argument often went in favor of the Mets. But one thing was certain: for the kids who showed up regularly at the Mud-Dome, baseball was a true love and the Mets and Yankees were first in our hearts.

There is joy in the Mud-Dome today.

For the first time, the Mets and Yankees are in Major League Baseball's postseason at the same time. Not since 1956 — when the Yankees beat the then-Brooklyn Dodgers in seven games — have two New York squads squared off for baseball's version of the Holy Grail. Right now, both the Mets and Yankees are battling for their league championship, and if both can bring it home — for some of us, literally — then New York will enjoy a rare and glorious Subway Series, a baseball event unrivaled since the days of The Mick, The Duke, Johnny Podres and Don Larsen.

A lot of the country is probably hoping this won't happen. It's easy to hate New York teams, in any sport, because money is no object with these guys and they've become infamous for "buying" winning teams. Truth be told, there's something to that; it's not like the old days, when young players were nurtured in a team's minor-league system and achieved glory as home-grown products. These days, free agency is the way to the top; a team could have no minor-league system and still put a winner on the field.

Still, this could be — heck, already is — a magical moment for New York. There has been a growing excitement in the Big Apple for months already, and now, with both the Mets and Yankees knocking on the door to the big dance, a frenzy is building.

There is joy in the Mud-Dome today, a joy it has never before known. For the kid from Queens, this is almost too good to be true.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for ocean-routing articles

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation for the Sept. 10 "Candidates endorse ocean routing" and Sept. 17 "Ocean routing plan flying high" articles by Terrance Dopp.

In particular, Mr. Dopp presented an objective, well-researched analysis of the recent NJIT Ocean Routing study.

These articles come at an important time. The FAA is beginning a re-design of the New Jersey

regional airspace. Coverage such as yours is important in providing accurate public documentation of Ocean Routing. This will help to ensure that the FAA adequately considers the needs of citizens during the process.

Yours truly,

Frederick Obrock
President

Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against
Aircraft Noise

Time to end slaughterhouse cruelty

To the Editor:

October 2 marked the 17th annual observance of World Farm Animals Day. It is also the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, a foremost champion of humane farming. World Farm Animals Day is designed to focus the world's attention on the tragedy of animal agriculture.

This is a tragedy not just for 97 percent of all the animals in the United States, but also for our nation's public health. Over a million people are killed each year as a direct result of consuming animal fat and meat. In addition, in our environment we are destroying our forest, parks, croplands and water resources at an alarming rate primarily to feed increasing "livestock" production.

This year, World Farm Animals Day is targeting the atrocities committed in our nation's slaughterhouses with tacit approval by the USDA. Awake, aware and afraid, maimed pigs are dropped in scalding water. They kick and scream and thrash about in pain and terror for minutes before they are dropped or burn to death. Slaughterhouse workers say cows young and old

are routinely bludgeoned to death or skinned alive. Workers report horses, many young and healthy, are skinned alive or drowned in their own blood. These shocking findings are based on eyewitness accounts by slaughterhouse workers. USDA inspectors are reported in "Slaughterhouse," a thoroughly documented expose by an investigative reporter Gail Eisnitz, published recently by Prometheus Press.

We need to expose and prevent such atrocities. We need to insist that the USDA should start doing its job and start enforcing the law. It's what we pay them to do.

I encourage everyone to participate and join thousands of other caring citizens around the nation to demand that we end the atrocities in our nation's slaughterhouses and accelerate the development and use of alternatives to animal-based agriculture.

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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Donations sought for flood victims

To the Editor:

We are all aware of the incredible disaster that has befallen central New Jersey as a result of Hurricane Floyd. The pictures on television and in the newspapers speak more vividly to the destruction and more eloquently to the need that has arisen than any words could.

Knowing that we must be the helping hands of God here on earth, many people are seeking some way to assist those so tragically affected. Therefore, the Somerville Area Ministerial Association, an ecumenical, interfaith organization, is accepting cash donations for flood relief.

Contributions may be made out to S.A.M.A., David C. Morgan, Treasurer, c/o Pastoral Care, Somerset Medical Center, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876.

All moneys received will be forwarded to responsible local agencies.

For all those who are led to contribute, thank you. We are mindful that this is a war against need, deprivation and despair. But not all battles are fought with the sword. The most important are those fought with the heart.

The Reverend CARL SHESLER, President
Pastoral Counseling Center

One-party rule is 'disaster' for all

To the Editor:

Union County has substantial numbers of both Republicans and Democrats. Yet somehow, we have created a situation where members of only one party, the Democratic, fill all the slots as county freeholders.

As an independent, it seems to me that any time we have a governmental body composed of only one party, we have a prescription for trouble. Whether it be all Democrats or all Republicans, the lack of opposition creates a situation with few safeguards for the taxpaying citizens.

Maybe that is how the county acquired an assistant county manager who by some strange coincidence is a nephew of a powerful Democratic leader. The one-party freeholders voted to pay more than \$100,000 a year to this individual, who has never held a job that was not a political appointment. There were no Republican freeholders to raise an objection or

request some justification. Just a nice, sweet, cozy deal for the one-party freeholders.

Maybe that is how the one-party freeholders managed to give themselves a hefty pay raise. There was no opposition members to answer the freeholders' lame explanation, "Only a \$1,500 raise," they claim.

But when you have a one-party government, there is no one to add "Yes, it was a \$1,500 raise — but the one party freeholders saw it fit to vote for the raise in December 1998, then make it retroactive for the entire preceding year 1998."

When, Mr. Average Taxpayer, did your boss give you a retroactive 12-month raise?

The point is, a democracy requires watchdogs. One-party rule is a disaster for the citizen — Democrat or Republican. Let's vote in some "loyal opposition" and eliminate the danger of one-party freeholders.

Norman Miller
Cranford

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Retired Superior Court justice to speak on 'World's Great Trials'

WESTFIELD — The Honorable Richard P. Muscatello, a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey for 15 years and now retired, will lecture to the members and guests of the Woman's Club of Westfield on The World's Great Trials.

The lecture will take place at the annual scholarship luncheon, scheduled for Oct. 20 at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Muscatello presided over hundreds of homicide cases, and as a trial lawyer specialized in criminal defense cases and personal injury matters. He was a legal aid attorney for Union County and served as an assistant prosecutor for Union County.

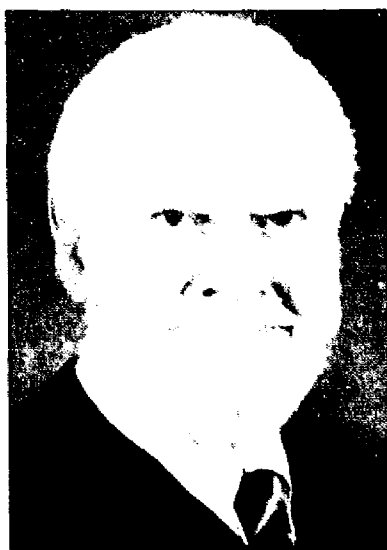
He is a graduate of Rutgers University School of Law.

Currently, the judge is a visiting lecturer at Kean University and Union County College, and has conducted training seminars at the Union County Police Academy.

As a member of the New Jersey State Bar Speaker's Bureau, he lectures to various civic groups throughout the state.

The judge is master in the Richard J. Hughes Inns of Court, which teaches young lawyers the art of advocacy in the trial courts.

The scholarship luncheon will benefit the Woman's Club's scholarship fund, which annually awards grants to graduating stu-



RICHARD P. MUSCATELLO

dents of Westfield High School for their college education.

To reserve a seat at the luncheon for more information, call (908) 233-0532.

Magnet High School schedules information session for students

SCOTCH PLAINS — An "information session" has been scheduled for students interested in the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

The program will be 10 a.m. Oct. 23 in Mancuso Hall at the Union County Vocational and Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road.

The Magnet High School has a curriculum centered around engineering and design technology. The curriculum, developed in association with Union County College, prepares students for college study and allows them to earn up to a year of college credit before they graduate. Classes are held on the Vo-Tech campus.

Extracurricular activities include the Robotics Club, Technology Club, Science Olympiad, Math League, school newspaper, school yearbook, debate team and Student Council.

Reservations are recommended; call Corinne Wnek at (908) 889-3800, Ext. 201.

Fairleigh-Dickinson honors local alumnus

SCOTCH PLAINS — Wayne B. Hallard has received the Alumni Loyalty Award from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The Scotch Plains resident is

vice president of the FDU Executive Committee as well as a member of the Annual Fund Committee. Hallard also is involved with its Alumni-in-

Admissions program.

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Knights of Columbus sponsor Gospel essay contest

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In selecting the theme, Grand Knight Fred Malley said, "The contest is an opportunity for young people to better understand the Christian response to practices such as abortion and euthanasia."

The contest requires a composition no greater than 250 type-written words highlighting the works of crisis pregnancy centers, Hospice and the Church. Students can rely on Scripture, Catholic social teaching and the examples offered by leaders like Mother Teresa and John Paul II.

A prize of \$100 will be awarded to one student each from both St. Helen's and Holy Trinity's parishes.

In addition, a \$100 dona-

tion to Raphael's Life House of Elizabeth will be made in the name of the winning entrants.

According to Ms. Patti Gardner, the Youth Minister at St. Helen's, the contest comes at a time when students need to know there are alternatives to those who are suffering from painful illness and social rejection.

Those students attending grade six through can obtain entry forms through the CCD

programs for both St. Helen's and Holy Trinity, as well as Holy Trinity School.

The deadline for submission is Jan. 10 and the winners will be announced Jan. 22, the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Area welcomes professional pet-sitters

WESTFIELD — We Care Pet Care, a professional pet-sitting service, opened Sept. 27 and is the only service of its type in the area.

This unique service, serving pet owners throughout Union County, provides in-home pet care as an alternative to kennels or leaving pets in the care of neighbors or friends.

In addition to pet care, the company offers services such as dog-walking, rotating lights, watering plants, bringing in mail and newspapers and generally giving one's home a "lived in" look while owners are away.

These services may be utilized whether one has pets or not.

"Our goal is to make it much easier for Union County pet own-

ers to travel by using our quality pet-care services, because we care," said Lynn Castaldo, owner of We Care Pet Care.

We Care Pet Care is insured, bonded and is also a member of P.S.I. and N.A.P.P.S. professional organizations for Pet Sitters.

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Rotary Club announces winners of Bailey Humanitarian Award

WESTFIELD — Bill Bonsall, Westfield Rotary president, announced this week the Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian Award will be given Nov. 17 to Gaile and Bud Boothe.

This award is presented annually to a Westfield resident who has exemplified outstanding dedication and service to the community.

The Rotary's Selection Committee must choose from many persons who are nominated by citizens interested in the welfare of the community and who are appreciative of the dedication of those who serve.

The award is given in memory of Charles P. Bailey, a former mayor of Westfield and a past president of the Westfield Rotary Club.

Bud Boothe is a graduate of Princeton University and received his law degree from Harvard University.

He served as an attorney with American Cyanamid Company and has been active in the community as councilman for the Second Ward for 12 years; he also served as

mayor for four years.

He has worked on the Westfield Planning Board, the town's Downtown Corporation and on the board for the Youth and Family Counseling Services.

He is also an active member of the Westfield Historical Society.

Since retiring, Bud has worked actively with Habitat for Humanity on construction projects in such diverse places as Plainfield and Tuckerton in New Jersey and Kentucky and Houston, not to mention international projects in Hungary, Philippines and Canada.

Gaile Boothe is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College with a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania. She has served as a teacher in Westfield since 1971.

She started her career in Westfield teaching at the elementary level at the Wilson and Franklin schools.

In 1980, she began teaching at the Roosevelt School and in 1987 went to Westfield High School to teach math.

Over the past 28 years, she

has been very active as a cheerleader coach, an advisor to the Student Council, an advisor to the Future Teachers Club and Young Republican Club, a member of the Intermediate Planning and Instructional Grouping committees, a representative for the Math Department in the Parent-Teacher Organization and an officer for the Westfield Education Association.

As a member of the College Women's Club, Gaile worked to create the Anna Kane Scholarship for worthy students to complete higher education.

"Westfield is fortunate to have dedicated people like Bud and Gaile Boothe, who have given so much to the community," Bonsall said.

"Together, they have provided more than 45 years of service to our community."

The award will be presented in a special ceremony at Echo Lake Country Club.

For tickets to the event, visit William Foley at 302 Elm Street or call (908) 789-4420.



These children shall lead

This summer, seven intermediate school students from the Westfield School System attended the New Jersey Association of Student Councils' 44th-annual Leadership Training Conference, held in Newton. The students were taught skills in communications, problem-solving, team-building and leadership. Jim McCabe, Carolyn Harbaugh, Tyler Seeger and Jim Davy (left to right), students at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, were joined at the conference by Edison School students All Ryna, Brian Bigelow and Gio Palatucci (not pictured), as well as several Westfield District staff members, who served as program counselors. The New Jersey Association of Student Councils is the oldest organized student council association in the nation.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Forget fads; learn about diets that really work

PLAINFIELD — Tired of all the fads and quickie diets that lead to further disappointment and frustration?

Those who have tried it all and are still looking to find what really works when it comes to losing weight, then be sure to attend a special presentation titled Diets - Your Best Bet, hosted by the Nutrition Department at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

This special program, presented by registered clinical nutritionists, will discuss a variety of issues associated with the weight loss process.

Topics include the exploration of what goes into the body when gaining or losing weight; a review of the various commercial diets and weight loss programs on the market, and the benefits versus the harmful effects; what diets work best for which people; and a discussion highlighting tips for healthy eating, exercising and behavior modification for sustained weight loss and maintenance.

The program is scheduled for Oct. 26, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fitch Quality Room at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road in

Plainfield. For information or to register call (908) 668-2796.

ACS sponsors Look Good ... Feel Better

SUMMIT — The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Look Good...Feel Better Program in cooperation with Overlook Hospital and Pathways of Summit. The program is designed to help women cope with the side effects of chemotherapy. The next program will be held Oct. 18, 10 a.m. in Summit. Registration is required. Call (973) 736-7770.

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Advanced Physical Therapy Associates celebrate National Physical Therapy Month

CRANFORD — Physical therapists in New Jersey and across the nation will celebrate National Physical Therapy Month to increase public awareness of the benefits of physical therapy throughout October.

Advanced Physical Therapy Associates' celebration will include participation in the Washington Rock Girl Scout Program, Celebrating Sports...Keep It Going. Advanced Physical Therapy Associates staff physical therapist, Kristen Westra, MSPT, presented a workshop on prevention of sports injuries to approximately 300 Scouts. The program was held at Union Catholic Regional High School on Oct. 9.

David Van Brunt, P.T., CHT, director of Advanced Physical Therapy Associates, will announce the Physical Therapy Scholarship Award during physical therapy month. This

scholarship is presented to a student who demonstrates the potential for the highest standards of professionalism in the field of physical therapy.

Advanced Physical Therapy Associates is located at 210 North Ave., East, Cranford, and offers specialized care for sports/orthopedic injuries, pediatrics, women's health, occupational health, certified hand therapy and adult neurologic. The facility has state-of-the-art equipment and a warm water pool to assist patients in achieving optimum therapeutic goals. For more information call (908) 276-0237.

Advanced Physical Therapy Associates physical therapists are members of the American Physical Therapy Association headquartered in Alexandria, VA, and Physical Therapy Provider Network (PTPN) located in Woodland Hills, CA.

Help offered for individuals who have fibromyalgia

CRANFORD — Fibromyalgia "rap" sessions offer support, updated information and the sharing with others who have fibromyalgia, a

condition of connective tissues and muscles of their body. The group meets at Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, in

the education building. Join them on Oct. 16, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The group meets on the third Saturday of each month.

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Community School offers something for everyone

The Community School of Scotch Plains-Fanwood continues to offer programs for all ages.

You can register in person 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Community School office at the Board of Education building, 2280 Evergreen Ave., Scotch Plains. Upcoming programs, listed in the order in which they begin:

Monday, Oct. 18 — "Research House Histories" seminar with Stacy E. Spies, architectural historian and historic preservation consultant.

Monday, Oct. 18 — "Stock Market Basics," first in three-part series with Eugene Reiss, business consultant.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 — "Holiday Swing Dancing," first in six-part course with Bruce Maine, dance instructor.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 — Microsoft Word for the Novice, first class in introductory computer course for PC. Instructor is Anthony Beyer, technology assistant in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 — "Adult Heartsaver" CPR course.

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Beginners Chess Club, first meeting of program that will run into March. New players in

Grades 3-12 are welcome. Elementary school teacher and longtime chess player Christopher Moffitt is the instructor.

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Spiffy Competitive Chess Club, first meeting of program that will run into March. Returning players in Grades 3-12 are welcome; this club also has Moffitt as instructor.

Sunday, Oct. 24 — "A Day at the Opera" with a New York City Opera performance of "Carmen" (pre-opera lecture included).

Monday, Oct. 25 — "Trains, Trains, Trains!" six-part workshop for Grades 4-8. Included are a field trip to the 1,600 square foot Three Rivers layout of the Union Model Railroad Club, plus construction of a Styrofoam scale-model "Maglev" (magnetic levitation) train. Anthony Arno is the instructor.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 — Intermediate Clarinet/Workshop Word Processing, first class in computer course for PC.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 — "Pediatric CPR" course.

Thursday, Oct. 28 — "Connecticut Caper" fall foliage day trip. Includes a tour of the Aldrich Museum.

Friday, Oct. 29 — "Everything But the Turkey!"

Thanksgiving course with David Martone, chef and owner of Classic Thyme Cooking School in Westfield.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 — "Cutting Taxes Through Investments," seminar of the "Family Investors Co." with Neil Schembre.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — Intermediate Microsoft Word, first class in computer course for PC.

Dec. 1 — Microsoft Word for the Novice, first class in introductory computer course for PC.

Volunteers needed to beautify Westfield's Mindowaskin Park

WESTFIELD — Volunteers are needed for a "Community Beautification" of Mindowaskin Park scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 23.

Groups and individuals are welcome. All volunteers will plant trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants that will help modify the park's habitat. The plantings will also beautify the park and filter pollution from storm water before it enters the lake.

Volunteers may work for any amount of time; bring gloves. Anyone under 18

must have adult supervision along with consent from a parent or guardian.

For registration, call Nancy Priest at (908) 233-8110. Rain date is Oct. 24. Sponsors of the program are the Friends of Mindowaskin Park; Town of Westfield; the Urban Conservation Action Partnership; the Somerset-Union Soil Conservation District; the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and other organizations.

Dec. 17 — "The Holiday Spirit at Lincoln Center": tour of the cultural center, "The Nutcracker" ballet and music of Mozart with the New York Philharmonic (Alicia de Larrocha, piano).

Jan. 12 — "The Lion King," Broadway version of the motion picture.

A complete list of courses may be found in the Community School brochure at area libraries. For more information, call (908) 889-7718.

Dems, GOP square off

(Continued from page A-1) "That's it," said McDermott.

Members of Common Cause, a non-partisan volunteer organization that seeks to separate money from municipal politics, pressed the issue before the council Tuesday, hoping to learn the status of a model RFP reform ordinance they presented to the council several months ago. But Republican council members, who, according to Republican Councilman Gregory McDermott, have never seen a copy of the ordinance, charged Democrats with staging the Common Cause appearance as an election season political ploy.

McDermott said town Democrats have attempted this sort of political two-step before. He said they attacked Republicans last year over the town's municipal insurance policy with Amalgamated General Agencies, a Westfield-based company in which Ronald Frigerio, a former Republican mayor of Westfield, is a partner. "This was a Republican bashing session," said McDermott. "They don't like the guy."

Democrats used the proposed RFP ordinance as a chance to create an issue right before an election. He also said he has not been made aware of how the ordinance specifically changes the basis the town uses for hiring outside professionals. "If I have to pick somebody, what should be the ultimate criteria?" he asked.

Opponents of the ordinance say it would make the process of hiring professionals more difficult and force the town to hire more administrative staff, while supporters say it will end favor-granting and remove money from local politics.

Sullivan and McDermott but he said the municipal government already follows 90 percent of the guidelines for RFPs set forth in the original ordinance proposed by Common Cause.

Jandry denied any claims that Democrats were looking to pick a political fight and said the Common Cause proposed ordinance is important because people in Westfield expect politicians to focus only on the public and not be divided by partisan issues.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Psychic workshop, Reiki demonstration, healing meditations at Westfield Yoga

WESTFIELD — On Oct. 17, 2 p.m., the Westfield Yoga and Wellness Center, 102 Elm St., will present a psychic workshop with Linda Lauren. Experience a fun and exciting afternoon of often unexpected revelations and insights. Lauren, one of New Jersey's most powerful and gifted psychics, is a fourth-generation intuitive.

She is also a writer, astrologer, lecturer and motivator with a thriving practice in West Orange. She holds lectures and workshops throughout New Jersey on many topics, including crystal therapy and paranormal happenings. She is also a featured contributor to Psychic Advisor and Fate Magazines.

Known for her 60-second

readings, participants will be amazed by her detail and accuracy. All are encouraged to bring an object for Lauren to read. Tickets for the workshop are \$20 and can be purchased at the Center and also at Town Book Store and Nirvana's, both located on Broad Street in Westfield. Advanced registration is recommended as space is limited.

A Reiki hands-on healing demonstration is scheduled for Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Reiki is a gentle, yet powerful system of hands-on healing believed to be thousands of years old, discovered in the 1800s by Dr. Mikao Usui in Japan.

It is an holistic methods of healing that works in and of itself or in cooperation with tra-

ditional and/or alternative healing systems. Many hospitals, including Memorial Sloan Kettering have Reiki centers or Reiki practitioners on staff, and there has been new research in the health field indicating the phenomenal power of the mind/body connection.

Reiki therapy is able to restore and balance natural life force energy which supports the body's natural ability to heal itself. Coleen Zurawski, Reiki Master, has been teaching Reiki classes in the area over the last seven years.

Come and explore your own awakenings and experience the gentle working of this energy of love.

Fall classes at the Center

include yoga, meditation, chi kung, aerobics and Pilates. A free trial class is available for chi kung, which is a form of tai chi, which meets on Monday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. with Sifu Naugin (call in advance). Chi kung is a great exercise for young and old alike.

The movements are gentle and are designed to increase breathing capacity and promote flexibility, balance, and coordination.

Facilitator Peter Ferraro leads healing meditations on Wednesday evenings, from 8 to 9:30 (suggested donation is \$5). The meditations are in the spirit of Thich Nhat Hahn, author of Living Buddha, Living Christ. Thich Nhat Hahn is a

Vietnamese monk, a world-renowned Zen master, a poet and a peace activist. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1967. His meditations penetrate the heart of reality and utilize principles thus obtained to transform fears, anger and despair into understanding, and tolerance, peace, calm and joy.

Future events include a return visit from Fr. Aristide Bruni, C.S.B., The Spirit of Healing: Experiential Healing by The Spirit.

Witness the effects of people filled with the healing power of

the Holy Spirit and experience it as Fr. Bruni engages in the ancient Christian tradition of laying on of hands.

Also on the schedule in November is a lecture titled Channeling Your Angel Guides with spiritual healing consultant Julia Leonardo. December will feature an authentic sitar and tabla concert and the annual festive dinner at The Star of India restaurant in Kenilworth.

For more details on classes at WYWC, or to join the mailing list, call the Center at (908) 232-8956.

TV news host Dr. Witkin to present midlife sexuality lecture

Fox News Channel host and former NBC-TV medical correspondent Georgia Witkin, Ph.D., is the featured speaker of Midlife Sexuality. The Mind/Body Connection to be presented by Overlook Hospital's Women's Services and Community Health Department on Oct. 30.

The program which is the second in a series focusing on midlife issues for women, begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. in the hospital's Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. Cost of the program is \$15 and includes brunch.

Dr. Witkin, after completing post-doctoral studies in behavioral genetics as a National Science Foundation Fellow at New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, joined the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. She currently

serves as an assistant professor of psychiatry, director of the Stress Program, an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences and an associate director of the Menopause Treatment Program.

She is also the host of the highly-rated *Beyond the News* on Fox News Channel and had served as the lifestyle contributor to NBC Newschannel 4 for four years.

Dr. Witkin has appeared on

more than 100 television shows and has been heard on more than 100 radio shows.

She has contributed numerous articles to major publications and written several books, including *Human Sexuality, The Female Stress Syndrome, Quick Fixes and Small Comforts* and *The Truth About Women*.


Other speakers for the Midlife Sexuality — The Mind/Body Connection program include Maria Sophocles, M.D., obstetri-

cian/gynecologist, and Eileen Klein, M.D., medical director of Women's Services and member of Overlook Primary Care Associates.

Speakers will be available to answer questions and Dr. Witkin will sign copies of her book, *The Female Stress Syndrome*, which is a Book Of The Month selection.

To register for Midlife Sexuality — The Mind/Body Connection, call (1-800) AHS-9580.

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Rahway offers foot screening for diabetics

RAHWAY — Rahway Hospital is sponsoring a free foot screening program to help people with diabetes determine if they are suffering from or at risk for developing foot complications and learn simple steps that can be taken to keep feet healthy.

The screening will be conducted by physicians on staff at Rahway Hospital on Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospital, 865 Stone St. A registered nurse will be on hand at the screening to teach participants the necessary steps to take to prevent foot problems.

Pre-registration for the foot screening program is required and can be arranged by calling the Rahway Hospital Ambulatory Services Department at (732) 499-6056 between 9 a.m. and noon.

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Children's author coming to Westfield Memorial Library

WESTFIELD — Judith Caseley, author and illustrator of books for young people, will pay a special visit to the Westfield Memorial Library at 550 E. Broad St.

She will speak 7 p.m. Oct. 27 on how she develops ideas for her stories, what inspires her to write and how her books come together. Caseley has written picture books for the very young, children's books for young readers

and "young adult" books for teenagers.

A book-signing session will follow. You can bring your copies of Caseley's books from home or purchase them at the library.

Admission is free; tickets are required and will be available at the children's reference desk beginning Oct. 16. Seating is limited.

For more information, call (908) 789-4090.

Democrat Weiner

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is money well spent," he said.

The previous Republican majority did not properly handle municipal funds, according to Weiner, who is currently taking his fourth class in municipal accounting at Rutgers University. He said the Republicans mishandled recreation funds and the \$240,000 price tag for clean-up of the Labor Day storm of 1998. "I do understand numbers, and unfortunately their numbers

aren't entirely correct," he said. "That's not the way to run a business."

Weiner, who is an alternate on the Township Planning Board and said he missed only one Township Council meeting this year, said his wife and two children are supportive of his decision to seek election. "I'm not doing this for a lot of money," he said. "I'm not going to get rich. I want to serve. I want to work the hardest I can for the town."

Friends of Westfield Memorial Library schedule 'mini' book sale this weekend

For the first time in its history, the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will offer a "mini" book sale.

The sale is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at the arcade at the Westfield Library. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the library meeting room.

Primarily, children's holiday books will be on sale, with a limited amount of adult fiction and non-fiction also part of the sale.

A special section will feature cookbooks pertaining to the holiday season, including cookbooks focusing on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Valentine's Day, Easter and Passover.

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library held their annual meeting in May and elected Teddy taranto president. Other officers elected at the meeting include Vice President Jane Stepanski, Recording Secretary

Linda Kolterjahn, Secretary Nancy Yoder and treasurer Ann Twu, Assistant Treasurer Jane Bischoff.

"The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library work together with the library staff to constantly improve the library in ways that will serve the entire Westfield community," said a spokeswoman for the organization in a press release. "And the presentation of the mini-book sale is another feature of this endeavor."

Aquaducks to present spooky annual show

WESTFIELD — The Aquaducks, the synchronized swimming team of the Westfield Y, have scheduled their seventh-annual show for the public in the Y pool at 220 Clark St.

Showtimes are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oct. 30 plus 5 p.m. Oct. 31. In keeping with the particular weekend, this will be a Halloween show based on angels and devils. Choreography is by Dana Nolan, the team's coach.

Among the Aquaducks is Danielle Baukh, a Westfield High School senior who is ranked 19th nationally and is now in the final phase of trials for the U.S. junior national elite team.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will cover expenses for travel to national meets.

For tickets, call (908) 789-3153 or visit the Westfield Y beginning one hour before each show.

Club Malibu

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causing code violations of the 600-person limit. Riciutti also agreed to provide better crowd control outside the club to curtail the occurrences of violence in the parking lot, according to O'Brien, but the chief said the club has not implemented any new measures to address these issues.

The township attempted to close Club Malibu for the month of May of 1998, but the Union County Superior Court allowed the club to stay open, citing financial hardship for the owner. The club has since closed on its own accord, pending Thursday's liquor license hearing.

The Township Council, which pulls double duty as the township's Alcoholic Beverage Control Agency, has the authority to approve or disapprove liquor license requests. Council members would not comment on the specifics of the hearing. "I want to go into this with an open mind," said Councilman Tarquin Bromley.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the court chambers of the Municipal Building.

Republican Rossi

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experience in municipal government — as a resident of Fanwood, he sat on the Borough Council there from 1991-1993 — makes him the right choice for Scotch Plains.

"There's a level of reward to serving the community," he said.

JCC lecturer will discuss diet, vitamins

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dietitian and nutritionist Barbara Potashkin will give two programs at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave.

Her first talk, 7:15 p.m. Oct. 19, will cover "Healthy Vegetarian Eating." A second talk, 11 a.m. Nov. 3, will cover "Herbs and Vitamins: What's Right for You?"

Potashkin is a member of the American Dietetic Association, American Diabetes Association and American Association of Diabetes Educators. A question-and-answer period will follow each program.

Admission is \$5 for JCC members and \$8 for non-members. Registration is required; call (908) 889-8800.



by Jill Guzman

NEIGHBORLY ATTITUDES

Those who are looking for residential property are primarily focused on the layout, size, style, and location of the homes they view. It should also be realized, however, that no one lives in isolation. With this in mind, buyers are encouraged to become intimately familiar with their prospective neighborhoods by walking and driving around. They should try to get a good impression of the quality of life, including schools, recreational areas, shopping, commuting services, and the general quality of surrounding homes and yards. Much of this information can come from talking to locals and prospective neighbors. For more detailed information (including tax rates, zoning regulations, current home values, etc.), no one is more knowledgeable than a real estate agent.

If you are looking in a specific neighborhood, it also makes sense to check it out at different times of day to get a feel for traffic, ambient light and noise, and even to see where the children in the neighborhood play. For experienced real estate advice, phone JILL GUZMAN REALTY: "Our best reference is your neighbor." We are proud to serve you in our family-oriented tri-lingual office; we speak English, Spanish and Portuguese.

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New Jersey residents have been advised to continue to take precautions to reduce their risk of mosquito bites. This includes spraying insect repellent containing DEET on their clothing and exposed skin and wearing long sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors. (Consult with your pediatrician before using any insect repellent on your child.) Residents should also curb outdoor activities at dawn, dusk, and during the evening.

In order to reduce the amount of standing water available for mosquito breeding, we ask you to do the following:

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have accumulated on your property. The used tire has become the most important domestic mosquito producer in this country.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors. Drainage holes that are located on the sides collect enough water to allow mosquitoes to breed.
- Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in bird baths.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in water that collects on swimming pool covers.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes will develop in any puddle that lasts more than four days.

If you know of a location with a mosquito problem or where stagnant water has accumulated, please call the Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control at (908) 654-9834 (after hours, please leave a message). Our staff will respond as quickly as possible.

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Community Life

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OCT. 15
GOLDEN GOOSE — Craft Club annual boutique. Westfield Tennis Club, 139 N. Chestnut St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 15; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 16, 17. E-mail: Goosegold@aol.com or call (908) 276-9023.

SATURDAY

OCT. 16
YOUR MONEY MATTERS — money management workshop. Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Cost \$4. Registration: Call (908) 322-5487.

PEDALS FOR PROGRESS — collecting used bicycles for shipment to foreign countries. Children's Specialized Hospital clinic, 324 South Ave., Fanwood, 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.p4p.org or call (908) 889-8880.

SENIOR CITIZEN BAZAAR — annual event of Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Tenants Association, 1133 Boynton Ave., Westfield, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call (908) 233-1783.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR — 10th annual event sponsored by Parents Guild of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission \$1. Call (908) 889-9475.

POETRY WRITING — workshops, each complete in itself. Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood, 9:30 a.m.-noon Oct. 16, 23. Free admission. Registration: Call (908) 889-7223.

BOOK SIGNING — "Cold Hit" by Linda Fairstein. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call (908) 233-3535.

MOON OVER BUFFALO — musical presented by Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 8 p.m. Oct. 16, 22, 23, 30, Nov. 5, 6; 3 p.m. Nov. 7. Admission \$12. Call (908) 232-1221.

SUNDAY

OCT. 17
INTERFAITH SINGLES — for single adults over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31. Cost \$2. Call (908) 889-5269 or (908) 889-4751.

FASHION SHOW — benefit for Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption agency. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 1:30 p.m. Cost \$25. Tickets: Call (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

PERSPECTIVES — lecture by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Adults \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; senior citizens and students \$6. Reservations: Call (908) 889-8800.

TUESDAY

OCT. 19
HEALTHY VEGETARIAN — eating, with dietitian/nutritionist Barbara Potashkin. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:15 p.m. Members \$5; non-members \$8. Registration required; call (908) 889-8800.

WEDNESDAY

OCT. 20
DESSERT NIGHT — to welcome new members of Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Call (908) 654-4928.

THURSDAY

OCT. 21
JERSEY FRESH — farmers' market at railroad station, South Avenue, Westfield, 2-7 p.m. Oct. 21, 28. Call (908) 233-3021.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF — lectures on bereavement. Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 and 11. Free admission. Call (908) 486-0700 or (908) 654-3711.

IMAGES OF WESTFIELD — in the 20th century, as told by Ralph Jones. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:45 p.m. Call (908) 233-6360.

WELCOME TEA — of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers Club, rescheduled due to Hurricane Floyd. Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, 8 p.m. Call (908) 889-0337.

COMING UP

CLOTHING SALE — fall event of Westfield Day Care Center Friends. Westminster Hall, Presbyterian Church, 110 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 23. Donations accepted; call (908) 232-6717.

THEATER PARTY — for College Woman's Club of Westfield: "Moon Over Buffalo" with Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 8 p.m. Oct. 22. Cost \$15. Tickets: Call (732) 381-3654.

MORE THAN A LION'S — pancake breakfast of Scotch Plains Lions Club. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 24. Adults \$5; children under 6 free. Call (908) 753-8218.

QUARTETS — of Schumann, Janacek and Shostakovich, performed by the St. Lawrence String Quartet. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, 4 p.m. Oct. 24. Adults \$17.50; senior citizens \$15; students free. Reservations: E-mail arbormusic@home.com or call (908) 232-1116.

TASTE OF WESTFIELD — second annual event benefiting First Night Westfield. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call (908) 518-2983.

KIDS NIGHT OUT — for children 3-12, held in conjunction with "Taste of Westfield." Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$20. Registration required; call (908) 233-2700.

DECEMBER DILEMMA — panel discussion for people in two-religion households. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. Oct. 26. Registration: Call (908) 889-8800.

VISITING AUTHOR — Judith Caseley, author and illustrator of children's books. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Oct. 27. Free admission; tickets required, available Oct. 16. Call (908) 789-4090.

HALLOWEEN PARADE — from Municipal Building to Park Middle School, Scotch Plains, beginning 6 p.m. Oct. 28. Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

HERBS AND VITAMINS — "What's Right for You?" with dietitian/nutritionist Barbara Potashkin. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 11 a.m. Nov. 3. Members \$5; non-members \$8. Registration required; call (908) 889-8800.

FALL HARVEST OF CRAFTS — 12th annual event sponsored by women of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 6. Call (908) 322-2337.

SILVER SNOWFLAKE — Christmas sale sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 6. Call (908) 233-0301.



Young "supermodel" Jack Stanton, 15 months, is the cover-boy of this month's *Parenting* magazine, much to the delight of mom Melissa.

A STAR IS BORN

Westfield 15-month-old makes modeling debut on cover of *Parenting* magazine

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Jack Stanton, 15 months old, has retired from his first career.

Jack not only retired about 20 years before most people begin their first career — he retired a few years before he even starts school. But he did manage to put a few bucks away toward his college education, before his second birthday, and all he had to do was be his adorable self and appear on the cover of the November issue of *Parenting* magazine.

The magazine hit newsstands Tuesday, and does not signal a lifelong career choice for Jack, according to ecstatic mom Melissa Stanton.

"It was just kind of a goof,"

said Stanton, who along with Jack's father Brian is overjoyed with their baby's fleeting brush with fame. She said to appease her own mother, and on a lark, she sent three pictures of Jack to the prestigious Fords Modeling Agency. Fords decided to add baby Jack to its list of clients, which includes a who's-who of supermodels. "His grandparents are beside themselves," Stanton said. "We went all the way into (New York) City and on the spot, they just signed him."

The proud mom said she never truly expected to get assignments, until the magazine asked to run Jack with an article in *Parenting*.

Stanton, a senior editor at *Life* magazine, said she and her husband kept Jack's second

career low profile. "We didn't tell very many people," she said. "We just look at it as a nice souvenir for him."

But without a doubt, Stanton said, young Jack's modeling career is on hold. The life of a modeling mother is rigorous, she noted — they have to call the agency every morning to find out about auditions, also known as "go-sees," available that day. Stanton said she was not about to enter into such a strenuous commitment while trying to work and take care of Jack, who was only 9-months-

old during the April photo shoot. "I work," she said. "To really do it right, one parent really needs to be devoted to managing the career (of the child)."

Stanton, however, remains philosophical about Jack's success in the modeling industry. "He got a real job, and it got published," she said. "It's something for the scrapbook and for his grandparents to brag about."

As for the college fund, Stanton said Jack's debut gained him three figures — but "just barely."

"It was kind of a goof... We went all the way into (New York) City and on the spot, they just signed him."
— **Melissa Stanton**
Westfield mom

Religion

Members of the **First Baptist Church of Westfield** are off to a retreat this weekend in Hunterdon County.

The retreat at the Baptist Camp and Conference Center in Lebanon begins tonight with a supper and get-acquainted exercises. Songs and stories around a campfire follow.

Day campers will arrive tomorrow morning for songs, children's crafts, outdoor sports and a talent show. Two study sessions tomorrow will focus on the church's priorities at the eve of the 21st century.

A worship service will be Sunday in a natural amphitheater outdoors.

First-time visitors are welcome. For fees, call (908) 233-2278.

Services and events for this week at **Temple Emanu-El**, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield:

Today — Sabbath eve service, 8:15 p.m. Junior Congregation, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow — Shir Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath service, 10 a.m.

Sunday — Minyan, 8:15 a.m. Sisterhood antique show, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Monday — Minyan, 7 a.m. Sisterhood antique show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Israeli dancing, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Minyan, 7 a.m. Bible class, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday — Minyan, 7 a.m.

Thursday — Minyan, 7 a.m. "Judaism and Christianity," adult education class, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22 — Minyan, 7 a.m.

For more information, call (908) 232-6770.

The **Scotch Plains Baptist Church**, 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, will hold a workshop on "Your Money Matters" 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. tomorrow.

A facilitator trained by Christian Financial Concepts will conduct the program using principles from this ministry and the Bible. Cost of \$4 includes snacks.

The public is invited. For registration or more information, call (908) 322-5487.

Services and events for this week at the **First United Methodist Church**, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield:

Sunday — Seekers Service, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Worship service with sermon by Dr. Robert

B. Goodwin, former senior minister, 11 a.m. (Child care available at 9 and 11 a.m. services.) Reception in social hall, noon. Peace and Justice, 12:15 p.m.

Monday — "Redefining the Senior Years: Unlimited Horizons" (retreat), Oct. 18-20. Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Oratorio rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Mothers Group, 9:15 a.m. Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Children's music and fellowship, 3:30-5 p.m. Fife and Drum Corps, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Wesley Hall Nursery School meeting, 11:45 a.m. Property management, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday — Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Two events have been scheduled to mark the 150th anniversary of the **First United Methodist Church**, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield.

An anniversary concert in the sanctuary will be 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. Members and friends will sing Broadway show tunes under the direction of Trent Johnson, director of music. The Buffalo Rhythm Kings will follow with jazz, big band and related selections. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Members of the Buffalo Rhythm Kings are Scott Ricketts, cornet; Bud Hartken, trombone; Joey Katz, piano; Don Robertson, drums; Bill Moulton, string bass; Joan Murphy and Ron Montague, vocals.

The 150th Anniversary Festival will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. For more information, call (908) 233-4211.

The Presbyterian Women of the **Presbyterian Church**, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, will hold their annual "Silver Snowflake" Christmas sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

Handmade items on sale include ornaments, quilts, baked goods, baby items and stocking stuffers.

Some of the merchandise is provided by organizations that help support artisans from economically disadvantaged regions. Wooden Nativity scenes, jewelry, toys, musical instruments and furniture are among this merchandise.

Coffee and light lunch will be available in the Snowflake Café.

For more information, call (908) 233-0301.

Women of the **Fanwood Presbyterian Church**, 74 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, will sponsor their 12th annual Fall Harvest of Crafts 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

Hand-crafted items will be available from 55 dealers in the New York metropolitan area. Admission is free; lunch will be served in the church's dining room.

For more information, call Co-Chairman Ellie Kramps at (908) 322-2337.

Obituaries

Alfred T. Kaercher

WESTFIELD — Alfred T. Kaercher, 85, died Oct. 10 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Farmingdale, N.Y., and lived in Westfield from 1958 until he moved to Cranford in 1981.

He had been an accomplished sculptor and a manufacturers' representative for furniture companies. He won best in show at the Westfield Art Association members show in December for his sculpture entry.

He also was a member of the Watchung Arts Center and the Somerset Art Association.

In addition, he served as treasurer of the Springfield Garden Club and the New Jersey Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

He was also a member of the Furniture Manufacturers Representatives of New Jersey. Surviving are his wife, Cary M.; son Thomas A. of Plainfield; daughters Katherine A. Kaercher-Peterson of Newnan, Ga., and Elizabeth K. Vigilante of Whitehouse Station; and grandson Nicholas T. Vigilante of Whitehouse Station.

A requiem service was held Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford.

Arrangements were by the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions for the Caryl & Alfred T. Kaercher Scholarship Fund may be sent to Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016.

Graham J. Smith

SCOTCH PLAINS — Graham J. Smith, 65, died Oct. 3 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Providence, R.I. He lived in Norwich, Conn., and Staten Island before moving to Scotch Plains in 1976.

He received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Boston University in 1956 and served in the U.S. Army from 1957-59.

He had been an Eagle Scout in his youth and a sales manager for a computer company. He was with Wallace Computer Services of New Providence for 20 years and became its sales manager. Since 1994, Mr. Smith was a travel consultant with the New

Jersey Automobile Club at its Springfield office.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta Charlton Smith, and daughter Ellen LaFronz.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Congregational Church in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, 1916 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, or Muhlenberg Foundation, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Paul Erdman

SCOTCH PLAINS — Paul Erdman, 74, died Oct. 10 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield.

A native of Pinsk, Belarus, Mr. Erdman lived in Hillside and Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains in 1996.

He owned Paul's Tavern, the Madison Lounge and other establishments during 48 years as a

Newark businessman.

Surviving are son Harvey; daughter Felice Goldberg; brothers George and Leon; sister Fay Dicker; four grandchildren; and a companion, Helen.

Services were held Tuesday at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Beth David Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Ethel W. Withey

WESTFIELD — Ethel W. Withey, 92, died Oct. 9 at the Harrogate Health Center in Lakewood.

A native of Trenton, she lived in Westfield from 1959 until she moved to Lakewood in 1996.

She was a member of the Women's Club of Westfield and the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Predeceased by her husband, Col. William W., in 1977, she is

survived by daughter Barbara W. McIntyre, and granddaughter Elizabeth A. McIntyre, both of Westfield; grandson David W. McIntyre of Fanwood; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Presbyterian Church.

Robert H. Vreeland

SCOTCH PLAINS — Robert H. Vreeland, 74, died Oct. 7 at the Oak Crest Care Center in Parkville, Md.

He was born in Union and lived in Scotch Plains from 1950 until he moved to Parkville in 1996.

He served in the U.S. Navy construction battalion during World War II and the Korean War.

A postal worker for 42 years, he was postmaster of the Union

post office from 1980 until his retirement in 1987.

Surviving are his wife, Adele C. Krueger Vreeland; son Robert and daughter-in-law Betty, both of Parkville; daughter Gail Rittman and son-in-law Tom Rittman, both of Pickerington, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Haerberle & Barth Colonial Home in Union. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

John E. Bell

WESTFIELD — John E. Bell, 81, died Oct. 8 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

He was born in Newark and lived in Westfield before moving to Toms River.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He retired in 1979 after 20 years as the owner of the New Raritan Liquors store in Keansburg.

Predeceased by his wife, Bertha M. Slovinsky Bell, son Alan and daughter Marilyn Tuohig, he is survived by son John E. and five grandchildren.

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

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home.

William E. Swartz

WESTFIELD — William E. Swartz, 76, died Oct. 6 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Lancaster, Pa., and lived in Westfield before moving to Watchung in 1979.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He had been senior vice president for compensation and benefits with the former RCA Corp. He joined RCA in 1949, the year he graduated from Franklin & Marshall College. He was based at the company's New York City offices when he retired in 1986.

He was a member of the Watchung Lions Club.

Predeceased by son Peter in 1980, he is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; son Patrick Leo Burns of Kensington, Md.; daughter Mary Colleen Burns of Liverpool, N.Y.; sister Jeanne Leaman of Hershey, Pa.; and one grandchild.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Swartz was a parishioner.

Arrangements were by the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Watchung.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands and Hearts, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090.

Robert A. Bell

FANWOOD — Robert A. Bell, 83, died Oct. 5 at the Medical Center of Ocean County-Brick Hospital.

A native of Highland Park, Mich., he lived in Fanwood before moving to Brick in 1980.

He had been a member of the United Automobile Workers speakers bureau as well as a factory worker.

He retired in 1980 after 41 years as a tool and die maker with the Elastic Stop Nut Co. of Union. He helped organize the company's Quarter Century Club and served as its first president.

He worked with the Boy Scouts in Fanwood and was a member of UAW Local 726 in Union.

Surviving are his wife, Elsa Straubinger Bell; sons Robert W. and Ronald A.; brother Albert E.; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Friday at the Colonial Funeral Home in Brick. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Ocean County Memorial Park, Toms River.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the charity of the donor's choice.

Doris Angelo Mone

WESTFIELD — Doris A. Angelo Mone, 71, died Oct. 6 at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla.

She was born in Westfield and lived in the town before moving in 1983 to Dania Beach, Fla.

She had been a savings teller for seven years with the former National Bank of Westfield.

She retired in 1987 after four years with the Tracey Labor Employment Service in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A former parishioner of St.

Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, she more recently was a parishioner of the Roman Catholic Church of the Resurrection in Dania Beach.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Patrick M.; sons Gary, Guy and David; sister Jo DeRosa; brother John Angelo; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, followed by a funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Dorothy Nixon

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy Huyler Nixon, 84, died Oct. 5 at her home.

She was born in Westfield and lived in Scotch Plains since 1941.

She had been a homemaker and a member of the Scotch Plains Players theater troupe.

Predeceased by her husband, Walter, in 1984, she is survived

by two sons, three daughters, many grandchildren, many step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Rossi Funeral Home.

Emily Luerssen

WESTFIELD — Emily Slocum Luerssen, 88, died Oct. 6 at the Berkeley Hall Nursing Home in Berkeley Heights.

She was born in Omaha, Neb., and lived in Westfield since 1921.

She was a member of the Fortnightly Club of Westfield and the Gardenaires garden club.

Predeceased by husband

Theodore in 1969 and son William in 1998, she is survived by sons David C. of Bridgewater and James of Westfield; sister Lucille Malsbury of Lavallette; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

T. Shirley Wilson

WESTFIELD — T. Shirley Wilson, 66, died Oct. 7 in Hampton, Va.

She was born in Perth Amboy and lived in Plainfield and Westfield before moving to Hampton.

She retired in 1984 after 20 years as a bookkeeper at the Tuscan Farms dairy in Union.

Surviving are daughters Terry Bess of Aberdeen and Dorian Ross of Montgomery, Ala.; son Shawn Moore of Jackson; sister Pat Swindell of Perth Amboy; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday in Hampton.

More obituaries on page B-8.

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Meridians Senior Citizens

The Meridians meet 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Scotch Hills clubhouse off Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. Members enjoy socializing, trips and other activities at the clubhouse or at nearby theaters and restaurants. Business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

Joseph Keller, a Meridians member, has been named an "Outstanding Grandparent of the Year." He received a certificate and an American flag from the staff of Rep. Bob Franks during a ceremony Sept. 24.

Fran Formosa was named the club's treasurer on Oct. 5, replacing the late Ann Lombardi.

The club will hold its anniversary luncheon will be Tuesday, Oct. 26 at O'Connor's Beef 'N Ale House in Watchung.

Homemade spaghetti and meatballs will be served for all club members Nov. 16. Josephine Capparelli is chairman of the special committee preparing the luncheon.

Plans are being formed for the Christmas party Dec. 14 at The Westwood in Garwood.

The Trip Committee is scheduling trips for 2000.

Any senior who lives in Scotch Plains is welcome. For more information, call (908) 322-3839 or (908) 232-0951.

Scotch Plains Recreation Office

Line dancing classes for seniors have been scheduled at the Towne House in Green Forest Park, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains.

Classes will run 10-11 a.m. Wednesday for six weeks beginning Nov. 3. Chris Malkmus is the instructor. Cost is \$10 for Scotch Plains residents and \$15 for non-residents.

For registration, visit the recreation office in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

60 and Better Set

"Lunch and Learn" programs at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., will resume 12:30 p.m. Wednesday with a talk on stress management.

Patricia Schaefer will talk about stress management. She is director of Project FORCE at Union Hospital and an officer of the Union-based Center for Kids and Family.

Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share with three people; the Westfield Y will supply beverages. For reservations, call (908) 233-2700. The public is invited.

'Over 55' Travel Club

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 31 — California coast and San Francisco (9 days). Friday, Nov. 5 — Holiday shopping at Liberty Village (Flemington). Cost is \$21 for members and \$22 for non-members.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — Larison's Turkey Farm and village of Chester. Cost is \$38.

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

Dec. 8 — Newark Museum and Ballantine House, plus lunch at Tony Da Caneca's restaurant in the Ironbound. Cost is \$44.

Dec. 11-12 — Christmas in Lancaster, Pa. Includes tour of Amish country, dinner smorgasbord, Holiday Spectacular at American Music Theater, breakfast and stop at Peddler's Village (Bucks County). Cost is \$155 per person, double occupancy.

Feb. 17 — Gala 2000 in Mount Haven. Includes champagne toast, open bar, surf and turf dinner. Cost is \$50.

Feb. 26 — Mummies show. Cost is \$40.

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day show (Irish food and entertainment) at Pocmount (Poconos). Cost is \$54.

April 5 — Carnavale, lunch and show at Fernwood (Poconos). Cost is \$54.

April 20-May 1, 2000 — QE2 to Miami, Barbados, Dominica and St. Thomas. Cost begins at \$1,500. Space is limited.

April 28 — Lily Langtry's Dinner Theater for lunch and show. Cost is \$57.

May 22-23 — Cape May and Longwood Gardens.

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.

Outreach Services

The Union County Division on Aging has announced its Outreach Services program for October. The schedule:

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25 — Sara Bailey Senior Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 — Cedarbrook Park Apartments, 1275 Park Ave., Plainfield, 11:15 a.m.

The program is open to all seniors in Union County. Representatives will help provide assistance in completing necessary applications for Lifeline gas and electric support; pharmaceutical assistance; the Home Energy Assistance Program; Supplemental Security Income; health insurance for Medicare enrollees; and the SHARE food program.

Private interviews will be conducted on request.

For more information, call toll-free (888) 280-8226.

Catholic Golden Age Club Chapter 088-A

The club will meet 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 in Nelligan Hall at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave. Enter via the rectory side of the building.

Hazel Garlic will speak about services provided by Catholic Community Services at the Engel Senior Center. Members are asked to bring items for the food bank.

Trips scheduled are Wednesday, Oct. 20 to Atlantic City (Resorts casino; cost is \$18) and Dec. 7 to Radio City Music Hall (standby list).

The club's Christmas party will be Dec. 12.

For more information, call John at (908) 322-1804 or Charlie at (908) 889-2152.

Shoppers head to Reading, Pa.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip Nov. 8 to the Vanity Fair outlets in Reading, Pa. The bus will leave 8:30 a.m. from Green Forest Park on Westfield Road. Cost is \$7 and includes a coupon good for use at the food court. For reservations, call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

Places of Worship

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Newark Ave. & 23rd St., Kenilworth
908-272-6131
Sunday Services:
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Monday 7:00 pm-Boys Brigade
Wednesday 7:30 pm-Prayer and Bible Study
Friday, 7:00 pm-Youth Meeting
Friday Night Children's Club
7-8:30 pm (Grade School Age)
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Terrill Road Baptist Church
1540 Terrill Rd. Scotch Plains
322-7151
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10:15 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
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6:00 pm Evening Services
Tuesday 7:30 pm Prayer
and Bible Study
Friday 7:00 pm-Youth Meetings
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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Barn dance for people with disabilities

Square dancing, hay rides, a barbecue dinner and a whole lot of fun will highlight Union County's annual Barn Dance for people with disabilities on Oct. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Watchung Stables. Leading the square dancing will be Dick Meyers of Cranford. His quick calls, straightforward approach to teaching and genuine enthusiasm have been highlights for past Barn Dances, and this year's promises to be no different.

Admission to this unique event is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required. For more information call (908) 527-4900. The Watchung Stables, an accessible facility, is located in the Watchung Reservation at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

The Barn Dance for people with disabilities is presented by the Union County Board of Freeholders through the Division of Parks and Recreation.

'The Colored Museum' opens Kean series

UNION — An evening of insight and outrageous fun is in store as the Kean University Theatre Series opens the 1999-2000 season with George C. Wolfe's *The Colored Museum*. The play, directed by Ernest Wiggins of the University's Communication and Theatre Department, will run in the Vaughn Eames Theatre on Oct. 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m.

The Colored Museum is a satire consisting of 11 vignettes that convey the African American experience in a unique and outrageous way. It was first presented at the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick in 1987 and very quickly made it to the New York Shakespeare Festival where it won an Obie award and ushered in a new era in African American theatre.

Tickets are \$12 and are available from the Wilkins Theatre Box Office or by calling 527-2337.

Kean alumni host art auction, exhibit

UNION — The Kean University Alumni Association is hosting an art auction and exhibition on Oct. 15 beginning with a preview at 7 p.m. and bidding at 8 p.m.

The auction will be held in Kean's University Center in suite 228. Admission is \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Kean University Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Art featured in all media and price ranges includes works by Alnaiz, Boulanger, Delacroix, Fazzio, Gorman, McKnight, Neiman, Patchell-Olson, Rockwell, Tarkay, Wooster Scott and others.

All art has been professionally framed and features signed lithos, sculptures, etchings, enamels, originals and prints.

Major credit cards will be accepted.

For more information about the event, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (908) 527-2526.

Westfield pianists to be featured in concert

CLARK — The trustees of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, invite the public to a concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Fryderyk Chopin's death at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 17, in the Foundation's Grand Hall. Chopin, the poet of the piano, was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland, near Warsaw, on March 1, 1810, and died in Paris on Oct. 17, 1849.

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization chartered in 1975, is located at 177 Broadway in Clark. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Members in good standing of the Polish Cultural Foundation may receive complimentary tickets at the Foundation office.

The concert will feature Allen and Peter Yu, pianists, performing an all-Chopin program. Also appearing is the Esprit de Chorus directed by Janusz Sporek and accompanied by Jacek Zganiacz. The group will offer special arrangements by Dayle Vander Sande of Chopin's Polish songs.

Allen and Peter Yu of Westfield, 1999 winners of the

Plainfield Symphony's concerto competition and recent recipients of the Otto Altenburg Young Pianists Prize, are no strangers to concert-goers in the New York metropolitan area. The 16-year-olds made their debut in 1996 in a special benefit performance for the Polish Cultural Foundation. They appeared recently as piano soloists with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, and they have played at the annual convention in New York City of the Chinese-American Academic and Professional Society and for Governor Christine Whitman and the New Jersey State Legislature in Trenton.

In the spring of 1997 Allen and Peter were named co-winners of the Alex Chiappinelli Memorial Etude Competition sponsored by the Piano Teachers Society of America and performed subsequently in Carnegie Hall. Allen and Peter are also cellist and violinist extraordinaire with considerable orchestral distinctions. While members of the New Jersey Youth Symphony and New Jersey Youth Orchestra they sat in principal chairs. They have occupied

principal chairs too in the New Jersey Region II Orchestra and All-State Orchestra. The brothers are piano students of Dr. Ferdinand Gajewski of Westfield.

The Esprit de Chorus of New York is under the direction of Janusz Sporek, conductor, composer, arranger, and teacher of vocal and instrumental music. The ensemble was created in February of 1992 by singers who wish to explore a variety of music in an informal setting. Although several members of the group have formal musical training, this has not been a prerequisite.

The Esprit de Chorus has welcomed amateurs with a good ear, flexible voice and love of song. Accompanist Jacek Zganiacz has performed both as soloist and in chamber music concerts in Europe and, more recently, at the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York City, the Garden State Arts Center, Seton Hall University and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

For more information and reservations call the Polish Cultural Foundation at (732) 382-7197.



ALLEN YU

Marvin Hamlisch to perform at Paper Mill

MILLBURN — Marvin Hamlisch, the award-winning composer of *A Chorus Line*, will perform a one-night-only concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.

"Marvin Hamlisch is a one man sensation," said Executive Producer Angelo Del Rossi. "Not only is he an award-winning composer, conductor and musical director, but a talented performer as well. Paper Mill audiences are in for an unforgettable evening of music."

Marvin Hamlisch's life in music is notable for its great versatility as well as substance. Best known as a composer, Hamlisch has written major works for film, stage, recordings and concert halls. As conductor, he has led the great orchestras of

the world, and as a pianist and entertainer, he has performed both with ensembles and in solo capacity.

As composer, Hamlisch has won virtually every major award that exists: three Oscars, four Grammys, two Emmys, a Tony and three Golden Globe awards; his groundbreaking show, *A Chorus Line* received the Pulitzer Prize.

Among the Broadway shows Hamlisch has composed are *They're Playing Our Song* and *The Goodbye Girl*. His latest project, a musical version of *The Sweet Smell of Success*, is slated for production next year. Hamlisch will also be serving as musical director for Barbara Striesand's New Year's Eve Concert.

He is the composer of more than 40 motion picture scores including Oscar-winning score and song for *The Way We Were* and his adaptation of Scott Joplin's music for *The Sting*, for which he received his third Oscar. His prolific output of scores for films include original compositions and/or musical adaptations for *Sophie's Choice*, *Ordinary People*, *Ice Castles*, *The Swimmer*, *Three Men and a Cradle*, *Take the Money and Run*, *Bananas*, and *Save the Tiger*.

One of the youngest students ever admitted to The Juilliard School, Hamlisch is a graduate of both Juilliard and Queens College (where he earned a bachelor of arts degree). Hamlisch believes in the power of

music to bring people together. He says "Music can make a difference. There is a global nature to music which has the potential to bring all people together. Music is truly an international language, and I hope to contribute by widening communication as much as I can."

He resides in New York City with his wife, Terre.

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Celebrate Arts and Humanities Month at County College

CRANFORD — October is National Arts and Humanities Month and Union County College will be celebrating with several events.

The Saturated Image, an exhibit featuring the works of contemporary photographers Michael Bergman, Don Burmeister and H. Lisa Solon, will continue in the Tomasulo Art Gallery on the Cranford campus until Oct. 28. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call (908) 709-7155.

On Oct. 14, 15 and 16 the award-winning Union County College Theater Project, in collaboration with the Spotlight Theater Company of William

Paterson University, will present the vicious comedy *The Food Chain*. All performances will be at 8 p.m. in the theater on the College's Elizabeth campus. Tickets are available by calling (908) 659-5189.

On Oct. 13 a program and workshops featuring people whose personal and professional lives have been shaped by reading and writing will be held in the Roy Smith Theater on the Cranford campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured speakers include Hispanic playwright Maria Aponte, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, editor of poetry anthologies; Charles Johnson, poetry reviewer and copy chief for *The Home News Tribune*; and Joseph Weil, writer, essayist and UCC's writer in residence. For more information call (908) 497-4242.

'Laura' auditions are set by WCP for January 2000 opening night

WESTFIELD — Director Joy Christopher More, known to local theatergoers for her many past efforts at Westfield Community Players (WCP), is holding open auditions for the classic murder mystery by Vera Caspary and George Sklar opening Jan. 8, 2000. Audition dates are Oct. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the WCP theater at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. Those cast in the show must become dues paying members of WCP at \$35.

This classic murder mystery that personified the film-noire genre, gives a single-minded detective torn between feelings of love and his professional duty to catch a killer. Was the girl he loves really murdered, did she murder someone else, or is she an unwitting victim in a dark plot?

Cast requirements are as follows: Mark McPherson - 30s, a shrewd detective in charge of the case; Danny Dorgan - late teens, lovesick; Waldo Lydecker - 40s-

50s, with a theatrical flair; Shelby Carpenter - 30s well bred southern aristocrat; Bessie Clary - 40s-50s, plain spoken; Mrs. Dorgan - 40s-50s, Danny's mother; Olsen - 40s-50s, detective; Laura - 20s-30s, beautiful woman.

Rehearsals are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings in the theater. The show opens on Jan. 8 and continues Jan. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., with all tickets \$12.

Westfield Community Players open with 'Moon Over Buffalo'

WESTFIELD — Naomi Yablonsky, known to local theatergoers for her many past appearances and directing efforts at Westfield Community Players (WCP), has assembled an ensemble cast for Ken Ludwig's comedy smash, *Moon Over Buffalo*. The show is set to open on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. and continue Oct. 22, 23, 30, Nov. 5 and 6, with a special 3 p.m. matinee on Nov. 7 in the WCP theater at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield.

Rambunctiously funny, this slam bang farce, set in Buffalo in 1953, presents a tired troupe with a repertoire of Noel Coward's *Private Lives* and *Cyrano de Bergerac*. While rehearsing, stars Charlotte Hay and George Hay are told Hollywood director Frank Capra is on his way to audition them for starring roles in his upcoming Scarlet Pimpernel swashbuckler. Will George be sober enough to appear? Will Charlotte run off with her agent? Will Mr. Capra see anything remotely resembling a play, or will backstage shenanigans, missed entrances and blown cues send him back to Hollywood on the next train?

John and Linda Correll return to the WCP stage as George and Charlotte Hay, the featured actors in this troupe. Linda Guiditta (Westfield) is Charlotte's deaf and cantankerous Mother, and Stanley Kaplan (Westfield) is the Hay's agent trying to hold everything together.

Mary Kate Cullinan (Elizabeth) returns to the WCP stage as Rosalind, while Matthew Kaplan is Howard, Patti Vidakovic (Cranford) portrays Eileen and Ralph Romco as Paul completes the supporting cast.

All tickets are \$12 and are available at Burgdorff Realty in Westfield and at the box office (908) 232-1221. Opening night patrons are invited to stay for WCP's traditional opening night celebration featuring light snacks and coffee in the lobby after the final curtain.

Cranford playwrights, actors featured in Hoboken production

CRANFORD — The Waterfront Ensemble, a Hoboken-based theatre troupe dedicated to developing new plays, will present a retrospective Oct. 20-30 that will feature some of their best short comedies and dramas from the past 10 years. Featured in this event will be three Cranford residents: playwrights Pete Ernst and Suzanne Marshall, as well as actor Daniel Jay Scott.

All performances will be at 8 p.m., commencing Oct. 20 and then running for 11 straight nights at the DeBaun

Auditorium's Stage II, 5th Street and River in Hoboken. Ten short plays will be presented into two collections *Heaven & Earth* (with performances Oct. 20-23, 27 and 29) and *Friends & Lovers* (Oct. 24-26, 28 and 30).

Starring in *Heaven & Earth* will be Scott, a graduate of Rutgers College who has performed both at Cranford Repertory (in *Cheaper By The Dozen* and *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*) and with the Cranford Players (*A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To*

The Forum and *Grease*). Scott will appear in *Barney The Saver*, playing the part of Robespierre, a young mechanic who causes his mother all sorts of grief because the men in town have been driven to anger because their women keep coming into his shop wanting more than their brakes fixed. But he can't seem to stop this attraction. He can't help but be sensitive and listen in a town where no other men do.

Featured in *Friends and Lovers* will be short plays from two Cranford playwrights. In

Marshall's drama, *Dear Vaya*, follow the deepening friendship of two teenage girls from different worlds but with much in common. In Ernst's comedy, a man's admiration of his lover leads to hilarious consequences.

Other plays in the collections also feature New Jersey playwrights and actors who come together weekly in Hoboken to work on new plays. Since premiering with the Ensemble in productions over the past 10 years, plays featured in this retrospective have gone on to productions throughout the United

States and Canada, at 12 Miles West (NJ), Dorset Theatre Festival (VT), Moving Arts (CA), Nantucket Short Play Festival (MA) and more. In addition, two of the plays, *The Appointment* by Luigi Jannuzzi and *The Most Perfect Day* are now published by Samuel French.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For information and reservations, call (201) 963-2235, email at mfo@waterfrontensemble.org, or visit the waterfront website at www.waterfrontensemble.org.

Experience fall's beauty at annual Rutgers Foliage Festival

NEW BRUNSWICK — Rutgers Gardens will present the eighth annual Fall Foliage Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, rain or shine.

The event features unique and unusual landscape plant and dried flower sales, informative and enter-

taining gardening lectures, a fall color tour and a variety of seasonal activities for children. Net proceeds from sales benefit The Rutgers Gardens. Admission is free.

New to the Fall Foliage Festival this year will be "In Rare Form" gar-

den sculptures. These fanciful oversized original works of art for the garden will be displayed by "In Rare Form" founder and Cook College alumna Jeanne Wheaton.

Gardening talks to be held in the Holly House are "Choosing and using

Bulls" at 11:30 a.m. and "Mushrooms in the Garden: Good or Evil" at 2 p.m.

A fall color tour will take place at 12:45 p.m. with Dr. Bruce Hamilton, director of the gardens. Children's activities, including "Strawbeige," pumpkin painting and scarecrow

making, will run throughout the day.

The Rutgers Gardens, a 50-acre arboretum and public garden on Rutgers University's Cook College campus, is located just east of Route 1 off Rydals Lane. For information, call (732) 932-8451.

It's annual Fall Festival time at Miller-Cory House Museum

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum will celebrate the warmth and beauty of the harvest season with the annual fall festival on Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield.

Children may enjoy a number of crafts, try their hand at farm skills and pumpkin painting, along with face painting. Colonial crafts such as spinning and weaving, along with waffle making, will be demonstrated throughout the afternoon. Tours of the history-rich farmhouse by costumed docents will be available to visitors.

A bake sale at the festival will include homemade pies, cakes and cookies. Refreshments will be available for a small fee. The museum gift shop offers a variety of educational items, cookbooks, and colonial gifts.

Although there is no admission charge, donations are welcome and are used to support the educational programs at the museum.

The Fall Festival is an afternoon of fun for the entire family. For further information, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.



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Fall programs for all ages at county planetarium

MOUNTAINSIDE — The planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, has a new lineup for the fall.

Two public planetarium shows are offered on Sundays at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Each program includes a look at the night sky. Planetarium shows are appropriate for ages 6 to adult. A variety of shows have been designed for younger children, aged 4 to 6, who are accompanied by an adult. Admission is a nominal fee and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Night Out With the Stars is a

series of planetarium programs held once a month from September to December for families with children aged 6 and up. The first program, titled Harvest Moon, will be held Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The programs will start inside the planetarium and be followed by an evening viewing session under the stars to acquaint young and old with the night sky. Wear warm clothing and bring binoculars or a telescope if able, and a blanket or lawn chair. Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$4 per person.

Afterschool Skywatchers is a

workshop series for children in first and second grade. The series will be presented on alternate Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. These classes are designed to give children an introduction to planetarium basics and astronomy. Pre-registration is required and there is an \$8 fee per child for each class.

For a complete fall brochure, which includes listings of all workshops for children and families, planetarium show descriptions and upcoming events, call or visit the Trailside Nature and Science Center, (908) 789-3670.

Three artists join Kean's music department

UNION — Kean University has added three new affiliate artists to its Music Department this fall. Christopher Collins Lee, violinist, Donald Batchelder, trumpeter, and James Musto, percussionist, join Richard Hobson, baritone, and Andy Fusco, jazz saxophonist, who were appointed last year. The University projects that 15 affiliate artists will be engaged by the time the program is in full operation.

An initiative of the Department of Music, the program affiliates the University with artists of renown who perform solo, chamber music, or jazz recitals, teach private studio lessons weekly to Kean students, and perform master classes and other community

outreach services in the public schools and junior colleges.

"Affiliate artists are chosen competitively after a regional search for outstanding candidates," said Dr. Anthony Scelba, the program's founder and coordinator. "Over the last two years, we have been able to select truly eminent artists with high reputations for excellence and thriving careers as performers and as teachers."

Scelba said the Affiliate Artist Program is a unique opportunity for professional performers to sustain their role as artists while sharing their talents and academic expertise with Kean students.

Lee, former concertmaster of the New Jersey Symphony, has degrees from Juilliard and a doctorate from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has been awarded five honorary doctorates from foreign universities. He holds the State Department title of official musical ambassador of the United States, and has toured the world many times under its auspices. A recipient of numerous awards and honors, he now performs as concertmaster of orchestras in New York and New Jersey and as soloist around the world.

Musical America has listed him as one of its annual Ten Young Musicians to Watch. In

addition to serving on the Kean Affiliate Artist faculty, Lee will travel to China periodically to teach as visiting professor at the Shanghai Conservatory.

Batchelder, principal trumpeter of the Westfield Symphony, is no stranger at Lincoln Center in New York. He also performs there with the New York Philharmonic, the Metropolitan Opera, and the New York City Opera. An accomplished chamber musician, he appears frequently with the New Jersey Chamber Music Society. This year, Batchelder will begin his duties on the Kean music faculty conducting the Concert Band and the new Pep Band.

Musto, who began as a jazz drummer, has made his mark as a classical percussionist. He now holds positions as principal timpanist with The Westchester Symphony and The Bridgeport Symphony. A versatile musician, he frequently performs on Broadway.

Christopher Collins Lee will be the first of this year's affiliates to perform at Kean. On March 2, 2000, he is scheduled to give a recital in the Wilkins Theater at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Like all Affiliate Artist concerts and other faculty performances at Kean, the concert is free of charge.

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NEW RELEASES

"GUINEVERE" - Law school does not entice Harper's (Sarah Polley) 20-year-old soul, so she tumbles to the Lolita solution - a foredoomed but instructive affair with an older man, Connie Fitzpatrick (Stephen Rea). He is Irish and is a scrambling photographer who dabbles in wedding shoots to pay for his loft. Under his touch, she glows. Under his guidance, she grows. And she gets some distance from her judgmental, sexually constipated family up in the Heights. The romance is lightly endearing, and in pieces funny, but it is a fantasy without moorings. It is not so much dramatized as advertised. "Guinevere" is like a plush, city magazine spread on "Lolita," "Blowup" and "The Man Who Loved Women," though without their ripe bite. But it has a peach-fuzz flirtiness. It gives good gaze. Cast: Stephen Rea, Sarah Polley, Jean Smart, Carrie Preston, Gina Gershon. Running time: 1 hour, 53 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 stars.

"MYSTERY, ALASKA" - Set in a little town in Alaska, it tells how the beloved "Saturday game," a sacred ritual using the most aggressive of local puck pushers, suddenly escalates into something so big that it can only be called a Team Disney concept. Men not chosen for the blessed team are, of course, a bit less than men. Those retired from it are in the elite league of legends, like the former-player-turned-judge, Walter Burns (Burt Reynolds), a rigid stick who finally bends. Russell Crowe holds the center as John Biebe, disgruntled about being shoved off the ice into coaching for a while. Crowe is a very steady hand, a quiet focus for all the steam-breathing bustle, as the amateur team challenges the mighty New York Rangers to a match on Alaskan ice. It becomes a massive media event. "Mystery, Alaska" takes the wintry humors of "Fargo," melts them, removes the blood, adds sugar and re-ices them as a Popsicle for broad consumption. Cast: Burt Reynolds, Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria, Colm Meaney, Mary McCormack, Lolita Davidovich, Little Richard. Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

"PLUNKETT & MACLEAN" - The time is England in the rough 1740s, when you could get your hand chopped off for furtively sipping milady's tea. The milady of choice is Lady Rebecca, played with decorous bosometrics by Liv Tyler; she is rudely leaned upon by the vicious villain who snarls, or purrs, or snarls, "I like your fears - they excite me." More exciting is Plunkett (Robert Carlyle), a plain-folk apothecary fallen to road work as a highwayman. And Maclean (Jonny Lee Miller), a gentleman wastrel, quite broke until he joins plucky Plunkett to steal from the rich and reward himself. "P&M" is like "The Beggars Opera" passing through "Tom Jones" on the way to "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." You might relish it. You might tire of it quickly. Cast: Robert Carlyle, Jonny Lee Miller, Ken Stott, Liv Tyler, Alan Cumming, Michael Gambon. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

"SUGAR TOWN" - Allison Anders and Kurt Voss, the directors and writers, have managed to assemble characters that transcend stereotype and yet feel very familiar: the ditzy, but ambitious young singer; the aging, jaded rocker; the canny, manipulative producer; the "But I'm really an actor!" flunky at a health-food store. In these filmmakers' funny but fond take on L.A., just about everyone seems to be on the make. The script presents about a half-dozen subplots that eventually intertwine, some in unlikely ways. One of the film's frustrations is that it can't seem to decide which is the primary story. Another is that the quality of the acting varies from one vignette to another, disturbing the unity of the whole. Still, there are good performances. Cast: Rosanna Arquette, Ally Sheedy, Beverly D'Angelo, Jade Gordon, John Doe, Michael Des Barres, John Taylor. Running Time: 1 hour, 33 minutes. (Hebert) Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

"THREE KINGS" - It's about three macho and not always smart soldiers on our "winning" side of the Gulf War that freed Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's Iraq, but left the Iraqis and Kurds under the dictator's bloody, grinding heel. Special Forces Capt. Archie Gates (George Clooney), Army Sgt. Troy Barlow (Mark Wahlberg) and Staff Sgt. Chief Elgin (Ice Cube), along with a likable fool, a private named Vig (Spike Jonze, director of the coming "Being John Malkovich"),

decide to liberate not just Kuwait. They want a pile of Saddam's stolen Kuwaiti gold, conveniently stashed in a village across the border. "Three Kings" is a charged-up, smart advance on the wartime gold heist yarn "Kelly's Heroes" (1970), starring Clint Eastwood and Donald Sutherland. That caper was sloppy fun. This one makes us smile, wince and think.

Cast: George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Ice Cube, Spike Jonze, Cliff Curtis, Nora Dunn, Mykelti Williamson. Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 3 1/2 stars.

RECENT RELEASES

"AMERICAN BEAUTY" - Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening star as Lester and Carolyn Burnham. Carolyn zips into an affair with a fabulously smug "real estate king" (Peter Gallagher). And Lester the droop is so stunned by the vision of one of his daughter's girlfriends that he takes up pot smoking, unlimbers cool sarcasms, dumps his trapped job at an ad magazine and hangs loose while buffing up to impress the fluffball blonde. And there is new neighbor Ricky, a suavely weird teen whose father, a Marine, is a tombstone of manliness (Chris Cooper). "American Beauty," although fishy in some of its pat motivations and resolutions, could connect as a change-your-life comedy. And despite the coyly manipulative ending, viewers can feel they've had a real experience with a movie, one they can talk about. Cast: Annette Bening, Kevin Spacey, Thora Birch, Peter

Gallagher, Allison Janney, Chris Cooper, Sam Robards, Mena Suvari, Wes Bentley. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

"BLUE STREAK" - Miles (Martin Lawrence) opens the story with an incredibly complex, high-tech heist of a big diamond and then is caught, wearing a "Who, me?" expression. But not before stashing the diamond in an air duct in a building under construction. Of course, as soon as Miles leaves prison in two years, he finds that the building, now finished, is a fortress of the LAPD. We are lightly amused by Miles pretending to be Detective Malone, improvising sudden, jived jags of macho police identity. He is given the toughest cases, while the real cops, so experienced, so inherently suspicious, hang around being impressed, even awed. "Blue Streak" proves that you can take Lawrence from his "You So Crazy" concert raunch, and further deflect his TV work on "Martin," and have a hip, likable, bantamweight star who nails down the gags and scoots smoothly into the action.

Cast: Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson, Dave Chappelle, William Forsythe, Peter Greene, Tamala Jones. Running time: 1 hour, 33 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

"CHILL FACTOR" - The movie's two heroes, played by Skeet Ulrich and Cuba Gooding Jr., come into possession of an extremely nasty chemical weapon that they must keep chilled below 50 degrees, or risk causing many people to die unpleasant deaths. Ulrich is Mason, who happens to

be fishing buddies with the town eccentric, a scientist named Dr. Richard Long (David Paymer). The good doctor, 10 years earlier, had presided over a disastrous test of the experimental chemical weapon in which 18 servicemen perished. When Long gets shot at his lab late one night by a vengeful ex-Army officer bent on stealing the chemical for profit, the dying scientist bundles up the stuff and escapes to the diner, where he hands off the package to Mason, instructing him to keep it cool and keep it away from the bad guys. Fortunately, the deliveryman Arlo (Gooding) has shown up with precisely the right get-away vehicle: an ice-cream truck.

Cast: Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich, Peter Firth, David Paymer. Running Time: 1 hour, 40 minutes. (Hebert) Rated R. 1 1/2 stars.

"DOUBLE JEOPARDY" - Ashley Judd owns the movie as Libby Parsons. She is living the good life near Seattle, and has just had a night of great sex with her devoted husband on the yacht he is buying her, when she wakes up the next morning covered in blood. Libby is, of course, framed. And the husband, Nick, played by Bruce Greenwood as one of the best movie creeps of recent vintage, is not dead - he's off with a load of money and Libby's friend (Annabeth Gish), soon his new wife, while Libby goes to prison for six years before getting conditional parole. The crunch condition is that her parole officer is hawk-eyed, mean-mouthed Travis Lehman (Tommy Lee Jones). Libby wants her son back and would love to kill Nick (her

shield from prosecution is the double jeopardy law). But Travis takes his time in seeing her point of view. It cannot be art, but commercially and emotionally, it aims to satisfy, and does.

Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd, Bruce Greenwood, Annabeth Gish, Roma Maffia. Running time: 1 hour, 49 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 3 stars.

RATINGS
4 STARS - Excellent.
3 STARS - Worthy.
2 STARS - Mixed.
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Q. I hope you can tell me the age and value of my clock. It was brought to Oklahoma by covered wagon before 1900, prior to Oklahoma gaining statehood. On the face of the clock are the words "C. Jerome - New Haven, Ct." On the inside is a paper label with the words "Extra brass clocks manufactured and sold by Chauncey Jerome, New Haven Conn., warranted good," and the operating instructions.

A. Judging from your photo, your shelf clock has a double "S" curve molding around the clock known as ogee. Also the painting on the lower front glass (tablet) appears to be the original. As a rule, either mahogany or rosewood veneer were used to construct the frame. Your clock was made around 1845 and would probably be worth about \$300 to \$325.

Q. On the bottom of my teapot is this impressed mark.

The teapot is in the shape of a head of cauliflower. It is decorated with a shiny glaze that is green shading to white and a purple-pink interior. It has been in my husband's family for several generations. He inherited the teapot from his father, and it is in perfect condition. I would appreciate any information you can give me regarding its origin and value.

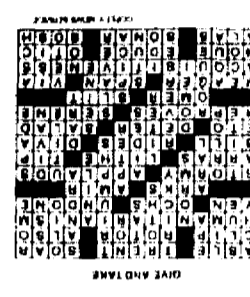
A. Griffin Smith and Hill in Phoenixville, Pa., made your teapot. They produced majolica and earthenware from 1878 to 1889. The sea and plants inspired their Etruscan majolica designs. For a time, the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. was their largest customer. A & P gave majolica pieces as premiums for homemakers who purchased baking powder. The mark you provided was the earliest used. About 1880, two concentric circles and the words "Etruscan Majolica" were added.

Your majolica teapot was made before 1880 and would probably be worth \$700 to \$900.

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 - 21 American news paper publisher
 - 22 Not less
 - 23 Galls for occupant
 - 24 Middle East person
 - 25 Temperament
 - 28 Antonym of 41
 - 32 Accuse
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- DOWN**
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 - 2 In the dumps
 - 3 Slightly
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 - 5 Rejoicing skill
 - 6 7's German treaty
 - 7 Greek letters
 - 8 Conductor of theater
 - 9 Successes
 - 10 Justice O'Connor
 - 11 Marlin
 - 12 Org.
 - 13 European capital
 - 18 Standards
 - 19 Flighty measure
 - 23 Asian sea
 - 24 More appropriate
 - 25 Cavalry weapon
 - 26 Banal
 - 27 Ship's deck
 - 28 Assistants
 - 29 Serving a purpose
 - 30 Couch
 - 31 Smoothing Sam
 - 33 Unit of measure
 - 36 Antonym of 9
 - 37 Painted muscle
 - 39 Japanese news agency
 - 40 Paris waterway
 - 42 Gallery had gays
 - 43 Fawn
 - 45 Star in Virgo
 - 46 11th-century name
 - 47 City concern
 - 48 Blue-green
 - 49 Carleton
 - 50 Presidential power
 - 51 Egyptian goddess
 - 52 Polish born American novelist
 - 54 Wedding response
 - 55 San Francisco hill



Horoscope guide: Oct. 18 — Oct. 24

By Wanda Perry
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The full moon this week spotlights your personal finances. Make those much-needed adjustments in your budget. Don't take any unnecessary chances on a speculative venture.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This cycle represents a major turning point in your close, personal relationships. With clarity and conviction, go forth with a positive and determined attitude.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Get ready for some unforeseen upheavals on the job site. It's time to clear the air and eliminate projects or persons that no longer support your goals and dreams.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Children have a great influence on your lifestyle and plans. Discuss your concerns with them and set the ground rules. Work together to complete an important task or project.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Real estate could be a great investment tool. Shop around for the best deals in your neighborhood and keep in mind the long-term benefits. Express your true feelings to family members.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): There's some updated news coming your way about a loved one. Try to be upbeat and supportive. Now more than ever you should focus on what is important and don't sweat the small stuff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): A change in your financial status forces you to examine your values. You'll discover that money can't buy happiness. Clean out the old in order to make room for the new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Own up to a mistake or admit it if you've done something wrong. Call a truce with a feuding partner or associate and channel your energy into being more productive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Balance is your key word this week. Stay in the middle of the road and avoid going to extremes. Transform your physical presence with a new workout routine. Start now!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Enjoy a special celebration that is sure to include your friends. Controlled expansion is the best way to grow. Sit down and logically map out your plans for the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Someone in authority makes you an offer that is difficult to refuse. Don't allow professional obligations to overshadow your personal or domestic duties. Set your priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This is a great time to speak out on a controversial issue that is close to your heart. Find the right words and let 'er rip! Replace a negative thought with an affirmation.

If your birthday is this week, relationships are subject to transformations during the coming year. Focus on what is good between you and a loved one and work to eliminate any unerving, unhealthy or harmful habits. Expansion is probable through a partnership, but let patience and moderation be your key words. Before the year ends you will get to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Also born this week: Martina Navratilova, Auguste Lumiere, "Jelly Roll" Morton, Alfred Nobel, Sarah Bernhardt, Pele, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek.

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Low priced, high quality food are not the only reasons for Alexis Steakhouse & Tavern's popularity. There are many more at these cozy, home-like family restaurants. The atmosphere is always light and cheery with families, groups and couples enjoying themselves. Eating here is relaxing!

Every meal starts with complimentary bowls of pickles, chives, peppers and fresh or breaded salad. After a choice of tasty appetizers and soups come the specialties of the house: the delicious 24 oz. Delmonico Steak or the 24 oz. NY Sirloin Steak, cooked to juicy perfection with Alexis' special seasoning. Each has generous helpings of home-made french fried potatoes or other vegetable. Other selections include Baked or Blackened Swedish Lobster, Barbecue Ribs, Chicken Alexis and specials.

Alexis sandwiches are made in-house. The juicy ham burgers, made to order with various trimmings, are a full 8 oz. of fresh onions topped with mozzarella cheese and bits of Swiss cheese. New England Clam Chowder is a meaty mix of clams and fresh-cut chunks of potato.

Appetizers include house specialties like Alexis Onion Flower, a colossal onion carved into a blossom and deep fried for a sweet tasting treat. The Hot Buffalo Wings are Tangy.

Among the desserts are the enormous Hot Fudge Sundae, Strawberry Shortcake, Carrot Cake and New York Cheesecake. There are free soda and coffee refills as well as domestic and imported beer, wine and spirits. For people who just want a drink and a snack, the bar has its own ambience. Alexis welcomes table reservations. Party rooms are available for special events.

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GOOD TIMES TO COME: Health care professional, 38 yr old, female, 5'7", slender, with brown hair...

HEART OF GOLD: 38 yr old, 5'6", honest, sincere, down-to-earth, blonde, with long hair...

LOOKING FOR FRIEND: Slim, attractive, widowed female in her early 50s is looking for an unattached, attractive male...

HONEST AND SINCERE: 51 yr old, 5'2", divorced female with blonde hair and blue eyes...

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PRICILLA BEES ELVIS: 64 yr old, fun loving female with green eyes and long dark hair...

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SLIM FEMALE: Single white female, young 50, 118 lbs, attractive, with good sense of humor...

LOOKING 4 A RIGHT: Very attractive, sweet, 50ish, but like 40ish, 5'7", financially and emotionally secure...

MY VERY BEST FRIEND: White, widowed female, 67, petite, intelligent, active and happy...

MARRIAGE IN MIND? Single female, very cute, attractive, brown hair, blue eyes, 48, non-smoker...

ALLURING/INTELLIGENT: 29 yr old, single, white female with long dark hair, 5'7", slender, very attractive...

CASUAL TIMES ONLY: 30 yr old, petite, cute female, 5'3", seeking an attractive, financially stable male...

COME FIND ME: White female, non-smoker, professional, intelligent, 5'3", 130 lbs, blonde hair...

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SOULMATES FOREVER: 53 yr old female, 5'2", blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys the more things you do together...

BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD: Divorced white female, 40, 5'7", attractive, weight 120, 40, non-smoker...

WARM EMBRACES: Honest, sincere, warm, fit, single white female, looking for a single white male...

FIRST TIME AD: 61 yr old, attractive, fit, divorced female, who enjoys the outdoors...

LOST IN LOVE: Tall, slender, single white female, 46, college educated, homeowner...

LONELY VERSUS HAPPY: Single, white, 5'10", early 50s, looking for a single white male...

WANTED SPECIAL MAN: Single female, 5'5", blonde hair, enjoys travel, music, dancing, loves to laugh...

NO PICKING UP PIECES: I've been hurt, possibly for 12 yrs by an ex-boyfriend...

LEVEL WITH ME: I am a 34 yr old, 5'4", humorous, honest, college educated single professional female...

STARTING OVER: Very pretty, white, female 51, with a nice figure, dark hair and one child...

SHOW ME LOVE: Very cute, 38 yr old, fit, single woman, great sense of humor...

FAIRWAY LADY: Attractive, blonde, female 51 yrs young, who enjoys the outdoors...

SUGAR AND SPICE: Young at heart, female, blonde, single, seeking long term relationship...

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ARM EMBRACES: I'm an attractive, single, Jewish female, 30 with long brown hair...

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FOREVER SUMMER: 52 yr old, attractive, blonde, divorced white, professional, blonde...

LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Single female who is bright, caring, loving and attractive...

CUTE AND BABBY: Single white female, 38, Scorpio, brown eyes and dark blonde hair...

THE PERFECT MATE: Young 60s, probably 24-26, professional, white Italian Catholic...

DO YOU EXIST?: 41 yr old, divorced, white female, quiet like myself...

LIFE'S BETTER SHARED: I am a 69 yr old female, I enjoy basketball, walking, gardening...

NEXT TO GODLINESS: Here is a Christian lady, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes...

COMPASSIONATE LADY: Happy, caring, compassionate female in her 50s, good hearted...

LET'S CONNECT: I'm a 35 yr old, attractive, divorced female, 5'2", 120 lbs...

SEEKS MR. WONDERFUL: Divorced, single, white, professional female, 40s, 5'7", with blonde hair...

LAUGH WITH ME: What a funny guy, 28 yr old, white, full figured female...

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Wehrle

FANWOOD — Elizabeth Adams Wehrle, 76, died Oct. 8 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Altoona, Pa., and lived in Plainfield before moving to Fanwood in 1952.

She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas O.; son Steve of Fanwood; daughters Anne McFrederick of New York City and Janine of Fanwood; bro-

thers Paul Adams of Battle Ground, Wash., Robert Adams of Altoona and Donald Adams of Waterfall, Pa.; sisters Marjorie of Altoona, Shirley Simmers of Stratford and JoAnne Riley of Glendale, Calif.; grandson Ian and granddaughter Aiden, both of Fanwood.

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

How to submit obituary information to the Record-Press

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Please ask funeral directors to forward the information to us via fax at (908) 575-6683 or e-mail at njnews@compubell.com.

For more information, call Editor Gregory Zeller at (908) 575-6686.

Paul McCaffrey

SCOTCH PLAINS — Paul T. McCaffrey, 69, died Oct. 6 at Fallston General Hospital in Fallston, Md.

A native of Plymouth, Pa., he lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Dunellen in 1973.

He worked for R.H. Macy & Co. at its credit office in Cranford prior to his 1995 retirement.

He was a member of the Knights

of Columbus.

Surviving are daughter Karen of Silver Spring, Md.; sons Martin of Sparta and Alan of Fallston; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday in Bel Air, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

John S. De Noia

SCOTCH PLAINS — John S. De Noia, 88, died Oct. 12 at the McCarrick Care Center in Somerset.

Born in Italy, he settled in New York State when he came to the United States in 1917. He lived in Scotch Plains since 1954.

He had been with Johnson & Johnson for 30 years and retired in 1972 as its Eastern regional sales manager, based at the company's New Brunswick offices.

For many years, he was the head usher for Masses at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. He was a member of Father Nelligan Council 5730, Knights of

Columbus.

Predeceased in 1993 by his wife, Veronica Curti De Noia, and in 1986 by brother James, he is survived by sons John and Michael; daughter Ronnie; brother Frank; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to McCarrick Care Center Flood Victims, 15 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Lawrence A. Miller

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lawrence A. Miller, 78, died Oct. 5 at Rahway Hospital.

He was born in The Bronx, N.Y. and lived in Scotch Plains since 1983.

He earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from New York University in 1958.

He was a decorated U.S. Army sergeant during World War II and fought in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day in 1944 and the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944-45. He was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star for valor.

A typographer in civilian life, he worked for L.B. Typographers in Scotch Plains from 1986 until

his retirement in 1994.

He was a member of the Association of Graphic Artists in New York City.

Surviving are longtime companion Andie and daughter Robin of Philadelphia.

A memorial service will be 7 p.m. today in the chapel at the Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Scholarship Trust Fund of the Graphic Arts, Attn: Kristin Winkowski, 200 Deer Run Road, Sewickley, Pa. 15143.

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WESTFIELD — The La Lache League of Westfield will hold its next meeting 10:15 a.m. Oct. 21 at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

For more information on the breast-feeding information and support group, call (908) 301-1339 or (908) 789-4772.

Briefs

'December dilemma' is target of JCC talk

SCOTCH PLAINS — "The December Dilemma" is the theme of a special program scheduled for 8 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave.

The panel discussion will cover the difficulties in handling the end-of-year holidays in two-religion households and celebrations of holidays in public schools.

Speakers are Rabbi Joel Abraham from Temple Shalom in Plainfield; Andrea Greenberg from Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey; and Patti Kahn from the Solomon Schechter Day School. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Reservations are recommended. Call Susan Bennett at (908) 889-8800. The program is sponsored by the JCC Early Childhood Programming Committee.

County Arc offers entertainment books

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County Vo-Tech hosts craft fair

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational and Technical Schools have scheduled their eighth-annual Holiday Craft Fair.

The event will be 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 6 on the vo-tech campus at 1776 Karitan Road. Raffles will be held and several craft dealers will offer their wares.

Admission and parking are free. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (908) 889-8288.

Proceeds will be distributed to vo-tech students at the Awards Night ceremony in June.

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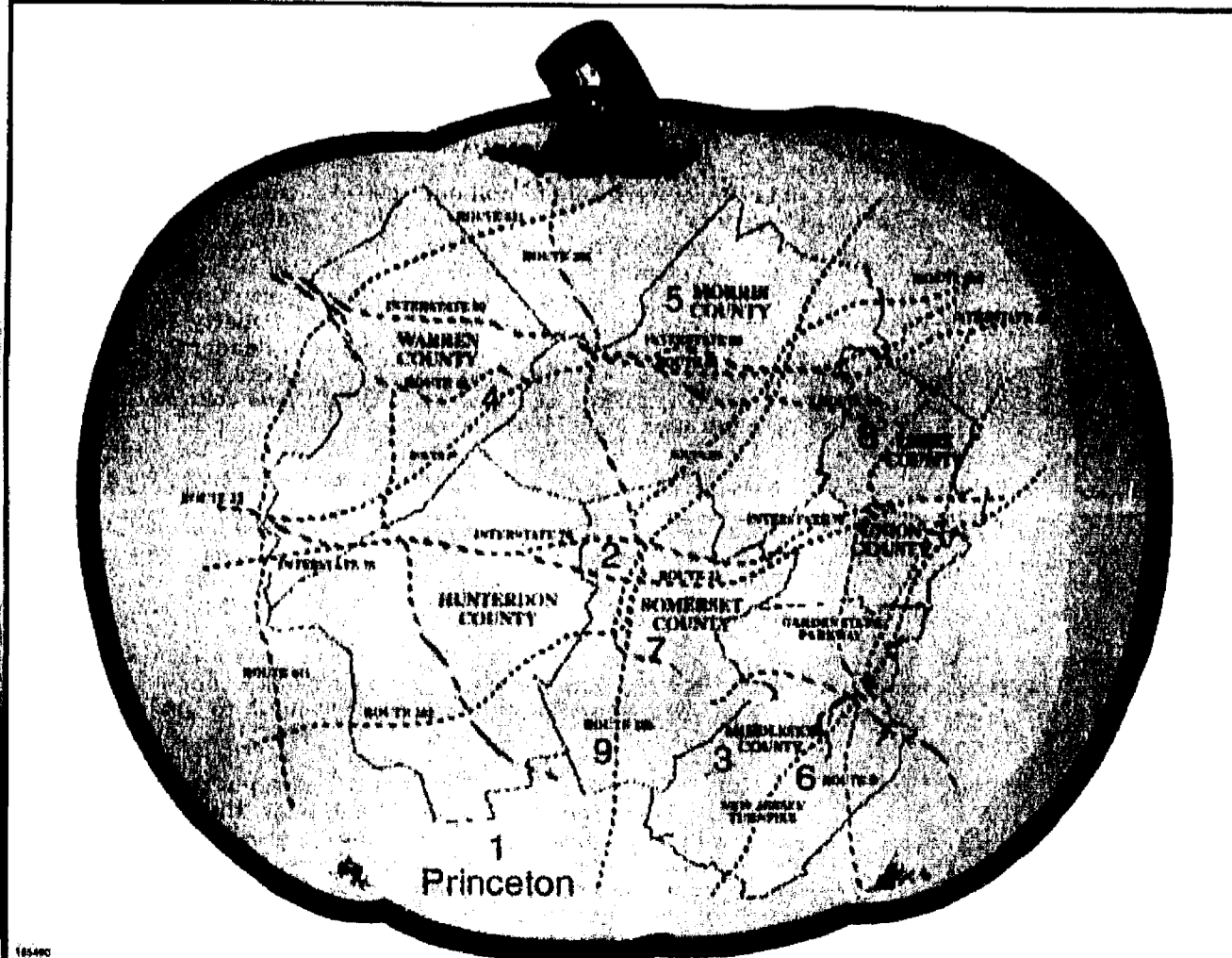
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WHS ready to chase another field hockey title



Val Wicks and her Westfield teammates will begin their quest for a Union County Tournament Championship tomorrow when they host Governor Livingston.

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The Westfield High field hockey team will take its first step towards avenging last year's loss in the Union County Tournament final when it hosts Governor Livingston at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, after receiving the second seed in this year's tournament.

Head Coach Maggie McFadden hopes that the second seed will provide better luck than last season's number one seed, but says this year's field is well balanced, and seeding may not make that much of a difference.

"I think the tournament itself is pretty wide open," said McFadden. "Having the number one seed makes things a little easier, but its not going to make that much of a difference."

Senior Paige Corbett feels that as long as the Blue Devils continue to play the kind of hockey they have been playing recently, they will be in good shape to make a run at the county championship.

"If we continue to play like we're playing now, we have a shot," said Corbett.

Senior Val Wicks feels that the team is peaking at the right time, and will be playing at its best in time for a run at the county championship.

"I definitely think we are at the high point of our season," said Wicks. "We're moving in the right direction. As long as we continue to work hard in practice and take one game at a time, we should do

very well."

McFadden expects to meet third seeded Summit in the semi-finals on Oct. 23, a team the Blue Devils met on Wednesday. The meeting will allow both teams to get a feel for each other and make adjustments, if they do in fact meet next Saturday. McFadden's team hasn't lost a game to a county opponent yet this year, and registered a 3-1 victory over Piscataway, one of the states top teams, Monday.

"I feel this team can play with anybody," said McFadden. "If we play well we can beat anybody. And we've been playing very well as of late."

But McFadden won't be looking ahead. While a rematch with Summit seems to be on the horizon, she remains cautious.

"I'm always of the idea that on any given day if a team plays well they can win," said McFadden. "We'll just try to do what we can do well, and hopefully we'll be able to beat the other team."

What Westfield has been doing well is controlling the ball and using a diverse attack. According to McFadden, in Westfield's last three games it scored 13 goals, and not a single player had more than two goals in any game.

"Our forwards and midfielders work very well together," said McFadden.

"They pass well and have a knack for scoring goals. We are very balanced so you can't key on any one person."

The Blue Devils' balanced

attack has worked well with its improving defense. According to McFadden, Westfield's defense has gotten better and more confident each game and has done a very nice job taking advantage of other team's mistakes, converting them into scoring opportunities.

"We rely on a balanced attack and a good support system," said McFadden. "We try not to rely on any one person. If a teams shuts down one person, they don't shut down our whole attack."

"Teamwork is the key for us," she continued. "If we work together we can beat anybody that we face."

Corbett echoed McFadden's sentiments saying that good balance and teamwork are the keys to success for Westfield.

"As long as we just keep working together we should do well," said Corbett.

Cranford, last year's champion, was seeded ninth and played a qualify game on Wednesday against Roselle Park. The winner plays top seeded Kent Place tomorrow.

The Cougars have struggled for most of the season with a young team. They have only two players with varsity experience in their starting lineup, but have shown a great deal of improvement since the beginning of the season.

"It's been a rebuilding year in the true sense of the word," said Head Coach Renee Dorfman. "But nobody should right us off. We still have an outside shot."

Raiders gearing up for the battle of unbeatens

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team will face its biggest test of the season when it travels to Cooperfield in Linden tomorrow for a 1:30 showdown with the Tigers.

The Raiders (4-0) will face undefeated Linden, in what should prove to be a hard hitting, physical contest between two teams that boast good size and explosive running backs. Linden is coming off of a 20-0 victory over Shabazz, a team Scotch Plains edged 18-15 three weeks ago.

"Its gonna be a battle," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "Its always a very physical game."

Senior running back Nathan Jones is also expecting a physical game, and is looking forward to the test.

"Its a big game," he said. "I'm ready."

"I love challenges. Both teams have big lines. There is going to be a lot of banging."

The teams resemble each other quite a bit. Both feature big, strong offensive lines and both have top quality running backs racing through the wholes the line creates. Ciccotelli knows he



will have to stop Linden's ground attack if they are going to be successful.

"If we don't stop their running game it is going to be a long day," said Ciccotelli.

Linden runs a Wing-T offense and features sophomore fullback Andre Sumner and halfbacks Pierre Chapman, Lamar Henderson and Mike Roman. Linden possess good size on its line, which has been a major factor in the success of its running game.

"We've done a pretty good job in both areas," said Linden Head Coach Bucky MacDonald. "We have some nice backs and have gotten a good push from our line. Our backs aren't as explosive as Nate Jones, but they can stretch a defense."

Linden will concentrate equally as much on stopping Jones and the Scotch Plains running attack.

"It's going to be a challenge for us," said MacDonald referring to stopping Jones. "He's the guy that

makes their offense go. You have to go into the game with that as the number one priority."

Jones knows he will be the focus of the Linden defense.

"I'm a marked man now," said Jones. "That helps us. It makes me work harder, and it opens up a lot of opportunities for other players."

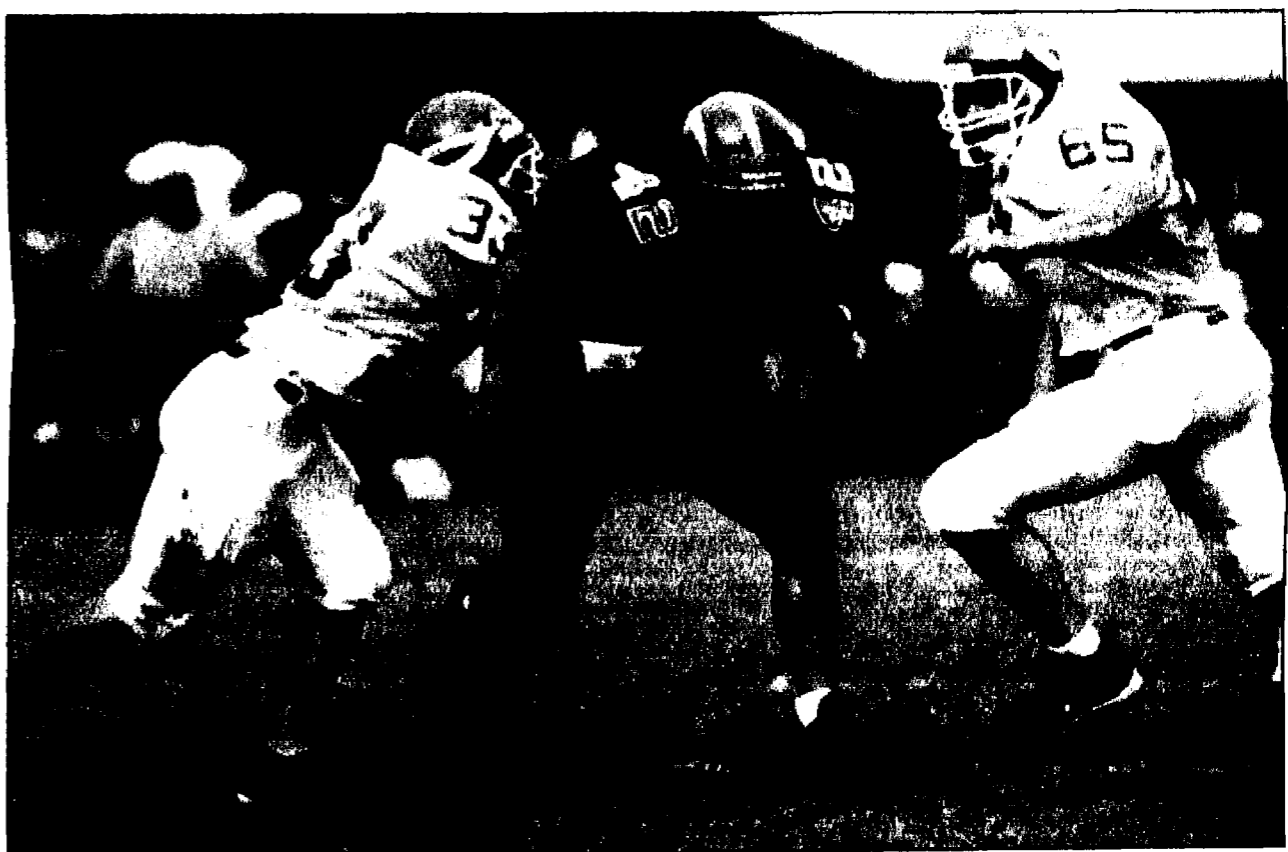
The play in the trenches should be critical in determining which team is able to move the ball. Both coaches credit much of the success of their teams to the play of the offensive and defensive lines, and whoever is able to control the line of scrimmage should be able to come out on top.

MacDonald said he will try to diversify his offense more than his opponent.

He said he wants to run the ball about 70 percent of the time, and mix up who is carrying the ball. Linden will have more options in the Wing-T offense, then Scotch Plains will have in its I-formation.

"We try to distribute the ball more than Scotch Plains does," said MacDonald. "We look to get everybody involved."

Against Cranford, Scotch Plains started sloppy, but rebounded in the second half for the 40-7 victory.



Andrew Pavoni and Robert Dinsmore close in on Cranford's Bill Simpson in Saturday's 40-7 victory. The Raiders will have to be at the top of their games when they travel to Linden tomorrow.

"We weren't ready to play from the moment we stepped on the football field," said Ciccotelli. "We took it over in the second half and did some good things, but we weren't consistent."

Cranford jumped out to an early 7-0 lead when senior fullback Billy Simpson rumbled 26

yards for a touchdown. Scotch Plains answered back when quarterback Brain Schiller connected with Andrew Pavoni for a 22 yard touchdown strike to even the score at 7-7 in the first quarter.

Jones snapped the tie when he ran for 66 of his 303 yards, and his first of four touchdowns, in the

second quarter to give the Raiders a 14-7 lead.

In the third quarter, Jones scored three consecutive touchdowns with runs of 2, 17, and 51 yards to put Scotch Plains ahead 34-7. Clifton Freshwater added a 46 yard run in the fourth quarter to end the scoring.

Local teams battling for Union County Tournament title

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys soccer team will take its first step towards a third consecutive Union County Tournament Championship, today, when its squares off against Brearley.

Scotch Plains garnered the top seed and will play a Brearley team that beat Roselle Park 1-0 in the qualifying round. The Raiders have won the past two county tournament championships, and four this decade.

Despite the teams success, Head Coach Tom Breznitsky feels his team needs to improve in order to three-peat as county champions. Breznitsky is looking for consistency and a higher level of intensity from his team.

"We haven't been aggressive enough," said Breznitsky. "Sometimes we play very nice soccer, and sometimes we don't play up to our potential."

Scotch Plains began to play well in its 4-2 victory over Ridge Tuesday. Senior Jeff Fiorino said the team seemed to be finally clicking and playing at the level it

is capable of. Fiorino said the Raiders should be a tough team to beat when the county tournament begins, and added while they would like to make up for the disappointing tie to Union, he would like to see Westfield in the finals because of the fierce rivalry the two schools have.

"We played very well against Ridge and will be coming into the counties strong," said Fiorino. "This year will be harder then the last two but we should be able to pull through and win it."

The Raiders are undefeated in county play so far, with a scoreless tie against second-seeded Union, in a game that Breznitsky said his team dominated, but couldn't finish its scoring opportunities. According to Breznitsky, Scotch Plains had 15 corner kicks, and 20 shots on goal, but couldn't convert.

Breznitsky is also waiting for goalie Brad Lowyns to be fully healed. Lowyns has played with a cast on his injured right wrist, but hasn't received clearance to play without the cast, and may miss some more action.



Westfield was able to slide in and take the third seed behind Union and will play Governor Livingston at Tamaques School Saturday. The Blue Devils had a 5-5 record when the seedings were announced and were able to take the third seed over previously unbeaten New Providence on the strength of its recent play and a big victory over Cranford. New Providence lost its first game of the season to Cranford, after the seedings had come out.

"I'm very pleased," said Westfield Head Coach George Kapner. "It is a sign of respect for what this program has accomplished in the past and the big win we had against Cranford."

Kapner feels in order for the Blue Devils to make a run at a county tournament championship his entire team will need to step

up its play, especially goalie Eric Schoennemann.

Schoennemann has been able to raise his level of play as of late and has made some spectacular saves that propelled the Blue Devils to victory.

"We need him to step up and make great saves," said Kapner. "If he does that it takes the pressure off of the rest of the team."

Senior stopper Frank Ianni feels that if the Blue Devils can raise their level of intensity, and play hard for the full 80 minutes, they should be a tough team to beat. He is also hoping for a Westfield-Scotch Plains final, and said it would be the perfect way to finish his final season.

"We need to get intense," he said. "When we get intense we score early. If we get an early goal, then our defense can hold them."

"If we score first we get confidence and our defense can hold them," he said.

Westfield edged Elizabeth, 1-0 Monday, in an extremely tight game. Kapner described the game as one the Blue Devils would have lost earlier in the season, but the

play of Schoennemann kept Westfield in the game, and the Blue Devils were able to pull out the victory.

The Cranford High boys soccer team will go into Saturday's first round of the Union County Tournament riding a wave of momentum from its 1-0 victory over New Providence last Friday.

The Cougars (5-3-1) garnered the sixth seed, and Head Coach Jeff Doherty believes that is right where his team fits in based on its play so far. But Doherty does believe his team, if it plays well, can play with anybody.

"We're where I expected to be because of our tough schedule and a few of our losses," said Doherty. "We can play with anybody when we are on our game, but we can get beat by anybody if we're not prepared. We need to go into the counties with purpose and determination"

Doherty hopes the victory over previously undefeated New Providence will give the Cougars (3-2-1) in Union County play) some momentum going into Saturday's 2 p.m. match-up with

Roselle. But they will have to get through a tough week before they get to Saturday's game. Cranford played Union yesterday, and plays Roselle Catholic tomorrow.

In order to make a run at a Union County Tournament championship, Doherty says his team needs its leaders, Rob Sands, Ryan Kulick, Tim Mamrik, Jon Polinitza and John Anthes to step up.

"I hope that they will play to the high level that they are capable of playing," said Doherty. "And the rest of the team will follow."

He is also looking for more consistent play from goalie Devin Kleban, and he hopes his team can take some of the pressure off of Kleban by finishing on its opportunities.

"We need to get goalkeeping like we did against New Providence," said Doherty. "We also need to put the ball in the net when we get the chance. We can't afford to give away goal opportunities."

Barring any upsets, Cranford and Westfield will meet in the quarterfinal round next Saturday.

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Daly named 'Salesperson of Month'

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Daly is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Club achieving the Bronze Level status in 1996 and 1998. A Realtor since 1985, Daly is a multi-million dollar producer and was recently recognized as a top salesperson in the company and was ranked the number 21 agent out of more than 925 associates for her outstanding sales record. For the past eight years, Daly has specialized in foreclosures and bank-owned REO. She can explain the complex

financing and paperwork involved in these types of transactions.

In her personal life, Daly has a strong belief in giving back to the community by volunteering with many organizations. She has raised more than \$13,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past three years and has appeared on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. Daly has also volunteered for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PANDA (Parents Against Narcotic & Drug Abuse), which she was a former board member of McKinley School PTO. Daly also raised funds for the Westfield PAL girls cheerleading and also hosted German students.

A Westfield resident since

1983, Daly is a life-long resident of Union County. She can also provide first-hand information about area schools, neighborhoods, shopping, recreation, and commuting.

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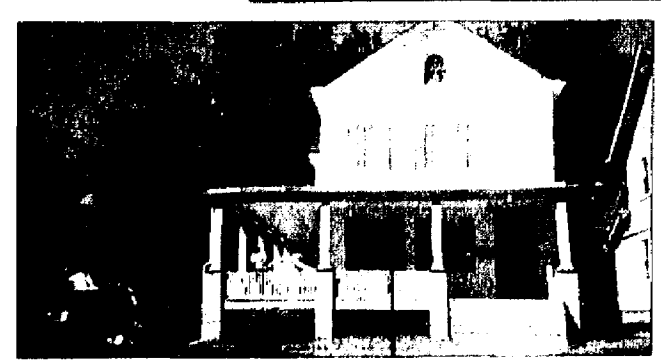
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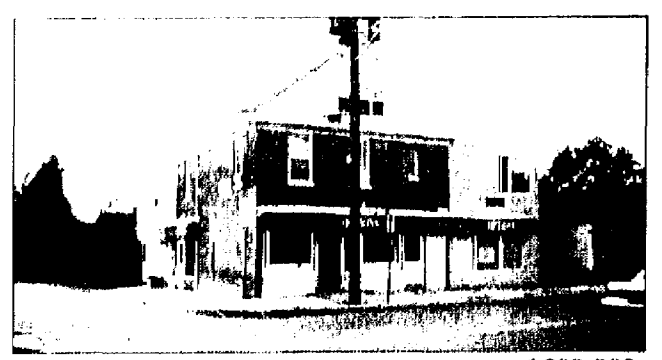
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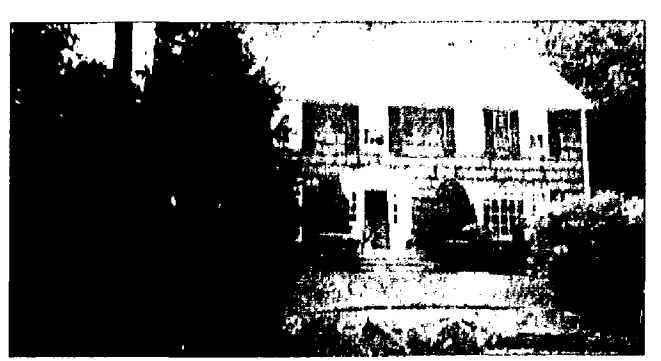
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Charitable trusts are untaxing way to sell farms

By James M. Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Selling a home can be a real challenge. But it's usually a cinch compared to the task of selling an entire farm. However, there is an increasingly popular option for farm and land owners.

Many farm families find that tax consequences can be an insurmountable obstacle to fulfilling their dreams of completing a successful sale and enter-

ing a new phase of life. Their land has often appreciated in value and is subject to stiff recapture taxes.

Also, many who adopted a tax strategy of prepaying their expenses while they were actively farming have found that the tax bill must finally be paid at the worst possible time - when they're trying to finance their retirement.

During the past year, weak commodity prices have stressed the farm market substantially.

As liquidity becomes more important than expansion to most farm operators, it's difficult to sell farms in most regions of the country.

"A comment I often hear is 'I can't get a decent price for the farm and even if I did, I couldn't afford to pay the taxes,'" said Lee Holfeltz, owner of Holfeltz Realty & Investment, a firm specializing in farm sales. "Amid this generally bleak assessment by many farm owners, there is a viable option from an unlikely source."

Holfeltz explained that Congress established many programs over the past 30 years to assist charitable organizations in raising donations by providing tax breaks and incen-

tives to those who give to charity. Among these programs was the charitable trust, a tool that can break the cycle of taxation some farmers face.

Charitable trusts are exempt from capital gains taxes, recapture taxes, estate taxes and, to some extent, even income taxes, he said.

"Charitable trusts can indeed be a viable option for farm and land owners, if they are structured properly," said attorney Ronald Harrington.

A charitable trust allows a farmer or other land owner to transfer his or her property to a charitable organization while retaining a life interest in the property. The organization can sell the property tax-free because they are a tax-exempt entity. The trust then sends payments to the farmer. In many ways, it's similar to an annuity.

"At current interest rates,

these charitable annuities are more or less twice as profitable as other options," Holfeltz said. "In addition to being more lucrative, a charitable trust may also be an easier and faster way to selling a farm or other land."

When dealing with knowledgeable representatives of a charity, it generally only takes a few days to convert a farm or land to a charitable annuity, whereas finding a conventional buyer may take months or years, he noted. For more information, call Holfeltz Realty & Investments at (719) 852-3101.

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The message promoted 125-percent home loans - those infamous loans that offer up to 125 percent of the home's current market value.

The e-mail message sounded so friendly and appealing: "Improve your lifestyle. If you need extra cash to pay off credit-card debt or pay for college tuition or a dream vacation or a new car, we'll provide the cash with a 125 percent home loan."

We've covered the dangers in biting on this lure in past columns, so I won't go over it again. Suffice it to say these tempting loans are a bad deal for most homeowners. They're extremely costly and could cause the owner to lose the property.

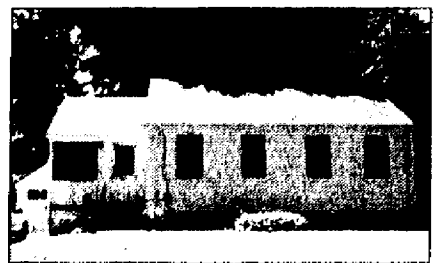
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Rely on expertise of a real estate professional

PARSIPPANY - When a homeowner puts a house on the market they want to sell it for as much as possible. However, in today's market when there are so many reports of homes selling quickly and for higher than asking price, homeowners sometimes have unrealistic expectations about the value of their house. Today, more than ever, a homeowner needs a Coldwell Banker sales professional to help them get the best price for their house.

Competitive Pricing Is Best Strategy

Even in today's market, a house must be priced competitively. Overall, house prices have only increased by about 5 percent in the past year and 12 percent in the past 5 years. Buyers know the market, and will be turned off by a property they consider to be overpriced. In general, houses that sell for more than their asking price were originally priced competitively for the local market. It is better to have several buyers bidding a price up than one buyer trying to get the price down.

To help a homeowner net the most from the sale of their home, a Coldwell Banker agent will recommend a com-

petitive listing price, based on a written analysis of what's actually happening in the marketplace.

Presentation

Pricing is not the whole story. Today's buyers want to move right in to their new home with a minimum of fixing-up. A Coldwell Banker professional offers guidance to homeowners on what they need to do make sure their house shows well and has a "move in" quality. A spotless home in good repair will bring the highest possible return to its owner.

Exposure to Buyers

The more buyers who know about a house, the greater the likelihood of multiple offers and a higher price. Coldwell Banker invests in many ways to attract buyer prospects. The Real Estate Buyers Guide, innovative web sites, relationships with relocation companies and a myriad of marketing strategies serve to build a pool of prospective buyers. Most homes are bought by someone who has been working with a Coldwell Banker sales associate or other Realtor for a while before making an offer.

Negotiating -

It's a little tricky, evaluating

several offers and negotiating and choosing the best one. A Coldwell Banker sales professional has been well trained in how to handle multiple offers and negotiate a contract in their client's best interest.

Follow-through

Getting a great offer for a house doesn't do a homeowner any good if the transaction never closes. Getting an offer is often the easy part in today's market. Seeing that the transaction actually happens often depends upon the skills of the real estate agent. Problems with mortgages, or with a property inspector, or a title search often place a transaction in jeopardy. A Coldwell Banker sales associate will stay with the transaction every step of the way to make sure all parties are ready to close on time.

Homeowners who rely upon the expertise of a Coldwell Banker real estate agent generally net more for their home than they would if they sold it by themselves. To speak with the most professional real estate agents in the industry, call the local office of Coldwell Banker.

Devlin receives '98 Silver NJAR

WESTFIELD - Robert Devlin, a broker-sales associate with the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, has achieved Silver Level status in the 1998 New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club.

A 10-year real estate professional, Devlin has also been selected for the company's coveted International President's Circle, an elite group composed of the top one percent of the firms sales associates in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Devlin is a graduate of Duquesne University. Before entering the real estate field, he held a financial management position with a Fortune 500 company.

Devlin works closely with his wife, Barbara, who is also a sales associate with the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker. Mrs.

Devlin has earned her Graduate Realtor Association designation to assist her husband in providing her customers with all the benefits of team service. Both have been certified by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to market antique homes. They also work with Previews, Coldwell Banker's luxury homes division.

The Devlins were one of the first to create their own web site at <http://www.bob-devlin.com>. Their web site with a "hometown" theme offers visitors information about the Union County area they serve, as well as a comprehensive real estate information section.

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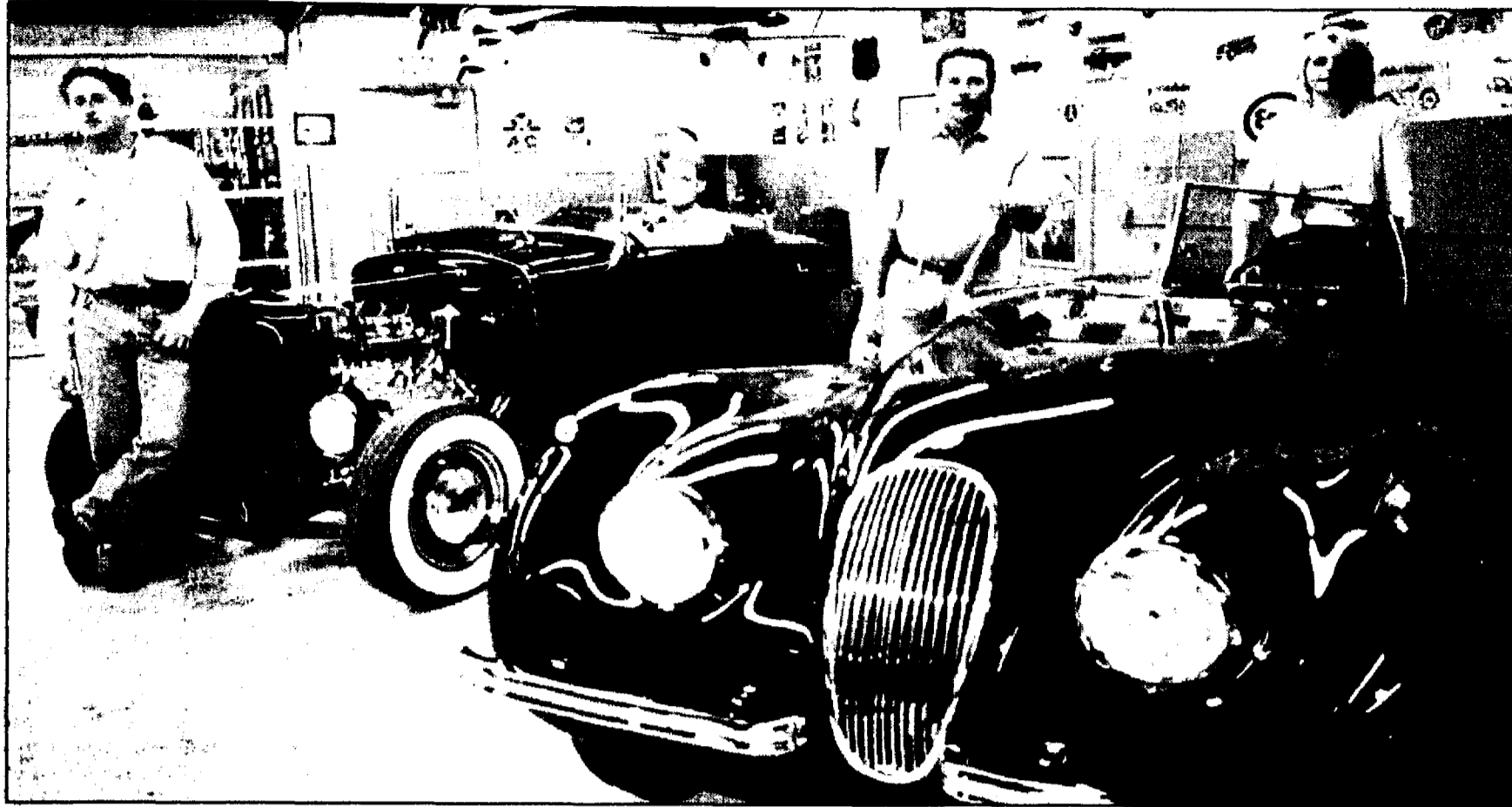
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Ralph Jr., James, Ralph and Adeline Marano stand by a 1932 Ford Roadster and a 1954 Jaguar XK120 at their Garwood showroom.

Marano & Sons: Unique combination makes a family business success

GARWOOD — Marano & Sons is a family owned and operated business, which has been dealing in high quality pre-owned vehicles since 1955. In 1955, Ralph Marano's dad opened a car lot in Sewaren. After graduating high school, Ralph worked full time for Sears as an auto mechanic and helped his dad in the car business part time. He opened Marano & Sons on a part-time basis at 507 South Ave. in Garwood in 1976. After being seriously injured in an automobile accident in 1978, Marano eventually was forced to give up his job as service manager for Sears and pursue his career in car sales full time in 1981.

Marano worked along with his wife and their longtime employee, Mike Tango, who had started with them when he was 16 and has become part of the Marano family. When Marano's two young sons were old enough to clean cars, they joined in to help make this business a family success. By 1996, both sons had graduated college and decided to make the family business their choice of career.

More space was needed for everyone to explore what he or she did best. This was the beginning of an additional location at 150 South Ave. in Garwood.

Although both sons can handle every aspect of the family business, each son has his own special interests and preferences. Both Jim and Ralph Jr. do a large part of the buying, selling, and leasing, but Jim's interest lies in foreign cars, leasing and financing, while Ralph Jr. enjoys trucks and sport cars and shares his father's passion for antique and classic cars.

Along with everyday cars, trucks, and vans, the showroom is loaded with gorgeous antique classics. Marano has the most extensive Packard Darrin collection in the world. His interest in Packards started when he and his dad bought their first 1937 Packard together after Marano had his accident in 1978. This Packard, along with cars with very interesting backgrounds, are in his collection today. Among these cars is a 1937 Packard Darrin once owned by Clark Gable, a 1938

Packard Darrin once purchased by Al Jolson for Ruby Keeler, a 1948 Packard Vignale which is the only Italian bodied Packard ever built, and a 1952 Packard Pan American which was a prototype car built for the auto show of 1952, the fifth car of only six of these type cars built. There are also old trucks, hot-rods, Corvettes, Vipers, Prowlers, Porsches and a showroom full of automobilia and memorabilia.

The unique combination of pleasant atmosphere, extensive pre-owned car and truck inventory, expertise in the automobile business, hard work, and a true family love of the business has made a real success story of Marano & Sons. If in the market to purchase or lease a pre-owned vehicle and expect high quality along with no pressure sales service, give Marano & Sons a look. Feel free to come in and browse. No one has as many low-mileage, late model used cars and trucks in New Jersey, and each vehicle is inspected and road tested to make sure it passes their high standards.

How do you rate on the winter car care quiz?

How time does fly when your car had been running well throughout the summer months. Now the weather has turned cold, and you've done nothing to it since last spring, beyond changing the oil and replacing two tires.

Contrary to popular thinking, vehicles do require seasonal attention to be kept safe and dependable. More to the point, their owners may need a seasonal reminder to pay attention to their vehicles' needs.

To emphasize the importance of keeping up with scheduled maintenance, Car Care Council has produced a true-false quiz underscoring five systems among the most neglected in National Car Care Month vehicle check lanes. Some of these questions or answers may trigger reminders for the well being of your own car.

1. To reduce the chances of a vehicle hydroplaning in heavy rain, be sure tire tread is at least 2/32" deep. [T | F]
2. The most common cause of windshield wipers chattering and smearing the glass is that the rubber blades wear out. [T | F]
3. For a typical driver, his car's engine oil should be changed every 4,000 miles. [T | F]
4. The brake fluid filter should be replaced when new brake pads are installed. [T | F]
5. When the heater puts out cold air, the problem usually is a frozen radiator. [T | F]

Answers

1. True. When a tire loses contact with the pavement on a rain-covered road surface, the driver can lose control, especially at high speeds. Known as

hydroplaning, this condition usually is most common on vehicles with badly worn tires.

2. False. Windshield wiper blades can deteriorate even on a new car that's been sitting on a storage lot. The rubber in the blades is vulnerable to the elements as well as road contaminants. That's why blades should be changed periodically, ideally twice a year, as a preventive measure.

3. True. The active word here is typical. 4,000 miles between oil changes is recommended for severe service driving, which most of us do. That's the recommendation you may find in your owner's manual if most of your driving is stop and go, around town and frequently in cold weather. Further, says the Car Care Council, 4,000 mile oil and filter changes is one of the best investments an owner can make in extending a vehicle's life.

4. False. There is no such thing as a brake fluid filter. However, the fluid should be changed as part of a braking system overhaul. Contaminated fluid not only is corrosive to vital parts of the hydraulic system, it also can affect braking action.

5. False. More likely reasons for lack of heat from the heater are: sticking thermostat in the engine cooling system or a malfunctioning valve that controls air or coolant flow.

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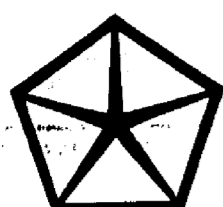
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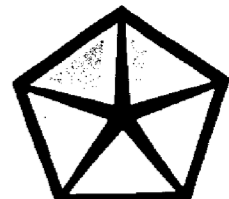
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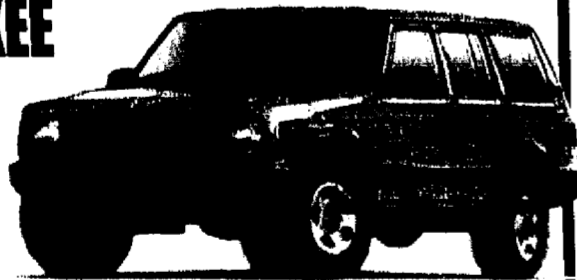
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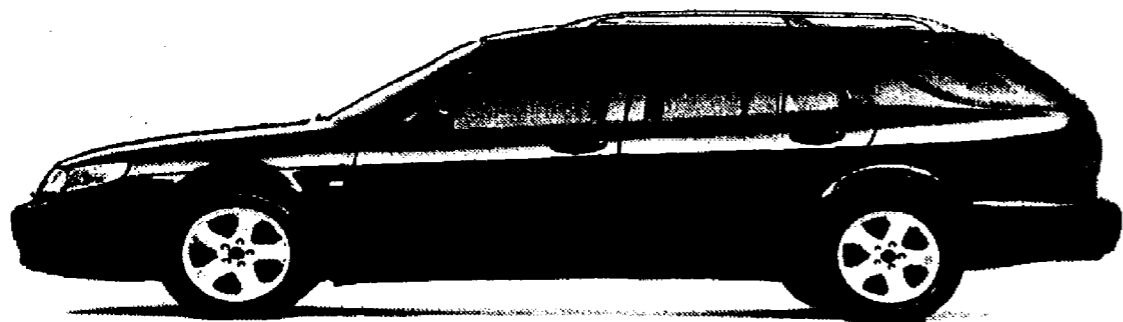
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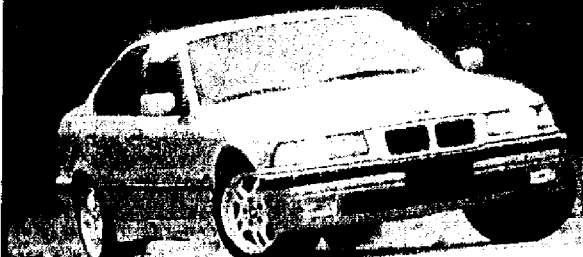
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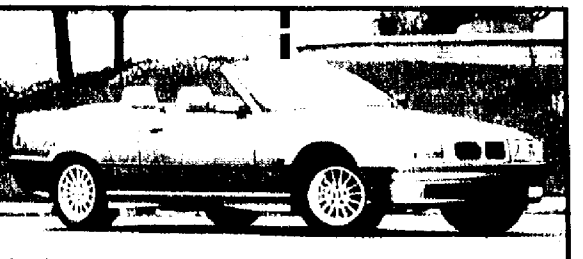
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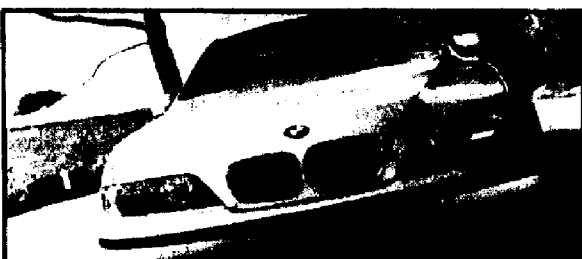
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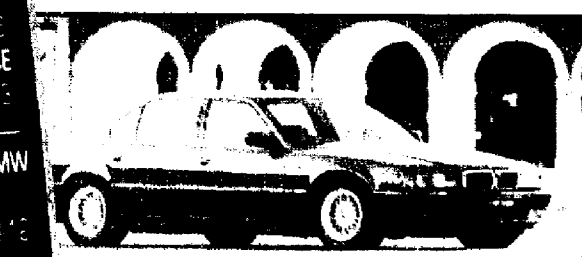
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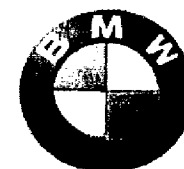
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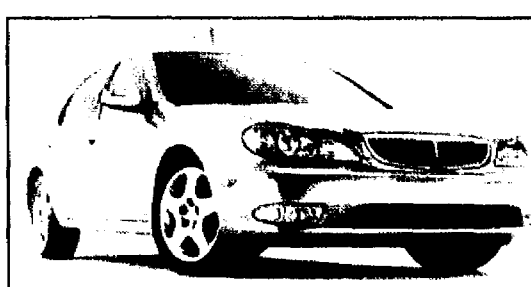
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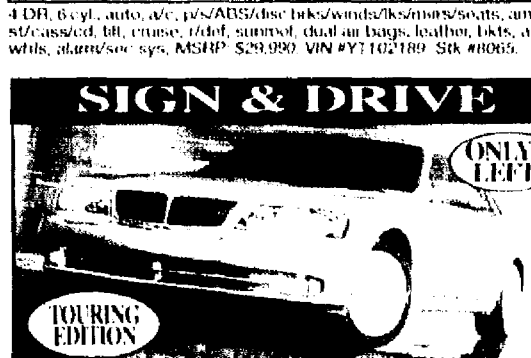
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