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Around Town

Fanwood schedules giant spring cleaning

FANWOOD — A borough-wide cleanup is being planned for April 15 to coincide with Earth Day.

Volunteers are invited to gather 8:30 a.m. at the South Avenue parking lot for the Fanwood railroad station. Groups will be assigned to clean parks and public areas in the borough, rain or shine.

The Fanwood Lions Club will remove litter that has accumulated along South Avenue.

T-shirts, work gloves and garbage bags will be provided to all volunteers. The cleanup is expected to take about 2 hours.

Refreshments will be served afterward.

Wildflowers will be planted 1:30 p.m. in an area adjacent to the Nature Center. In addition, flowers donated by Parker Greenhouses will be planted at the railroad station and Borough Hall.

The cleanup is sponsored by the Fanwood Clean Community Committee and Fanwood Department of Public Works. Funding is provided through a state Clean Communities grant.

African Violet Society sets plant show, sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County chapter of the African Violet Society of America has scheduled its annual African Violet Show/Plant Sale.

The event is scheduled to be held today and Saturday at the All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains. It will run 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday.

The theme of this year's show is "Violets Our Game."

Parking and admission are free.

Union FEMALES host game night

CRANFORD — The Union County Chapter of FEMALE will hold a game night 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Ave.

FEMALE is an acronym for "Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge." The organization is for women who have temporarily given up their careers to care for children at home.

Chapter meetings at the Hanson House are the first and third Wednesday of every month. New members are always welcome.

For more information, call Deann at (908) 653-0842.

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Slimmed-down Westfield budget ready for public hearing

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A somewhat slimmer 2000 municipal budget will be introduced to the public Tuesday night.

The budget to be presented at Tuesday's Town Council meeting most likely will be slimmed down

Contrite mayor apologizes to councilman for 'dopey' remarks

by about \$150,000 from the \$24.4 million figure the council had settled on last week.

Legislation to have the state pay police and fire retirement costs was approved by the State Legislature in the past week and

may mean the Westfield budget can come in at about \$147,000 less than anticipated, after the town removes retirement costs from the many line items in the proposed budget.

At a budget meeting held

March 21, Town Council members were hesitant to bank on the money, but officials now say the legislation looks like a certainty.

"I did not want to count on this last week, but if this is a done deal, I would change my posi-

tion," said councilman Larry Goldman during Tuesday's council agenda meeting, which was held in the recreation room of Town Hall in front of about 100 residents who came to take part in the public hearing on the proposed downtown parking deck.

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No parking

Westfield residents continue vocal protest of council's proposed downtown deck site

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The overwhelming majority of the 100-plus people who packed the recreation room of Town Hall Tuesday night agreed — the South Avenue railroad lot is not where the town's proposed parking deck should go.

Town residents, many from the neighborhoods surrounding the train station along Boulevard and Summit Avenue, packed the Town Council's special public parking deck meeting to restate earlier objections to the location — which, although favored by town officials, has too many flaws to be suitable for the deck, according to the residents.

Some in attendance Tuesday said the deck would serve com-

muters well, but failed to provide substantial relief in the downtown business district — where, they say, the parking spots are needed most. "This will solve the commuter need (for spaces), but it won't solve the North Side's needs," said Mike Zemske of North Chestnut Street, who joined many south-siders in their disapproval of the South Avenue location. "Both sides need (more) parking."

Boulevard homeowner Tom Evans agreed with Zemske that a South Avenue deck would have no impact on parking woes in the downtown shopping district. He said downtown parkers would not park at the proposed deck and walk under the train tracks and the distance to stores downtown. "Half the problem with our

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Bowcraft neighbors rip expansion plan

Residents question environmental effects of planned water park

By **JON LEDERMAN**
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — Environmental and quality-of-life issues head the list of residents' concerns about a planned expansion of the Bowcraft Amusement Park, located on Route 22.

The park's operator, Marke Enterprises, has submitted an application to the Township Zoning Board of Adjustments for a variance to build and operate a 150,000-square-foot water park in the northeast corner of the Bowcraft property.

According to the plan, the water park would include several 14-foot high slides that would empty into a pool, a lazy river-style pool for tubing, a snack bar, some tents with tables that can be used for group functions and an expansion of the back parking lot. Pool depths would not exceed 30 inches and would cater to children in the 2- to 12-year age range.

In addition, the plan calls for the conversion of an existing house on the property into a maintenance building, the construction of a one-story structure

to house bathrooms and about 300 changing rooms.

But what may sound to some like an ideal place to spend a warm summer's day is making several neighboring residents hot under the collar.

"They're paving over everything and creating a drainage issue," said Glenside Avenue resident Bill Pitt. "I was walking my neighbor's dog near the park and found myself ankle-deep in a swamp. With all the concern about the West Nile virus, shouldn't we be worried about this?"

Pitt also wanted to be sure Bowcraft's operators have obtained the appropriate approvals before construction begins. "I've seen trucks carrying paving blocks, mortar and cement bags," Pitt said. "What are they building over there?"

Thelma Gerber, a Mountain Avenue resident, indicated some construction may have already begun — without the necessary approvals. "I drove by the park and saw a building going up and then visited the town hall and found that the permit application had only been submitted the day before," Gerber said.

Mayor Martin Marks noted the amusement park could not do any construction without the zoning board's approval. "Bowcraft operates in a zone

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From pottery to the potty-trained

There was literally something for everyone when the National Guard Armory in Westfield hosted a massive Arts and Crafts Market March 24. Several artists — including Patricia Simons (above), who showed off her pottery-making skills in a live demonstration — put their wares on display for the sale, which attracted a large crowd to the armory. The arts and crafts up for sale included Simons' pottery, various paintings and even some home-spun clothing, like the pair of pants that caught the attention of 2-year-old Max Valdes-Hinojosa (right) of Elizabeth.



When the *Crotalus atrox*, a.k.a. the western diamondback rattlesnake, strikes, the violence can be lightning quick — and deadly, for "South Park's" Kyle or anyone else who happens to get in the snake's way. Westfield resident Molly Phelan is part of a research team studying the attack habits of the slithering reptiles.

COURTESY OF DR. BRUCE YOUNG

Sssstudying the ssserpent

Westfield High grad up close and personal with deadly d'backs

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

EASTON, PA — When *Crotalus atrox* — the western diamondback rattlesnake — strikes, the violence takes place in a fraction of a second. So fast that despite modern technology, researchers still do not know many things about how a snake attacks — and that's where Molly Phelan and her research team come in.

Phelan and two other students are assisting Dr. Bruce Young of Lafayette College in research to determine the mechanics of rattlesnake strikes, which can happen in the tiniest fraction of a second. Young's research team

will try to answer previously unanswered questions such as whether the fierce creatures can actually meter out specific doses of deadly venom based on the size of prey, or if there is a difference between an offensive or defensive snake strike.

"Right now, we're looking at defensive strikes," said Phelan, a Westfield resident, in a recent phone interview that interrupted her busy at work typing up a proposal for grant money she is eligible for as a Marquis Scholarship student. She said she hopes to use the grant money for further snake research she plans to do this summer. "Some of the things we're looking at are the acceleration and the velocity of (the snake's) head at impact," Phelan noted.

To study exactly what happens during a snake strike, the researchers have five 3-foot Diamondbacks that are taken out

of their permanent cages and placed alone into a larger cage, which is equipped with a high-speed digital video camera capable of capturing 1,000 frames per second. Also part of the cage is a mapping grid to plot the snakes' movement during the strike. The reptiles are "threatened" until they use their fangs as a defensive weapon.

To threaten the snakes, researchers use one of two devices. The first, which researchers use to learn how a snake strikes smaller threats, is a dead mouse on a type of cart the students use to tease the snake. The second is a stuffed doll — actually a character from the cartoon "South Park" — which researchers wave aggressively at the snake using what Phelan said are giant tongs. After the strike, researchers review the

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Charges pile up against alleged burglary duo

Cops eyeing pair for thefts in Westfield, Scotch Plains, other surrounding towns

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Two homeless men face a combined total of 12 burglary and theft charges stemming from what police believe is a spree of burglaries on the south side of town — and in surrounding communities.

Jeremiah Shoemaker, 25, was first charged with a failed Westfield Avenue burglary March 21, and was later charged with two counts each of burglary and theft for his alleged involvement in two Wyoming Road burglaries earlier this month, as well as an attempted burglary on Stoneleigh Park Drive. All told, Westfield police have charged him with three counts of burglary, three counts of theft and one count of attempted burglary.

Michael Galasso, 37, was later taken into custody by Plainfield police and charged with some of the same crimes as Shoemaker, police said. Westfield police charged Galasso with burglary and theft for the two Wyoming Road bur-

glaries.

The two men, whom police said both listed the Plainfield YMCA as their last address, were also charged with one count each of burglary and theft by unlawful taking by Plainfield police, and could face additional charges for a number of recent burglaries in both towns. Authorities said Monday they have not yet determined if they will seek further charges.

"Right now, there's not enough evidence," said Lt. John Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department.

Police did not say how many burglaries the two might be connected with, although they are being looked at in towns other than Plainfield and Westfield — including Scotch Plains and North Plainfield, according to Parizeau.

Shoemaker was first taken into custody in Westfield after a Westfield Avenue resident returned to her home and saw him at the front door. He told the woman he had lost his dog, then fled. Police found him within 10 minutes near the NJ Transit tracks on South

Avenue. After being charged with the Westfield burglary, Shoemaker was turned over to Plainfield police for questioning about a burglary in that city. Plainfield police said Shoemaker was their guy.

"From (Westfield), we brought him here to question him about our burglary," said Plainfield Det. Dino Caminiti. "He admitted this role in the crime."

Shortly after questioning Shoemaker, Galasso was taken into custody by Plainfield police in connection with a separate warrant. "He was picked up on a warrant out of Middlesex County, then we later charged him with burglary and theft," said Caminiti.

Parizeau said the burglaries in questions all involve similar modus operandi. The perpetrators entered homes through what Parizeau said were

ground-floor windows and took smaller, easy-to-carry items. He said the similarities between the myriad cases led police to suspect it was a spree conducted by the same person or persons. "Before we arrested (Shoemaker and Galasso), we assumed it was the same (person)," Parizeau said.

Shoemaker was being held in the Union County Jail in Elizabeth in lieu of \$20,000 bail as of press deadline. Police did not whether Galasso has been turned over to the Elizabeth jail or if he was still being held at the Middlesex County Jail, where he was originally held. His bail was set at \$5,000 for the Westfield charges.

Neither police department released any information about the two alleged burglars' past criminal history, which will be used in court when a judge metes out a sentence, police said.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA hosts school candidates night

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent-Teacher Association Council will host a Board of Education Candidates Night at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The candidates' night provides an opportunity for the voters of Fanwood and Scotch Plains to meet and assess all of the school board candidates facing off in the April 19 school elections.

There are four candidates seeking three available positions in Scotch Plains — Theresa Larkin, Ava McNamara, Linda Nelson and Thomas Russo.

The evening will be moderated by Myrna Wasserman of the Westfield League of Women Voters.

The program will begin with the introduction of the candidates, who will then have an opportunity to make introductory remarks. The PTA has prepared a series of questions for the candidates, and members of the Junior Statesmen Association at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will also pose a question before the forum is opened to inquiries from the audience. The program will conclude with closing statements from each candidate.

All residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains are invited to attend this important event. For those who are unable to attend, a videotaped replay of the event will be broadcast on cable-access Channel 34 at a later date.

Police Log

Westfield

A "phone car amplification system" valued at \$250 was reported missing March 21 from Edison Intermediate School, police said. The system was reportedly taken sometime during the past three weeks.

Yamileth Rojas, 24, of Linden, was charged March 21 with shoplifting after she allegedly tried to steal \$321 worth of miscellaneous clothing from Lord & Taylor, according to police records.

Two unidentified people allegedly used two stolen credit cards March 21 to buy \$495 worth of items from Lord & Taylor, police said.

A gym bag was reportedly taken from an Elm Street resident March 21 at the Starbucks Coffee on Central Avenue, according to police records.

Michael Papio of Cumberland Street was charged March 22 with contempt of court by the Westfield Municipal Court, police said. Papio posted \$50 bail, according to police reports.

All four tires on a 1986 Chevrolet and a 1995 Plymouth van parked in a driveway on the 600 block of Dorian Road were reportedly slashed March 23, according to police reports.

A Boynton Avenue resident reported March 23 that a \$90 interest check from an investment account was stolen and cashed by an unknown individual, according to police reports.

A resident in the 500 block of Central Avenue reported March 24 hearing breaking glass in their living room. Police said an unknown person had thrown a rock through the front window.

Michael Stottler, 18, of Settlers Lane, and Christopher Wenner, 19, of New Canaan, Conn., were charged March 24 with removal of a traffic sign. The two allegedly took a yellow school bus warning sign in the 800 block of Fairacres Avenue, according to police reports.

A Central Avenue resident reported March 24 receiving threatening e-mails, police said. Police did not say what the content of the e-mails was.

Police said a Stirling Place resident was assaulted March 24 on the 200 block of Cacciola Place. A suspect, described by police only as a Newark resident, pushed the resident, then punched him, according to police reports. No arrests have been made.

A resident in the 900 block of

Dunham Avenue reported Sunday that while he was out of the house, an unknown person entered the home through a rear door. It is unknown if anything was stolen, according to police reports.

The tire of a car parked Monday in a Central Avenue driveway was reportedly punctured, police said. No one has been charged with the crime, according to police reports.

A Seneca Drive resident reported Monday that an unknown person entered her vehicle and stole \$5 in coins and \$10 in Garden State Parkway tokens, police said.

Scotch Plains

Gauges on a truck dashboard were reported smashed March 20 and a fire extinguisher was sprayed in the interior of a second truck, police said. The trucks were parked on Jerusalem Road, according to police reports.

An unidentified suspect attempted to steal a bag of money March 20 from the front counter of Success Express on East Second Street, police said. When an employee confronted the suspect, the person dropped the bag and fled the scene, according to police reports.

Tires and a set of wheel rims were reported stolen March 20 from a garage on Rahway Road, according to police records. Police did not report the value of the items.

Pry marks to several doors to the Lone Star Restaurant on Route 22 were reportedly found March 22, police said. No entry was gained to the building, according to police reports.

An Aberdeen Road resident reported March 22 that mail and a check were missing from her mailbox, according to police records.

Charles K. Bell, 36, of Hillside, was charged March 23 with possession of cocaine and driving while on the suspended list.

Bell was charged after he was stopped by police in connection with an outstanding contempt of court warrant issued by the Union County Sheriff's Office, according to police reports. Police said the cocaine was found during the officer's investigation. Bell was taken to the Sheriff's Office, police said.

Darrell A. Turner, 34, of Plainfield, was charged March 23 with providing false identification and driving with a suspended license.

Turner gave officers false documents during a traffic stop, according to police reports. He was released after posting \$250 bail, police said.

A calculator was reported stolen March 24 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, according to police records.

Employees at Sovereign Bank reported March 24 that over the past month, fraudulent checks had been deposited into an account and \$10,000 had subsequently been withdrawn, according to police records.

An unknown amount of cash, a cellular telephone and several CDs were reported stolen Saturday from a vehicle parked overnight on Valleyscent Avenue, according to police reports.

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Westfield's \$57M school tab ready for voters

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — School board members set their proposed \$57 million budget in stone Tuesday night, leaving it up to voters to decide in April whether they want to approve the largest proportional budget increase in about five years.

The final version of the board's 2000-2001 budget, which is up about 4.5 percent over its 1999-2000 counterpart, has been approved by the state and was first unveiled to the public Feb 29. The Board of Education once again gave it unanimous approval to the budget Tuesday.

The tab for taxpayers will be about \$48.2 million, meaning the average Westfield homeowner with a home assessed at \$174,000 would pay roughly \$150 more annually for the school portion of their tax bill.

Superintendent of School William Foley said the large increase is necessary to help the district deal with increasing enrollment, which has not steadied in the past half decade, and requests by parents and teachers to see increased technology in Westfield's classrooms.

"I think this budget was different from other years," said Foley,

noting state officials gave the district permission to exceed the mandated 3-percent budget-increase cap. "We were finally able to get some relief from the state cap. What happened was, as we began bringing the budget out, people attending the meetings were not willing to keep

182-student increase is expected in the 2000-01 school year, officials said. The sheer number of students already in and coming soon to the district meant the 3-percent cap would leave the district without enough money to cover the costs of educating the students. "It's hard because we're

"We've used 9 cents of a potential 17-cent (increase allowed by the state). We could have used more. We're trying to keep the taxpayer in mind and make a conservative budget."

— **Michael Kessler**
Westfield Board of Education

postponing things."

Parents of district students told the board they wanted to see the initiatives begin being put into place soon. "So we went ahead with it," Foley said.

Aside from technology costs, the state allowed Westfield to raise its budget more than the mandated cap because of the huge increase in district enrollment, which has continued to grow since the 1994-95 school year.

Enrollment has increased by more than 660 students since the end of 1993-94 school year, and a

in a growth period," Foley said.

Michael Kessler, chairman of the school board's Finance Committee, said the increase in the budget is not out of line, considering the costs the district is facing. Kessler said the district could have gone much higher thanks to a decision by the state to allow the Westfield to exceed the mandated budget cap. "We've used 9 cents of a potential 17 cents," he said at a special press briefing held Tuesday. "We could have used more. We're trying to keep the taxpayer in mind and make a conservative budget."

The budget will allow the district to lease 115 new computers, which will go in third grade classrooms. Computer labs at Roosevelt and Edison intermediate schools will also see 5-4 new computers and 130 laptops will be issued to teachers at Westfield High School. The computer initiatives will account for about \$350,000 of the overall budget and, according to officials, will help correct a report issued in the fall about the lackluster implementation of technology in district schools.

Board of Education President Danielle Walsh said it is important for the district to make parents realize how integral the technology plan is to students' education, and keep parents aware of the strides the district is making. "It's really important we move ahead," Walsh said.

The proposed budget will also enable administrators to put 10 new full-time teachers and some part-time teachers and support staff, as well as another guidance counselor, in district classrooms.

Various renovations to school facilities are also included in the 2000-2001 budget, as well as more ordinary expenses such as purchasing new textbooks and supplies.



Book 'em, Martin

Cub Scout Martin Anderson of Pack 98 in Scotch Plains helped deliver bags of books to children through the pack's holiday book drive, which — with a little help from Boy Scout Troop 203 — benefited a local hospital's waiting room and 25 needy kids, each of whom received a decorated bag of gently used, age-appropriate books. The Cub Scouts are still collecting books, children's videos and PG-rated movies on videotape for the needy, local hospitals, remote libraries and a senior citizens' home, and hope to do another mass distribution around Easter. Donations can be dropped off at the Fanwood Recycling Center from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, please call (908) 769-8610.

SP police recover drugs, stolen gun

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Three Central Jersey residents and a North Carolina man face weapons and drug charges after police investigating a suspicious car parked on Katherine Street March 21 reportedly found marijuana and a stolen handgun in the car.

A Westfield officer observed someone walking on Route 22 in the area near Katherine Street, police said, and when the man saw the officer, he allegedly ran away from the scene. The officer canvassed the surrounding area searching for the man and during the search, police discovered four people sitting in a parked car at about 8:30 p.m. and conducted an investigation.

Police said the drugs were found during the investigation

of the car. "The officer saw what he believed was marijuana in plain view," said Captain Joseph Protosowicz of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

The four were subsequently arrested, and a .40-caliber semi-automatic handgun was discovered during a more detailed search of the car, according to police reports. Police said the handgun was reported stolen in August of 1998 from Linden.

Michael Washington, 22, of Doremus Place, Hillside; Teresa Cortes, 21, of Romney Road, Bound Brook; Khabira Clark, 19, of Clinton Avenue, Plainfield; and Robert Evans, 20, of Rocky Mount, N.C., were all charged with unlawful possession of a handgun, possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and receiving stolen

property.

Protosowicz said because the drugs were in plain view rather than in the possession of one of the suspects, all four were charged with narcotics possession. The captain did not say where in the car the gun was found. "It's called 'constructive possession,'" he said.

The consequences of the charges are not diminished by the fact all were assumed to be in possession of the contraband, Protosowicz said. "They are indictable offenses," he said.

Washington posted bond, while the other three suspects were remanded to Union County's Oriscello Correctional Facility in Elizabeth in lieu of the \$6,600 bail.

No trial dates have been set for the four, who will face felony charges, police said.

PANDA seeks county funds, suggestions

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA will soon be preparing its next three-year application for county funds.

The Municipal Alliance/PANDA hopes to receive funding through Union County's Municipal Alliance Grant Program.

Anyone interested in submitting ideas for programs is asked to call PANDA at (908) 789-4040 or write to the Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA, P.O. Box 2122, Westfield, NJ 07091-2122.

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Friend of the Fanwood Library seek new members

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Library are conducting their annual membership drive.

This year's campaign is especially important as the Friends want to contribute to the final phase of library renovations, which involves a redesign of the entire first floor with new carpeting and shelves. The redesign is tentatively scheduled to begin in late summer.

Renovations already done include the "technology initiative" completed in September and a refurbished exterior of the North Avenue building.

Members of the Friends organization are being asked to contribute toward the last portion of the renovations. Details are included in the Friends newsletter and with the membership form, available at the library. Those who do not belong to the Friends are also welcome to contribute.

In addition, the Friends are looking for volunteers to help with publicity, the book sale and other special projects. The organization is specifically looking for a large trailer or storage units to be donated so the library can store books while the first floor is being redesigned.

The Friends' major sources of revenue are the membership drive going on now and the book sale held in September.

Last year the Friends donated funds toward a large screen television with an accompanying VCR; covers for current issues of magazines; and the library's new video collection.

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By welcoming summertime visitors, host families give children a break from the often dangerous, hot and crowded city streets.

Terry and Jeff Hurwitz of Warren first became involved with the Friendly Town program four years ago after reading a newspaper article about the fund.

Melanie Vargas was the Hurwitzes' first "Fresh Air" visitor that summer and she has continued to visit them in succeeding years. Last year, she joined the Hurwitzes on a vacation to eastern Long Island, N.Y.

"We'll be inviting Melanie to our house for as long as she is willing to come," Mrs. Hurwitz said.

In addition, Melanie often spends Christmas together with the Hurwitzes' son, Zach, and daughter, Jenny.

The city girl keeps in touch with Zach and Jenny throughout the year.

Melanie's summer vacations in New Jersey "allow her the chance to simply be a kid," according to Mrs. Hurwitz.

Host families are interviewed by Friendly Town committees that visit prospective families in the home and

review personal references. Families can select the gender and approximate age of their visitor. There are no financial requirements for being a host

family and there is no financial compensation involved. For more information, visit www.freshair.org on the World Wide Web or call Susan Falzone at (908) 464-3321

Union County Vo-Tech sets annual open house

Visitors offered first-hand look at campus, classes

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools have announced their annual Open House.

The event will be held at the schools' Raritan Road campus from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. April 12.

All programs will be available, so visitors can get a first-hand look at top-flight occupational and skills training through guided tours.

There will be demonstrations of the latest technology in each of the instructional areas. Auto technology students will demonstrate the dynamometer, the latest in emissions testing, while the Machine Technology Program will show a wire EDM machine in a action. Other highlights will include samplings in the Bake Shop, shopping at special prices in

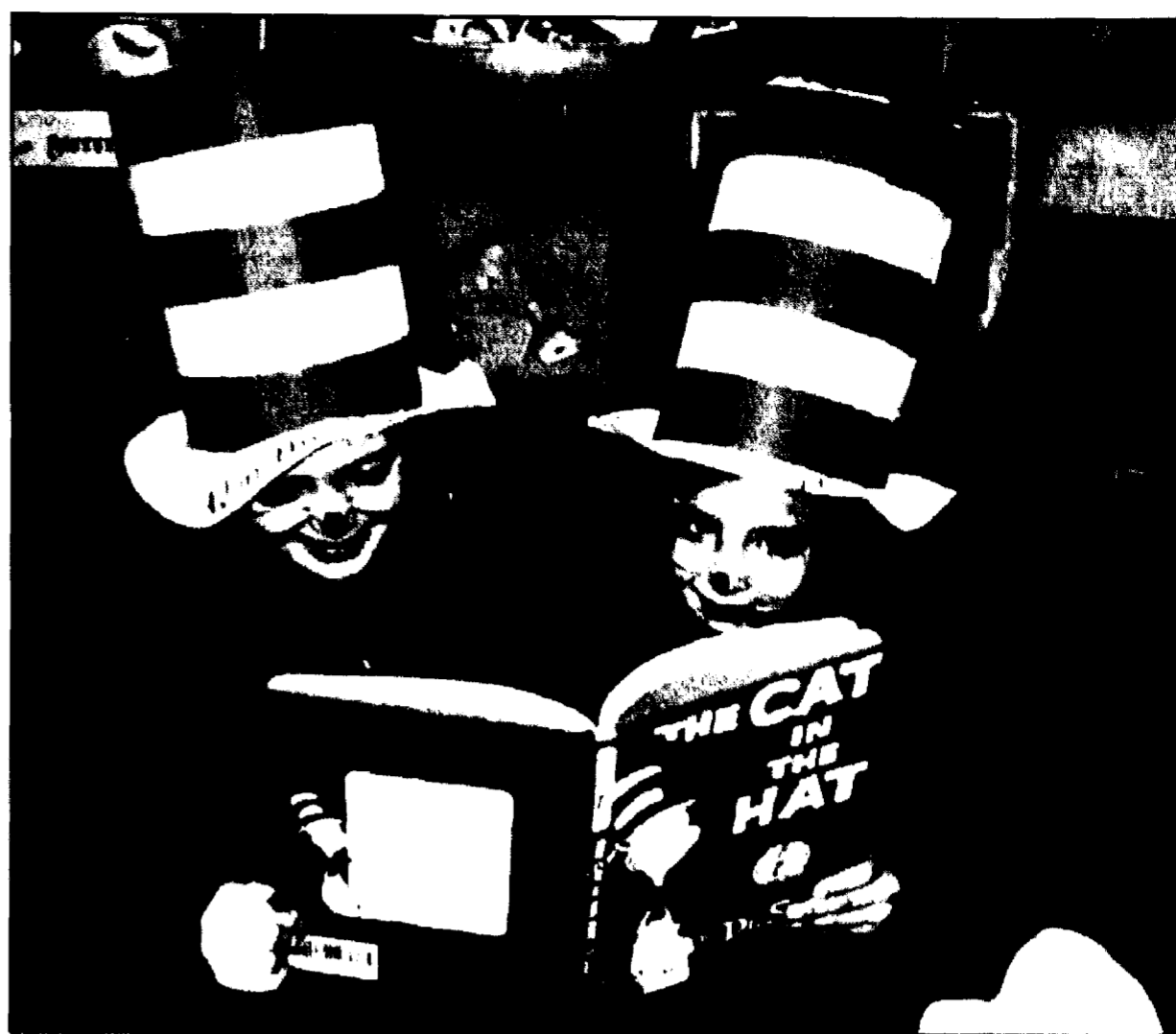
the schools' Tech World Supermarket, desktop publishing in Graphics Communications, blood-pressure screening in Allied Health and basic manicures in Cosmetology.

House plants will be on sale by the Horticultural Program and the Culinary Arts students will offer samples of gourmet specialties.

Visitors will receive free raffle tickets. Among the prizes to be given away are an Adirondack chair and foot rest, baskets of groceries, gift certificates from computer training and cosmetology and beauty products.

The public is invited to attend the open house and view the roomy campus, excellent facilities and state-of-the-art instructional equipment.

For additional information, visit the UCVTs' World Wide Website at www.ucvts.tec.nj.us, or call the schools' Day Admission office at (908) 889-2999.



The kids in the lids

Students in Bernadette Hoyer's Pre-K classes at The Brunner School in Scotch Plains joined kids around the country March 2 for Read Across America Day, a National Education Association effort planned to coincide with the birthday of Theodore Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. Families across the land participated by reading to their kids; kids in Hoyer's classes (including, left to right, A.J. Wright and

Two Hundred Club aids firefighters' families

SCOTCH PLAINS — Steve Jezek, president of the Two Hundred Club of Union County, announced this week the organization's recent vote to send a \$1,000 donation to the families of firefighters killed in the line of duty in November.

The Worcester, Mass. Tragedy was one of the worst in the nation's history of fire fighting. Two Hundred Clubs throughout the state have been asked to send donations.

The Two Hundred Club, which sports the motto "Because We

Care" was formed to help the families of police and fire officials killed in the line of duty.

To find out more about the organization or to obtain a membership application, call the Union County Two Hundred Club office at (908) 322-2422.

Schools & Colleges

Registration still open for springtime tots', kids' art programs in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The spring session of the Tots 'n Arts program for children ages 18-35 months began the week of March 20.

Time slots available for this unique program are on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Moms and caregivers join their tots in a half-hour of music, song and creative movement.

Openings are also available for Kids 'n Arts classes (ages 3 to 5). The classes take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

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Kids 'n Arts is an experiential program for children aged 3-5. It encourages children to discover and express their natural talents through music, art and drama.

Kids 'n Arts and Tots 'n Arts are divisions of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit organization established in 1972.

Other divisions include the Westfield Summer Workshop, The Fencing

Club, The Music Studio, the Summer Band, the Summer Orchestra, The Drawing Workshop, The Alphorn Workshop and The Westfield Art Gallery.

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

For information about any events or programs, call (908) 789-9696.

Destination ImagiNation teams get busy with mental challenges

WESTFIELD — The Destination ImagiNation teams are off and running, creating imaginative and ingenious solutions to one of six challenges.

This year's challenges will stimulate the community's kids to not only find solutions, but also to build respect for one another in an environment where cooperation, caring and the process are more important than winning. DI is a creative problem-solving program organized by the New Jersey OM Association, Inc., devoted to incorporating creative thinking into the learning environment.

"This year, we have 15 teams representing our community ranging from grades three to nine," said Pamela Newell, Westfield coordinator. "This is our fifth year of competition and the kids have really developed

their problem solving skills. We expect this year's challenge solution to be even more exciting than those in the years past."

Because DI is a school based program, teams of children are generally organized through their individual schools and coached by parent volunteers. Teams of five to seven members have a choice of six challenges to solve, either technical, theatrical, structural or classical. A synopsis of the 1999-2000 challenges are available on the DI website, www.dini.org.

The New Jersey Destination

Imagination Affiliate Finals is scheduled for April 1, location to be announced. Only first-place teams state wide will be selected to attend Destination 2000, which will be held at Iowa State University May 24-28.

DI is a program of the OM Associates Inc., a New Jersey-based not-for-profit organization which provides tools and curriculum for incorporating creative and divergent thinking into regular classroom activities for students of all ages.

For more information about this program, call Pamela Newell at (908) 654-3614.

Area students achieve NHS rank at Union Catholic

SCOTCH PLAINS — Three students from *The Chronicle* area have been inducted into the National Honor Society at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

They are Michele Iden and Jennifer Tobin, both of Kenilworth, and George Goros of Cranford.

The three are among the 67 new members of the society's Aquinas Chapter.

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Commentary

There is no room left for hate

Last week, Pope John Paul II went on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pope, who may turn out to be the most influential person of the last decades of the 20th century, undertook the journey not only for personal spiritual renewal but to heal the rifts among some of the world's greatest religions — Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

In extraordinary and poignant scenes, John Paul II emphasized the importance of being tolerant of those who practice a different faith or may be of a different nationality, ethnicity or race. His message of tolerance seemed to heal the divisions, at least temporarily, that have torn apart the Holy Land.

Unfortunately, the pope's message did not reach New Jersey this week.

On Monday morning, employees of the Bridgewater Township Department of Public Works discovered anti-Semitic writings at Chimney Rock Park. The graffiti also contained derogatory and harassing references to both Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and Bridgewater Mayor James Dowden. One bit of graffiti contained a threat directed at Mayor Dowden, which included profanity, an anti-Semitic remark and "Dowden, he gets a bullet soon."

This is not the first time such scurrilous graffiti has been found at the park. In September, harassing remarks directed at the governor, the mayor and a prominent Jewish Bridgewater family defaced the park. Authorities are investigating whether the two incidents are linked.

Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne Forrest is taking these bias crimes seriously. He has called in the FBI to help the investigation because whoever is responsible for these despicable acts should be brought to justice and face the most severe consequences.

In South Bound Brook last week, a 14-year-old, suspected of being the author of a note threatening two classmates, was suspended from school. The student was allegedly a co-founder of a group that called itself the National Immigrant Association, which operates its own website.

Bias incidents in New Jersey are not limited to Somerset County. They happen everywhere — Bridgewater and South Bound Brook and Newark and Cranford and Westfield and everywhere else. Even at the end of a century where hate fueled several most-horrific acts of genocide, some people have not learned the damage that intolerance inflicts upon humanity. There is still too much hatred, racism and discrimination in all of our communities, and we should not delude ourselves into thinking our own neighborhoods are immune from this disease. No place, and no person, is immune.

The message that hate should not be accepted in our society needs to be repeated over and over. We need to teach our children from the earliest age about the consequences of hatred. And we need to resist the all-too-human temptation to utter what may seem to be even the most innocent of remarks or jokes.

At the dawn of a new millennium, we need once again to dedicate ourselves to doing all we can do to eradicate hate from the world. Before hate eradicates us.



HATE CRIME WEAPON OF CHOICE.

Letters to the editor

Contemplating the Bowcraft issue

To The Record-Press:

On March 14, the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment met for four hours for the express purpose of hearing testimony regarding Bowcraft's proposed application to expand the commercial use variance of its property. On behalf of the neighbors most directly affected by the expansion and new water park features, I here ask your readers to contemplate at least one resident's point of view:

Is there any reason why neighbors should not be concerned, when their health, well-being, peace, privacy and property values are being affected? Bowcraft, as an enterprise, regardless of ownership (and their have been a few), has a long history of not living up to its agreements: Properties transferred with deeds lacking in original covenants; buffer zones eliminated; nuisance noise and excessive lighting affecting nearby homeowners; and now, the transportation of numerous heavy construction vehicles over a private road in the dead of night, large volumes of building stone deposited on the property with no approved reason to use it, a water management pond decreasing daily in size and the purchase of two residential properties which just happen to fall opposite each other at the same end of the Bowcraft property. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to anticipate their plan! Indeed, it seems crystal clear that, were the variance extended, a traffic pattern would be created to benefit Bowcraft (and work to the detriment of the neighborhood, adjacent towns and the reservation!).

In addition, prior to purchasing our home, I, personally, queried Mr. Marke as to (1) whether or not any of the noise of the crowds or the operation would affect my property on Glenside Avenue and (2) whether or not any expansion or developments were contemplated that would influence our location. I was told that (a) that there would never be any noise beyond what I heard in the park that day; and (b) unequivocally, that there were no current plans for additional development — when, in fact, their original filing of the application currently under consideration long predated my inquiry. Under oath, Mr. Marke stated that the park closed on Oct. 1 (the date on which we moved into our new home) and — several times — that the public address system was not used after that date. Over subsequent weekends, we heard, loudly and clearly, several advertising announcements concerning the starting time of rides on the Bowcraft property. In short, he lied.

Therefore, why should anyone believe Mr. Marke when he states he doesn't know how many people come through the gate (although bracelets are issued, and I'm sure the IRS would love to know!) and claims there will be no expansion of

diversion of access/egress routes affecting Glenside Avenue or Victor Street. His testimony included much contradiction as, I'm sure, the transcript will indicate. In fact, the local residents were able to enter into evidence Bowcraft's Internet advertising which extends far beyond the stated "local" boundaries (New York, Pennsylvania, etc.) and beyond the level of kiddie birthday parties. (Since when do nursery schools have corporate parties numbering 300 or more?)

Buying a home is the largest investment most people make throughout their entire lives. Therefore, protection of its value — particularly in these high-priced times — is imperative to most of us taxpayers. With Scotch Plains's 97.5 percent residential tax base, I should think that it would be important to our town fathers as well. We purchase our homes, usually based on careful research regarding the house and its surroundings — in our case, approximately 11 months, exploring the countryside from Pattenburg to Millburn and Chatham to Holmdel, considering every possible advantage or disadvantage of its location and, because of the currently ideal characteristics and surroundings of our Glenside Avenue home, paid somewhat more than we would have wished. Yes, I am concerned about the Bowcraft development, about the integrity of Bowcraft's owners and about the peace and safety of my neighbors, their children and the impact on all of the environmental factors that will be affected by extending a variance which has already gone too far and whose privilege has been abused along the way.

When someone violates the terms of a previously grandfathered use variance, does that not render it null and void? Or do they get a minor rap on the knuckles and the advice not to do it again?

And, again, I ask the question that was never answered at the meeting: We've heard much about how the project will benefit Bowcraft, but how will it benefit Scotch Plains' residents and taxpayers? I think we all know the answer. It will not benefit Scotch Plains at all and, in fact, can only diminish property values and that hometown feeling, making resale almost impossible!

Scotch Plains residents: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Please be there, in force, to help us protect our interests — we, who have everything to lose and nothing to gain from Bowcraft's expanded use. Apparently, there are those who serve our community who don't think the reported 100 in attendance and 300-400 signatures are sufficient to present our viewpoint.

KAREN K. JOHNSEN
Scotch Plains

Arc cites work of mentally retarded

To The Chronicle:

This March, we celebrate Mental Retardation Awareness Month for the 19th year of national observance. It has become a time for us to tell the community our story.

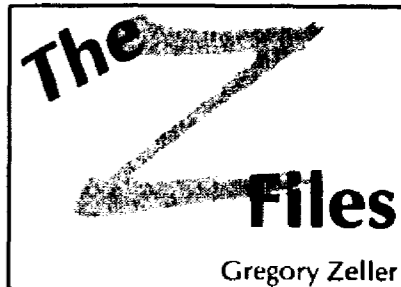
Only 20 years ago, there were no group homes in the state. Very little existed in the way of services for individuals. People with mental retardation lived on the outskirts of our communities, in institutions or at home with families as full-time caregivers. Families did not hope for an education for their son or daughter. Individuals were not given the opportunity to become a real, productive part of our society.

Today, much has changed. People with mental

retardation go to regular schools, have competitive jobs, enjoy friends and have the attainable dream to own their own home. We have come a long way in destroying stereotypes and breaking down barriers. Finally, we are beginning to see a community in which people with mental retardation will have the same dreams, the same opportunities and the same successes as others.

Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments and dreams of the individuals and families in New Jersey that are affected by mental retardation.

JOHN O'BRIEN
President, The Arc of New Jersey
North Brunswick



The Heaven Town Council is now in session

FADE IN — Jesus, Lucifer, Moses, Muhammad, Buddha and Elvis are seated around a white conference table. The white walls are bare and the soft sounds of a harp strum in the background. On the table are photocopied handouts and several glasses of water. JESUS: Thank you all for coming. I would especially like to thank Mr. Presley for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us today. ELVIS: Thank you very much. MUHAMMAD: What's he doing here?

JESUS: As the deity of the First Presbyterian Church of Elvis the Divine, Mr. Presley is here to add his insights to our discussion.

LUCIFER: The First Presbyterian ... that's only an Internet church! ELVIS: Don't be cruel. I've got plenty of followers, baby.

MOSES: Can we get on with it, please? What makes today different than any other day?

JESUS: We have a big problem on earth.

MOSES: Earth. Always problems with that *meshugah* planet.

LUCIFER: If you would have just listened to me, there would be order. But noooo ... you made it a sin to kill, and now you have a planet full of sinners.

JESUS: Don't go there — we settled that eons ago. We invited you today because many of the problems down there have your smudgy fingerprints all over them. MUHAMMAD: So what's up?

JESUS (hands out photocopies): I've prepared some numbers, but you all read the newspapers. War. Poverty. Prejudice. Crime.

BUDDAH: These things have been going on since man first crawled out of the sea.

(Jesus fixes Buddha with a frosty glare)

BUDDAH: Sorry ... these things have been going on for a long time. Why is it a problem now?

JESUS: Because it's getting worse. Cops shooting unarmed suspects. Kids shooting each other at school. Millions of homeless, terrorism ... for my sake, people were eating corned beef on a Friday during Lent!

ELVIS: Mmmm ... that's the stuff, baby.

LUCIFER: I say we reinstate human sacrifices. Nothing keeps the masses in line like a few ritualistic killings.

MOSES: That's your answer to everything, you archfiend.

LUCIFER: The guy parts one ocean and suddenly he's a big man. You want to take it outside, tough guy?

JESUS: Nobody's going outside. Look, at this rate, the earth will self-destruct in less than a thousand years.

BUDDAH: I say let it self-destruct. Then we can start over. Mars is nice this time of the Universal Menology.

LUCIFER: I agree. Let 'em cook.

JESUS: No. Humanity will survive, but the humans need a nudge in the right direction. Each of us has preached, at one point or another, about love and peace — not you, Lucy, but the rest of us. We need to reinvigorate that message.

MOSES: How? More stone tablets?

ELVIS: Through song, baby.

JESUS: That's one way. But the important thing is we make sure people remember the beauty of life, that every person, regardless of his or her color or creed, is precious. So I'm proposing a new campaign.

BUDDAH: Enlighten us.

JESUS (hands out more photocopies): Some visions, a few visitations, maybe a burning bush or two. I've prepared a list of proposed themes and phenomena. Please review it and get back to me with your suggestions.

MUHAMMAD (checks photocopy): Christ, this is a mountain of paperwork.

JESUS: We have lots to do. And Lucy, we need to get some of the Hollywood big-wigs to clean up their act — if you could leave a few names and numbers before you go?

LUCIFER: No problem.

JESUS: OK ... there's one more item before we adjourn. I got a fax from Sinatra's people yesterday. He wants to know when he's getting a seat on the council.

MOSES: Oy.

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Letters to the editor

Parking plan lessens quality of life

To The Editor:
(The following is a third-party letter to Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim)

I am writing to you to make you aware of my opposition to the proposed parking facility on the south side railroad parking lot.

The deployment of additional parking anywhere in this town will adversely impact the immediate neighborhood. A multi-leveled parking facility means:

1. More traffic to access the site
2. Congestion at the site
3. The creation of a potential eyesore if the facility is large or architecturally undesirable
4. The creation of possible unsafe or unsanitary areas in the more recessed areas of the facility

First, the need for additional parking that benefits the residents of the town and not outside commuters must be established. This point notwithstanding, the quality of life is more important than parking. My position is that if a suitable alternative is not found, then no multi-level parking facility be built at all. The choice of the south side lot will create more

traffic on the residential streets that lead into the station including the already busy Boulevard and Summit Avenues. The highly congested Central Avenue will get worse and spill traffic onto the residential streets, where most of the homes have small children. In addition, the Historic Boulevard district will be blighted by replacing the attractive view of the train station and backdrop of white church steeples with an edifice that will not fit the landscape or zoning.

There are alternative sites where the impact can be minimized if a scaled-down version of the lot is built. One of smaller lots on within the town proper can be built into a smaller multitiered site, such a putting two tiers near the Traders Joe site in the heart of the business district. However, I will repeat — I would rather not have any additional parking than compromise the quality of life, and I will not support any representative that endorses a parking facility on the south side or anywhere in town that creates any of the situations cited above.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.
 Sincerely,

NICK KARTER
 Westfield

Do schools need new fire alarms?

To The Record-Press:

After meeting with Scotch Plains fire inspector Dave Koerner and discussing with him the Thomas Group's recommendation to upgrade the fire alarm systems in the elementary schools, he was shocked to hear that the Board of Education would want to spend \$227,000 to upgrade these systems. On Wednesday, March 15, he just completed his inspections of all the schools and everything was clean and up to code. Everything is in fine working order. The only fault he could find is a couple of fire extinguishers needed to be replaced at a minimal cost. According to Mr. Koerner, who is a local resident paying taxes in Scotch Plains, he can't understand why the Board of Education would have an outside

consultant, the Thomas Group, a profit-making organization from Princeton, recommending this change when he himself is a licensed inspector and qualified to make these decisions at no cost to the taxpayers. He says if this passes, this is what he would call "snowballing the taxpayer."

I would think you can spend this money more wisely by checking and removing all asbestos in Park Middle School and other schools that may have asbestos.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Koerner. He would gladly discuss this situation. His advice is free — no cost to the taxpayers.

ELLEN FREITAG
 Scotch Plains

Married couples invited to dinner and a movie

SCOTCH PLAINS — The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit for people 40 and over is inviting couples to join them for dinner and a movie at 6:45 p.m. April 8.

The dinner will be held at Deli King, located in the Clakton Shopping Center on Raritan Road in Clark. The group will decide at that time which movie to see at the Rialto Theater

in Westfield. The cost will be the price of your meal and your movie tickets. Prospective members are welcome to attend.

To RSVP or for more information or directions, please call Larry at (973) 736-5729 by April 7.

BOE hopeful has unfair advantage

To the Editor:

As a current member of the Westfield Board of Education, I wish to comment on the recent series of articles in the *Westfield Leader* addressing the process of running for a position on the Westfield Board of Education. In the Concepts and Thoughts section of the Feb. 24, March 9 and March 23 issues of the *Leader*, Ms. Michelle LePoidevin takes the byline, documenting the activities that Mr. Peter Billson is undertaking in seeking election to the board.

When I spoke with Ms. LePoidevin on the afternoon of March 16 and asked if the other candidates had an opportunity to participate in this column she said, "No." "NO!" Ms. LePoidevin stated that this series of articles was an idea of the editor and only Mr. Billson would be "participating" for this series. She stated that the editor wanted to get the opinion of an "average Joe" for this article.

Webster's Dictionary defines participating as "to have or take a part or share with others (in some activity, enterprise, etc.)." In the March 23 issue, Mr. Billson states that fellow candidates

Mrs. Riegel, Mrs. Rhodes and Ms. Molnar joined him in meeting with several school principals, an activity conducted by school board candidates over the past several years. However, neither Mrs. Riegel nor Mrs. Rhodes was allowed to provide input into this article nor any of the previous articles. Why not? They are both candidates, who like Mr. Billson are running for their first elective office — "Average Janes" if you will.

I believe Mr. Billson is being given an unfair advantage over the other candidates. As an employee of Watchung Communications Inc., the parent company of the *Westfield Leader*, his name and comments appear in the paper more than those of any of the other candidates.

I am fully supportive of this type of article, but I firmly believe all those who can provide input are encouraged and allowed to participate.

Will this series also focus on election to a Town Council position in the fall? If so, I hope that it will be open to all candidates who can provide input.

MICHAEL J. KESSLER
 Westfield

Women for Women schedule 'legal eagle' divorce workshop

WESTFIELD — As part of a continuing Community Education Workshop series, Women For Women of Union County will present "Divorce Legal Eagles" Attorney Discussion Panel" from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 10.

The panel discussion will be held in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

The workshop will introduce three local lawyers, who will provide an open panel discussion on various areas of family and matrimonial law.

Scheduled to contribute to the panel is attorney Marianne Zembryski, who will discuss family law from filing a complaint to the Case Information Statement. Also scheduled to contribute are attorney Ellen Radin, who will discuss the negotiation and settlement of divorce, and attorney Jennifer Brandt, who will cover divorce mediation.

Participants will have a chance to break

into smaller groups to discuss particular topics with each attorney.

Within these groups, attendees will be able to ask questions concerning specific issues in their lives which are, or may become, legal matters.

Admission to the workshop is free, although a suggested donation of \$5 is requested.

Women For Women of Union County, headquartered in Garwood, is a non-profit agency offering short-term, low-cost counseling and self-help support groups for women undergoing transitional or developmental crises in their lives.

Beginning April 17, Women For Women will offer a support group for women contemplating separation or going through a divorce.

Anyone interested in joining the new group, registering for the "Divorce Legal Eagles" workshop or obtaining more information about "Women For Women" can call the organization at (908) 232-5787.

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Drug may help Alzheimer's patient

Nursing home residents have been thought to be beyond the reach of treatment for the cognitive impairments associated with Alzheimer's disease.

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The study found that Aricept® improved cognition and global function compared with placebo and was generally well-tolerated in these patients, despite their advanced age and high use of other medications such as anti-depressants and anti-psychotics. "These findings offer patients, their families and the medical community evidence that symptoms of Alzheimer's disease can be effectively treated and managed in the nursing home setting," said Pierre N. Tariot, M.D., a study inves-

tigator and professor of psychiatry, University of Rochester School of Medicine.

According to Dr. Tariot, the results indicated that the efficacy of Aricept® in nursing home patients is similar to previously reported results in studies of outpatients with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease.

"In demonstrating that age or residence in a nursing home are not barriers to treatment for Alzheimer's disease, this study emphasizes the need to raise awareness among nursing home staff of the disease and its symptoms," explained Dr. Tariot. "It is important not to dismiss memory problems as just 'normal aging.'

"Recognizing the symptoms and early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease gives patients a greater chance of benefiting from medical interventions, including treatment with medications such as Aricept®," Dr. Tariot added.

Although Alzheimer's disease is incurable, medical treatment is available to manage some of the symptoms. Once-a-day Aricept® tablets, for example, can improve cognition and maintain patient func-

tion in people with mild-to-moderate dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease. In controlled clinical trials of up to six months, more than 80 percent of patients taking Aricept® experienced a best changed score of improved cognition or no further decline compared to 58 percent of patients on placebo. These findings are based on the best score achieved on the Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-cognitive subscale (ADAS-cog) for each patient for week 12 through week 24 of the study.

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WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE — eighth annual Union County awards program. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 7 p.m. Cost \$35. Tickets: Call (908) 276-1192 or (908) 276-4542.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "12 Monkeys," sci-fi movie from late '95-early '96. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-6400.

'MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE' — "Groundhog Day," Bill Murray hit from '93. First United Methodist Church, 1171 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-8632.

'THE GOLDEN FLEECE' — two one-act plays by A.R. Gurney. Roy W. Smith Theater, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. March 31; 3 and 8 p.m. April 1. Adults \$10; seniors and students \$5. Reservations: Call (908) 659-5189.

SATURDAY APRIL 1

SPECIAL WASTE — first of three "household special waste" collection days for Union County residents. Centennial Avenue pool, Cranford, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Requirements: Call (908) 654-9890 or visit www.union-countynj.org/ocm.

CAME CONCERT — with the Chinese American Music Ensemble. Senior Homes, 2002 Lake Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (201) 460-4660.

WORLD PREMIERE — "Sacred Fanfare" by Mark McGurty, performed by Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, 8 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors \$22; students \$15. Tickets: Call (908) 232-9400 or (732) 499-8226.

SUNDAY APRIL 2

PIERCED PAPER — ancient art demonstrated by Evelyn Kennedy (Westfield). Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free. Call (908) 232-1776.

THE KLEZMATICS — Manhattan-based klezmer/Jewish band. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 3 p.m. Adults \$20; students/seniors \$15; children under 18 \$6. Tickets: Call (908) 647-3330.

SUNDAY SERENADE — with the 28-member Westfield High School Chorale. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 4 p.m. Free admission. Call (908) 233-0301.

TUESDAY APRIL 4

BOOK SALE — sponsored by Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-9 p.m. April 4, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. April 5-7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 8. Call (908) 789-4090.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

LITERARY LUNCHEON — sponsored by Junior League of

Elizabeth-Plainfield. The Chantier, 500 Millburn Ave., Short Hills, 11 a.m. Cost \$50. Tickets: Call (908) 709-1177.

GAME NIGHT — for FEMALE, organization for stay-at-home mothers. Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 7:45 p.m. New members welcome. Call (908) 653-0842.

COMING UP POWER OF PARENTING

— seminar at Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. April 8. Cost \$10. Registration: Call (908) 233-8810.

THE KILLING KOMPANY — murder mystery dinner theater. Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, Cranford, 6 p.m. April 8. Adults \$26; children 16 and under \$12; children under 5 free. Tickets: Call (908) 620-9320.

LOVE AND OTHER THINGS — cabaret benefit for Westfield Community Players and Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. April 8. Cost \$12. Reservations: Call (908) 232-1221 or (908) 276-7611.

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG — second phase of ongoing project at Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. April 9. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free. Call (908) 232-1776.

BLOOD PRESSURE — screening at Red Cross office, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 12:30-2:30 p.m. April 12, May 10, June 14. Call (908) 232-7090.

PARENT AND CHILD — workshop sponsored by Resolve Community Counseling Center, 1830 Front St., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. April 12. Reservations: Call (908) 322-9180.

SPRING ASSEMBLY — of the Westfield History Societies with Daniel Sivilich, archeologist. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 8 p.m. April 12. Call (908) 767-7427.

BOOK TALK — discussion of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 13. Call (908) 322-6400.

FLEA MARKET — 20th annual event of Scotch Plains Lions Club. Railroad station, North Avenue, Fanwood, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 15. Vendors: Call (908) 753-8218.

CLEANUP — of Fanwood, beginning 8:30 a.m. April 15. Meet at railroad station parking lot on South Avenue, Fanwood. Call (908) 322-6577.

SPECIAL WASTE — second of three "household special waste" collection days for Union County residents. Locust Avenue pool, Berkeley Heights, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. May 6. Requirements: Call (908) 654-9890 or visit www.union-countynj.org/ocm.

CAME CONCERT — with the Chinese American Music Ensemble. Rumlins Specialized Hospital, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights, 2 p.m. May 6. Call (201) 460-4660.

SPECIAL WASTE — third of three "household special waste" collection days for Union County residents. Public Works yard, Bayberry Drive, Union, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 10. Requirements: Call (908) 654-9890 or visit www.union-countynj.org/ocm.



Strike up the band

Nine band students from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains were recently accepted for the Central Jersey Intermediate Region II Band and Orchestra, based on auditions held in January. The Region II Band and Orchestra is made up of outstanding student musicians from Mercer, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Hunterdon counties, selected from 90 participating middle schools. Chosen from Park Middle School were (front row, left to right) Judith Brown (clarinet), William Rollins (baritone horn) and David DeMair (baritone horn, first chair); (middle row, left to right) Robert Kuchinski (bass clarinet), Scott Pober (alto clarinet), Andre Baruch (tenor saxophone) and Jenna Marioni (bassoon); and (rear, left to right) Nancy Tu (oboe) and Steven Cooney (alto saxophone). Park Middle School instrumental music teacher John Bencivenga (back, left) and other school officials offered congratulations to the young musicians.

Union Catholic students achieve National Honor Society ranks

SCOTCH PLAINS — A total of 67 students at Union Catholic High School have been inducted into the National Honor Society.

Membership is based on academic record, service to school and/or community, strong leadership, good character and a willingness to tutor when needed.

The newest members of Aquinas Chapter include Jaime Bennett, Kelly Feil, Allison Mack, Nicole Manzano and Brian Reagan, all of Scotch Plains; Christopher Daly and Kathryn Schurtz, both of Fanwood; and Katie Behr of Westfield.

Other new members from Union County are Cristina Bordas, George Goros, Nicole Grzywacz, Christopher Malapit, Joseph Moosally, Sandra Moussallem, Guy Varady, Amy Watkins, Samantha Large, Shrita Smith, Robert Trotte,

Veronica Zak, Michele Iden, Jennifer Tobin, Michael Bellas, Daniel Hemenway, Sabina Sabados, Lucia Almeida, Christine Brzezicki, Bryan Hughes, Thomas Kierzkowski, Ryan McKenna, Michelle Meade, Tracey Sheehy, Marilyn Zambrycki, William Boyar, Patricia Nuwer, Tiffany Dunnell, Richard Flynn, Christopher Karch, Jonathan Louie, Jacob Reviriego, Debra Buchan, Kate Fitzgerald, Christina Kus, Timothy Advani, Leila Apuzzio, Jamie Fagnoli, Jennifer Ferro, Michael Mota, Delia Murray, John Opilac, Jennifer Montferret, Blanca Rodriguez, Katrina Tubayan and Anoop Varghese.

New members from outside Union County are Stephanie Juen, Laura Kolar, Martine Caussimon, James Bischoff, Erik DaRocha, Nicole Apice, Genevieve

Calliolo, Jessica Ballweg, Rashad Carlton, Thomas Zielski, Brian Albano, Melanie Mitchell and Thomas Gottlieb.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

Westfield Y

"Lunch & Learn" with the "60 and Better Set" 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Westfield Y on Clark Street.

Larry Bock from Twin Boro Physical Therapy Associates will speak about "Fall Prevention." Learn the precautions to take, what you can do to prevent falls and practical exercises to improve your balance. Bock specializes in orthopedic problems and sports medicine.

The free program is open to the public. Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share with three people; beverages will be supplied. For reservations, call (908) 233-2700.

Old Guard of Westfield

The Old Guard is open to retired and semi-retired men. Meetings are 10 a.m. Thursday at the Westfield Y on Clark Street. Programs:

April 6 — Eric Hamburg, master gardener, "All About Dahlias."
April 13 — Carol Konicki on estate planning.
April 20 — Founder's Day luncheon.
April 27 — Everett Yacker (Old Guard member) on his trip to South Africa.

Regular group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events and shuffleboard. In addition, the Merryman chorus performs regularly for charity functions, public gatherings and formal concerts. For more information, call Robert Broadwell at (908) 232-5150.

'Over 55' Travel Club

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

April 20-May 1 — QE2 to Miami, Barbados, Dominica and St. Thomas. Cost begins at \$1,500. Space is limited.
April 28 — "Millennium Showstoppers" Broadway revue at Lily Langtry's Dinner Theater. Cost is \$57.
May 2 — The Gaylords at Pocomt. Cost is \$54.
May 6-12 — Charleston, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; and Myrtle Beach, S.C. Cost is \$595 per person, double occupancy.
May 17 — Polkafest at Mount Haven. Cost is \$50.
May 23-24 — Longwood Gardens, American Music Theatre and tour of Amish area. Cost is \$160 per person, double occupancy.
June 14-15 — Italian Fiesta at Tamarack. Cost is \$130 per person, double occupancy.
June 23-26 — Finger Lakes region (New York) and Scotts Lake House. Cost is \$385 per person, double occupancy.
July 16 — "The King and I" at Three Little Bakers. Cost is \$60.
July 22 — Port Chester on the Hudson, including estate tours. Lunch is on your own at area restaurants. Cost is \$40.
July 30 — Woodloch Pines with smorgasbord. Cost is \$56.
Sept. 17-21 — Wildwood Crest. Cost is \$325 per person, double occupancy.
Oct. 3 — Kay Starr at Fernwood. Cost is \$58.
Oct. 12-16 — Yankee Doodle Lodge (Vermont). Cost is \$430 per person, double occupancy.
All trips leave from the Boys and Girls Club in Union. Groups are especially welcome; special pickups can be arranged. 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.

Briefs

Thrift Shop opens for spring season

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Thrift Shop, located at 1730 E. Second St., opens for the spring on Tuesday.

On-hand will be a full stock of spring clothes for men, women, teens, children and babies. Women's accessories, shoes, purses, gloves, scarves and costume jewelry are also available.

For the spring holidays, Easter bunnies, Easter baskets and household accessories will be plentiful.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

A half-price sale has been scheduled for April 8.

The Thrift Shop is sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League and staffed entirely by volunteers.

Proceeds benefit area charities.

A limited pickup service is available. For more information, call (908) 322-5420 or (908) 322-8496.

College Club hosts annual fashion show

MOUNTAINSIDE — The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains invites visitors to a fun afternoon at the club's annual fashion show fund-raiser.

The fashion show will be held at 11:45 a.m. Sunday at L'Affaire Restaurant, located on Route 22 in Mountainside.

Tickets cost \$35 apiece and include lunch, the fashion show and chances to win raffle prizes.

The College Club is a women's organization devoted to raising money for college scholarships. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the scholarship fund. All community members are invited to attend.

For more information, please call (908) 233-1601.

Births

Justin Noah, a son, was born Feb. 23 at Overlook Hospital in Summit to Lauren and Alan Aaron of Short Hills. The couple's first child weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches at

birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Menachem of North Woodmere, N.Y. The paternal grandmother is Norma Aaron of Scotch Plains.

New Jersey State Theatre hosts 14th annual Job Fair

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Theatre Group will hold its 14th annual Job Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 8 at the State Theatre.

Many of New Jersey's professional theater companies will hold interviews for administrative, production and technical positions. The theaters will be seeking qualified applicants for interns, entry-level jobs and regular staff.

Full-time, part-time, seasonal and year-round positions will be available.

Acting jobs are not available. Among the theaters and troupes scheduled to participate are the Paper Mill Playhouse, in Millburn; Union County Arts Center, in

Rahway; American Stage Company, based at the Teaneck campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University; Crossroads Theatre Company and George Street Playhouse, both in New Brunswick; Dreamcatcher Repertory and Luna Stage Company, both in Montclair; Forum Theatre, in Metuchen; Growing Stage Theatre, in Netcong; McArthur Theatre, in Princeton; New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, based at Drew University; Palistage, in Tenafly; Passage Theatre, in Trenton; Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, in Madison; Pushcart Players, in Verona; TheatreFirst, based at Montclair State University; and Two River Theatre

Company, in Red Bank.

In addition, the New Jersey Theatre Group has a job bank for those who are interested in a theater career or cannot attend the Job Fair. Job bank subscribers receive an update every week via e-mail and access to a 24-hour hotline.

Fee for the Job Fair is \$15 before today, and \$20 after today. Fee for the Job Fair and job bank combined is \$30 before today and \$35 at the door. Fee for the job bank only is \$20.

For registration, e-mail njt@nj.com, visit www.njtheatre-group.org or call (973) 593-0189.

Study the Serpent

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20-second span surrounding the strike.

She said her team looks at the energy expended by the snake before and during the strike and the tissue deformation that occurs during the strike. "It's wild," Phelan said. "Really neat to see."

Young said the experiments are a mixture of tried and true methods, such as the South Park doll that he said drives the snakes wild because of its large eyes and high-tech equipment such as the high-speed cameras. The professor said the project would not be possible without the digital video cameras, which can record the moment during a strike when a rattlesnake actually makes contact with its prey — which can be as quick as 30 milliseconds. "We can actually film a bullet leaving a gun with this camera," Young noted.

He added the low-tech doll also helps to make the research easier. "It seems to work," Young said. "The snakes, frankly, bite the hell out of it."

Phelan said despite the extreme speed and danger of a rattlesnake strike, none of the researchers are put in harm's way. Young makes sure of that, she said. "It's a little bit scary," Phelan noted said. "But we don't actually handle the snakes our-

selves."

Young chose to switch to western diamondback rattlesnakes for the research, despite using the more glamorous spitting cobras in previous studies.

Phelan said the current research the team is doing to study defensive snake strikes is one of a number of smaller projects Young is conducting to learn the full nature of snake strikes. The pictures of the snake strikes are imported to a computer, where they are examined and data are extrapolated. These small projects will be compiled into a research project Young said will take a couple of years to complete. "It's on-going — what we're doing here will probably lead to further research," said Phelan.

Young said Phelan, a former field hockey star and swimmer who graduated from Westfield High School in 1997, has been an integral member of the research team. In addition to working on two research projects this semester, she has been a teaching assistant in two of Young's anatomy classes, he said. She will also continue her research full-time this summer. "Molly is one of those exceptional students that don't come along very often," said Young.

Residents continue protest of Westfield parking deck site

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parking is that everyone wants to park in front of their (target) store," Evans said.

Evans also said the South Avenue location would render the deck essentially unused on weekends, when commuters don't cram the railroad lot. He said the deck could become a problem for the town if this happens, in the form of graffiti or kids using the deck for skateboarding or other unsafe activities. "You really have to plan what the ultimate use is going to be," he told the council.

Residents also took issue with the traffic impact the deck would have on the surrounding area, saying it would create more traffic at peak hours than South Avenue and the surrounding streets could possibly handle.

"There are often mornings I can't get out of my driveway, cars are zipping by," said Summit Avenue resident Elliot Budashewitz, who said more cars traveling to and from the proposed deck — which would add more than 430 spots to the existing parking lot — would be dangerous. "Just imagine," Budashewitz said.

Many of the same residents packed a March 21 council meeting to harangue the mayor and council about the problems they said a deck on South Avenue would cause. That meeting prompted Town Administrator Thomas Shannon to e-mail consultant Rick Rich a list of the most-frequent resident complaints. The list included traffic concerns, the absence of even one south side resident on the parking deck committee and the aesthetic problems of the deck.

Rich and Associates, the town's parking consultants, replied with a number of responses, all refuting residents' claims.

Still, Alan Helfman of Boulevard said the virtual laundry list of problems some residents have expressed makes it imperative for the town to give residents a stronger voice in the selection of the deck's final location. "Add all of these factors together and the parking deck becomes a quality of life issue,"

said Helfman.

Some town residents had different ideas about the deck, however.

Carol Cohen, a Roanoke Road resident, said her fiancée wakes at 5:30 a.m. to get a parking space at the train station — if he can. She said the town has to consider building the deck to alleviate the problems commuters have finding a parking spot. "Commuters" have no quality of life," Cohen said. "They have to get up at the crack of dawn just to get a space. We need this (deck)."

Council members spent much of the night appeasing the crowd, with one notable exception. Councilman Larry Goldman told the crowd he believed town officials would face opposition regardless of where they decided to put the parking deck.

"No matter what we do, there is going to be unhappy people," said Goldman, adding if the council was eyeing the other location seriously considered for the deck — the lot at Trader Joe's grocery store, which runs from Elm Street to Prospect Street — people in that area would complain. "If we flipped it around ... we'd probably have an equally filled room with faces from a different part of town."

Railroad lot detractors received support from former councilman Jack Walsh, who told the council it would be the wrong choice to go full-throttle with the project in a location people do not want. "This council, as it always has, needs to show some flexibility," said Walsh, who resigned earlier this year. "You can't ram this down (residents') throats."

Mayor Tom Jardim tried to calm the concerns voiced by Walsh and residents over the proposed deck by telling them it was too early for people to rush to judgment over the location and size of the deck, neither of which is set in stone. He said he feared residents perceived that plans for the deck were about 90 percent done, when the town is actually closer to 40 percent done. "This is not a ... done deal by any means," the mayor said.

Sunday sermon explores mercy at First United Methodist Church

WESTFIELD — "Mercy is Our Link to God" is the theme of the sermon for the main worship service 11 a.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church on East Broad Street.

Fellowship and music, 5:30 p.m. Monday. Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Spanish class, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Senior Retreat luncheon, noon. Children's music and fellowship, 3:30-5 p.m. File and Drum Corps, 6:30 p.m. "Worship, Music and Arts," 7:30 p.m. Education Ministry, 8 p.m. Wednesday. Chapel service, 6:30 a.m. Spanish class, 9:30 a.m. Interfaith Council dinner, 5 p.m. Evensong with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (908) 233-4211.

Westfield budget set for public hearing

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With the cost of pensions removed from the budget, residents will be looking at an average increase of about \$38-\$40 in the municipal portion of their annual tax bills this year, down from about \$50 before the state money was figured in. Although the legislation still awaits the signature of Gov. Christie Whitman, officials said her approval is a near given, considering the wide support state legislators gave the bill.

Jardim said the remarks were inappropriate and inexcusable and said he made them in light of the familiarity council members have with one another, the relaxed atmosphere of the meeting and the fact that particular meeting stretched into the wee hours.

April 18 school election. Before residents learned the state may indirectly reduce their taxes, they were treated to a public apology by Mayor Tom Jardim, who apologized to Councilman Neil Sullivan for remarks the mayor made at the March 21 budget meeting. At the meeting, Jardim said Sullivan's idea to implement Jitney bus service in town and increase parking enforcement was "dopey."

Jardim failed to back off the statement the morning of March 22, saying Sullivan "has a lot of ideas ... some of them have to be dopey."

Jardim said the remarks were inappropriate and inexcusable and said he made them in light of the familiarity council members have with one another, the relaxed atmosphere of the meeting and the fact that particular meeting stretched into the wee hours.

Residents rip Bowcraft

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where they don't meet zoning restrictions," Marks said. "So they need to go before (the zoning board) for all construction they want to do."

David Burke, a Glenside Avenue resident, complained about Bowcraft employees cutting through his property to get to Route 22 East. He also asked if Scotch Plains had given Bowcraft approval for its project. "Shouldn't I have been notified?" Burke asked, assuming Bowcraft's project had been given the go-ahead.

about increased noise, litter, traffic congestion and lighting they've formed a coalition to fight the proposed expansion.

Residents have gone so far as to run newspaper advertisements decriing the expansion and have hired an attorney to represent their concerns before the zoning board.

Steve Marke, Bowcraft owner, did not return phone calls from *The Record-Press* by press deadline.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has met throughout January and March to consider the amusement park's application for a variance. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. May 4 at the Township Municipal Building.

John M. Bailey

WESTFIELD — John M. Bailey, 86, a longtime educator who from 1958-72 taught evening graduate courses at Seton Hall University, died Friday at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He joined the Bayonne school system in 1937 as an English and mathematics teacher at Henry Harris School. Mr. Bailey left the school for Army service during World War II and on his return in 1944 was appointed vice principal of Bayonne School 12. He became principal of School 12 in 1950 and held that post until his retirement in 1976; the school was renamed John M. Bailey School in 1977.

In addition, he was among the originators of the guidance department at Bayonne High School. Mr. Bailey received a bachelor's degree from St. Peter's College in 1939 and a master's degree from Seton Hall University.

He was a member of the New Jersey Education Association;

Star of the Sea Council 371, Knights of Columbus, in Bayonne; and the Holy Name Society at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, in Scotch Plains.

A native of Bayonne, Mr. Bailey lived in Scotch Plains for 22 years before moving recently to Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Anne M. Devine Bailey; four daughters, Ellen M. Stagg and Kathleen Schoenhaws, both of Basking Ridge, Anne M. McGrew of Modesto, Calif., and Mary B. Morrison of Hingham, Mass.; two sisters, Sister Agnes Helene of Springfield, Pa., and Helen Miller of Ardmore, Pa.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Memorial Funeral Home, Fairwood, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Nazareth Fund at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Esther Sensbach

WESTFIELD — Esther S. Sensbach, 96, died March 20 at the Barn Hill Care Center in Newton.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in Westfield before moving to Rahway in 1968. She resided in Newton since 1983.

She was a member of the Women's Guild at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue and attended services at the Madis on Avenue Chapel, a part of the Presbyterian Church.

Predeceased in 1967 by her husband, Seibert, she is survived by sons Richard J. of South Carolina, Thomas J. of Fayson Lakes and Paul W. and William, both of Newton; daughter Laura M. Wiss of Maplewood; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 23 at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Obituaries

Terry Kaplow

WESTFIELD — Terry Kaplow, 52, died March 25 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

A native of Newark, she lived in Hillside and Westfield before moving to Metuchen in 1990.

She attended the Stafford Hall School of Business in Summit.

She had been an insurance claims coordinator with Polar

International in New York City. Surviving are her parents, Jerome and Doris; brothers Richard and Robert; and three nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Monday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin. Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Merle R. O'Brien

WESTFIELD — Merle R. O'Brien, 69, died March 25 at Union Hospital.

He was born in Detroit, Mich., and lived in Westfield before moving to Cranford in 1960.

He served in the U.S. National Guard.

He had been with Anchor Motor Freight for 25 years, retiring in 1990 as a traffic manager in its Linden depot.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley A. Stedner O'Brien; son Kevin and

daughter Kelly Logiudice, both of Cranford; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Clark. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Memorial donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert W. Field Jr.

WESTFIELD — Services have been held for Robert W. Field Jr., 39, who died March 16 at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa.

He was born in Summit and lived in Westfield before moving to Easton, Pa.

He served in the U.S. Navy.

He had been a carpenter with Genay Custom Construction of Bethlehem, Pa.

Surviving are his fiancée, Glynette S. Schmidt; his parents, Mary and Robert W. Sr.; sister Ginna Kogler; and brothers James M. and Timothy G.

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Young artists offer 'Fresh Perspectives'

MORRISTOWN — Artists from Cranford High School are among the 64 represented in a juried exhibition of "Fresh Perspectives" at the Morris Museum.

The exhibition opens April 9 and is scheduled to run through June 5.

"Fresh Perspectives" is designed to encourage and inspire promising young artists by sharing their artistic achievements with the public. In addition, the show recognizes art teachers for effective teaching of their students.

Jurors are Ann Betty Weinshenker, professor of art history at Montclair State University, and Winifred McNeill, an artist and instructor at New Jersey City University.

The 64 artists were selected from among 500 works submitted "based on original expressions of a unique vision," according to a museum press release. Oil paintings, watercolors, sepia-tone photography, ceramics, stained glass and computer-generated images are included.

All the artists selected will receive a certificate of participation and have their names listed, with the names of their instructors, in the exhibition's catalog.

Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children, students and seniors; and free for museum members.

In addition, admission is free for the public 1 p.m.-8 p.m. every Thursday.

For directions and more information, visit www.morriuseum.org on the World Wide Web or call (973) 538-0454.

Chinese, U.S. tunes featured in two shows

The Chinese American Music Ensemble has scheduled two concerts of Chinese and American music.

The first will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Scotch Plains Senior Homes, located at 2002 Lake Ave. in Scotch Plains.

The second will be 2:30 p.m. May 6 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, located in Berkeley Heights.

An adult chorus and a children's chorus will present choral works in each concert. Vocal selections and instrumental music will also be included.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Funding for the concerts is by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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Piano duet to highlight Westfield Symphony show

Pierce and Jones set the stage for season's fourth concert

RAHWAY — A sumptuous program of eclectic pieces awaits music lovers when the Westfield Symphony Orchestra takes the stage Saturday.

The orchestra, under Maestro David Wroe, will perform the fourth concert of its season at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., following a conversation with the artists at 7 p.m.

Highlighting the evening is a rare two-piano performance by acclaimed piano partners Joshua Pierce and Dorothy Jonas, who will perform Mozart's Concert No. 10 for Two Pianos. Considered to be one of the most dynamic and exciting two-piano teams of this generation, Pierce and Jonas mark their 21st anniversary with this performance. Their award-winning CDs appear on Wergo, MMC,

Centaur and IMP records, and their 1994 release of "Two Steinways on Broadway" continues to receive extensive airplay and great critical acclaim.

A special millennium highlight will be a world premier by New Jersey composer Mark McGurty, "Scared Fanfare," commissioned by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

The evening will also include a salute to Duke Ellington, one of America's foremost composers, with the beautiful and rarely heard "New World A-Comin'." Concluding the evening will be the Brahms Symphony No. 3, as fresh today as it was when it was written in the 19th century. The performance of this composition is generously funded by the WSO's Brahms Society members.

More information about the concert and tickets can be obtained by call the WSO box office at (908) 232-9400, or the Union County Arts Center Box Office at (732) 499-8226.



Acclaimed piano partners Dorothy Jonas and Joshua Pierce will tickle the ivories to the tune of Mozart's Concert No. 10 for Two Pianos when the Westfield Symphony Orchestra takes the stage 8 p.m. Saturday at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

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Fanwood library continues Friday Film Festival

Fun Stuff

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library's Friday Film Festival continues through April with three new offerings.

The series is free and all films start at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood Room, downstairs at the library, which is located at the intersection of North Avenue and Tillotson Road in Fanwood.

April 7 - "Polish Wedding" (1998, PG-13). Written and directed by Theresa Connelly, this comedy centers on a large Polish family. Jadzia is the mother and ruler of the Pzoniak fami-

'Poet's,' 'Iron Mask,' 'Polish Wedding' to be screened in April

ly, which includes five children. Though she's happily married to Bolek, she is involved in a long-running affair with Roman, while her young daughter Chala is having an affair with Russell, a neighboring cop. When Chala becomes pregnant, Russell is pressured to marry her.

April 14 - "Dead Poet's Society" (1989, PG). Directed by Peter Weir and starring Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke, this

powerful film follows the painfully shy Todd Anderson (Hawke), who has been sent to the school where his popular older brother was valedictorian. His roommate, Neil, although exceedingly bright and popular, is very much under the thumb of his overbearing father. The two, along with other friends, meet Professor Keating (Williams), their new English teacher, and learn all about the Dead Poet's Society.

April 28 - "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998, PG-13). Based on the novel by Alexander Dumas, and featuring an all-star cast, this historical action/drama continues the legend of the Three Musketeers and their adventures in 17th century France. The year is 1662 and Paris starves while youthful Louis XIV (Leonardo DiCaprio) debauches young women and wastes the treasury on war. The captain of his guard,

D'Artagnan (Gabriel Byrne), protects the king from conspirators, while a mysterious, solitary prisoner rots in prison, living inside an iron mask.

The public is invited to come to the library to see some great films on the library's new large-screen TV and enjoy good company, interesting conversation and snacks. The series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library.

For more information, please call the library at (908) 322-6400.

Sunday Serenade Series features WHS Chorale

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School Chorale will appear in concert 4 p.m. Sunday as part of the Sunday Serenade series at the Presbyterian Church, located at 140 Mountain Ave.

The 17 seniors and 11 juniors in the ensemble sing sacred and secular music under the direction of William R. Mathews. More than 200 students audition for the chorale.

Their program Sunday will include "Non nobis Domine" and "Sanctus," both by William Byrd; "Tis the Time of Yuletide Glee," by Thomas Morley; "Plenty Good Room," a spiritual; and "Regina Coeli," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Featured singers for the "soli" chorus in "Regina Coeli" are Marina Powell, Dara Weinberg and Melanie Zachariades, soprano; Lyndsay Ruotolo, Kristi Williams and Jennifer Wilson, alto; Ryan Buntain, David Connor and Kevin Johnson, tenor; Samuel Floder and Yari Sigal, bass.

In addition, the concert will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Aaron Copland with some of his "Old American Songs." The Chorale will sing "Long Time Ago" and "Ching-a-Ring-Chaw." Tim Greenlaw, Yari Sigal and George Stribling will sing "Simple Gifts" and "I Bought Me a Cat."

The concert concludes with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Messiah" by George Frideric Handel.

Accompaniment for the Chorale is by George Lachenaier, director of music at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle.

A free-will offering will be taken.

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

Childhood memories fuel art display

Artist, teacher shares personal 'Reflections'

SUMMIT — The beautiful and eclectic creations of Asian American artist Carole Wong Chesk — including hand-cast paper, silk-screened photos, clay vessels and sculpture — is now on display at the Kent Place School Gallery.

"Reflections" is the theme of the exhibit, which opened Monday and will run through April 21.

This collection was born of Chesk's memories from childhood as well as a visit to Tibet and Nepal in the early 1990s.

"Through my work, I create memory maps of my life from childhood dreams and the

remembrance of family members," Chesk said. "I have always been fascinated by how memory is woven into our every day lives."

"As Guy R. Lefrancois said, 'Long-term memory does not simply reproduce like a photograph; instead it generates and constructs like a paper,'" she added.

In addition to creating art at her ceramics studio, Chesk teaches ceramics at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

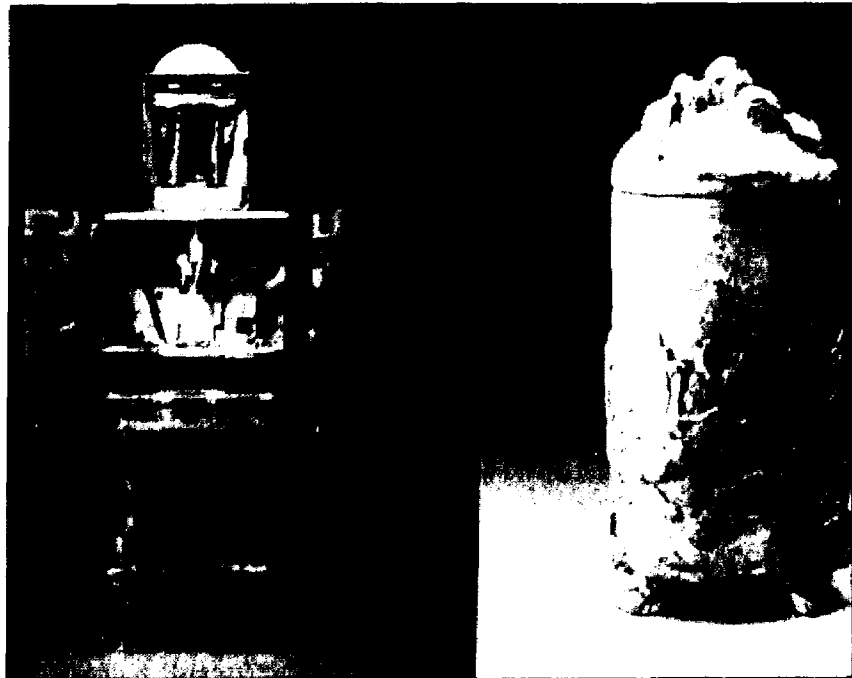
She also teaches studio art at Brooklawn Junior High School and Central Junior High School in Parsippany.

Chesk has had her work exhibited at the Morris Museum in Morristown, among other venues.

The Kent Place School Gallery is located in the Hyde & Watson Theater on the school's campus at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

For more information, call (908) 273-0900.



The eclectic creations of Asian American artist Carole Wong Chesk will be on display through April 21 at the Kent Place School's gallery in Summit.

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Church choirs team up for Lenten show

SUMMIT — Two church choirs will get together for a concert of Lenten music.

The concert is scheduled to be held 4 p.m. April 9 at Christ Church, located at 561 Springfield Ave. in Summit, west of downtown Summit.

The combined adult choirs of Christ Church and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, also in Summit, will perform the "St. Nicholas Mass" in G by Franz Josef Haydn.

Also on the program are works of C.H.H. Parry, Ned Rorem, Richard Dirksen, Jeffrey Rickard and Robert Young.

Wayne Bradford, director of music at Christ Church, will conduct the choirs.

George Moser, director of music at St. John's Church, will provide organ accompaniment.

An orchestral ensemble will provide additional accompaniment.

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All in the (Rohe) Family at Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG — The Rohe Family Band will grace the stage April 8 at the Watchung Arts Center, located at 16 Stirling Road on the Watchung Circle.

The Rohe family consist of Jim and Anne and their two children, Jean and Dan. The band's performances celebrate family values — life, childhood, environment, peace, freedom and diversity. Their songs are sprinkled with poetry, storytelling and other patter running the gamut from heart-warming to hilarious, and their humor can be both charming and disarming.

The Rohe Family has been entertaining audiences since 1990 and is well-known and respected on the New Jersey folk circuit. They appear regularly at various coffeehouses, the Highland Park Arts Festival and the New Jersey Folk Project Festival.

Reservations for the April 8 performance can be made by calling the Watchung Arts Center at (908) 753-0190 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 apiece and include a light snack at intermission and a chance to mingle with the performers in the gallery showplace.

Audience invited to 'Beat the Brass'

SCOTCH PLAINS — St. Bartholomew Interparochial School will host a concert titled "Beat the Brass - Part II" at 10 a.m. April 13.

The concert will be held in the school auditorium.

The concert features the Solid Brass Quintet, an acclaimed professional brass and percussion ensemble. The band will do a one-hour performance featuring music from ragtime to Renaissance.

As part of its outreach program to the community through the Scotch Plains Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the school is welcoming senior citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood to join students for a morning of musical entertainment.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

Recent Releases

"The Boiler Room" - Giovanni Ribisi stars as Seth Davis, an ambitious young hustler whose cravings for cash and respect lead him to the shady world of high-pressure finance...

"The Next Best Thing" - Madonna is Abbie, an L.A. teacher of yoga. Her best pal is the gardener Robert (Rupert Everett), who is gay and not the least coy about it...

"Simpatico" - Nick Nolte stars as Vinnie, a former hot-blood reduced to humping and boozing. Jeff Bridges is Carter, Vinnie's former wild-ouls buddy...

"The Whole Nine Yards" - Bruce Willis is back to good balding and to what he does best, being macho with a sly command that both flaunts and mocks male vanity...

"What Planet Are You From?" - Even though he is a little miscast, Garry Shandling is often slyly delightful as Harold

Anderson, a bank loan officer in Phoenix who until recently was known as H1449-6 on a very distant planet. In that gray grid of advanced technology, everyone is cloned and has no sexual organs or emotions...

"Wonder Boys" - Everyone in the loopy, cheerfully goofball "Wonder Boys" seems to be enjoying himself. Even literature professor Grady Tripp (Michael Douglas)...

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Oscar, Pulitzer, Grammy laureates headline forum

UNION — Ars Vitalis: The New Jersey New Music Forum, an annual concert at Kean University, will showcase the works of several prominent composers from the greater New Jersey area.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. April 6 in the university's Wilkins Theater.

The concert will feature the works of 1999 Pulitzer Prize in music winner Melinda Wagner, 2000 Academy Award nominee for best original score John Corigliano, 1997 Grammy Award winner Carlos Franzetti and Ars Vitalis Artistic Director and Kean University Professor Matthew Halper.

Invited soloists are pianist Allison Brewster Franzetti (Carlos Franzetti's wife) and violinist Christopher Collins Lee. Allison Brewster Franzetti will perform Carlos Franzetti's "Suite Alborada" and then join Lee in a performance of Corigliano's "Sonata for Violin and Piano."

Invited ensembles are the Harid String Quartet performing Halper's "String Quartet," and musicians Dominic Donato (percussion), Jean Kopperud (clarinet), Chris Finckel (cello) and Chris Oldfather (piano) will unite to perform Wagner's "Wing and Prayer."

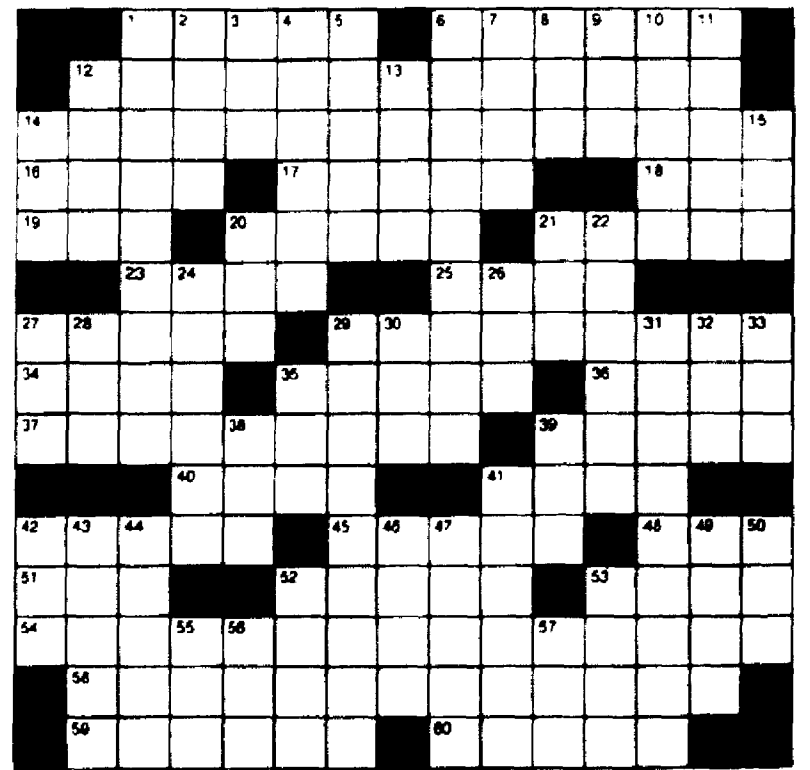
In addition to presenting a concert of vital new works of music, Ars Vitalis will

include a pre-concert panel discussion at 7:15 p.m. that will offer the audience an opportunity to meet the featured composers and invited performers.

"My hope is to convince the general music-loving audience that the work of living composers is not just the avant-garde experimentalism often associated with new music," said Halper. "Some contemporary music involves a concern with drama, lyricism and beauty — traits usually ascribed to the music of a bygone era."

Ars Vitalis is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call Halper at (908) 527-2107 or the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at (908) 527-2337.

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Answers to the crossword puzzle:

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- Mix well in the pot.
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- Lower Flame.
- Make sure meat is again submerged 2 inches.
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- Mix cooking sherry with corn starch in a separate small pot until thick.
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Fun Stuff

Jazz guitars soar in 'Django to Jobim'

WATCHUNG — Django Reinhardt was the French guitarist who introduced the distinct and intriguing gypsy sound to jazz, inspiring so many string players who followed. Antonio Carlos Jobim took jazz in a different direction, launching the Brazilian samba sound that eventually spawned the bossa nova craze.

Both will be remembered with "Django to Jobim," a Jazz Series offering at the Watchung Arts Center featuring acclaimed guitarists Frank Vignola and Gene Bertoncini.

The April 7 concert will be in the intimate gallery with the music starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 apiece and include light intermission refreshments.

Seats for the concert are best reserved in advance. Call (908) 753-0190 during office hours, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., or leave a message on the voice mail. Tickets are held for pickup and payment at the door.

Frank Vignola recently appeared at the Pee Wee Russell Memorial Stomp, a major event with a 30-plus year tradition hosted by the New Jersey Jazz Society. His group was last, but the crowd lingered and rewarded them with ovations.

With spectacular fingering and a right hand that strums faster than the eye can follow, Vignola has built a strong following among dedicated jazz fans throughout the country, and overseas. His Hot Club USA is the definitive group perpetuating the sound that Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli pioneered and took mainstream.

Gene Bertoncini has been called the "Segovia of jazz." While all about him strive for more and more amplification, he often uses a simple acoustic classical guitar, achieving a rich, full sound "the old-fashioned way."

The Watchung Arts Center sits astride the Watchung Circle. Nearby parking is free.

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Your horoscope guide, April 3 - April 9

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Luck sits in your corner this week. In competitive situations, you have the winning edge. Practice moderation, and don't push too hard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have something valuable to give to those who are down and out. Work through a charitable organization, and offer your time, money or advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't feel like you have to carry the whole world on your shoulders this week. Others will pitch in and help if your request is sincere.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): A project comes to a successful completion, and you are recognized and rewarded for your contribution. Stand up, and be proud!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Adjust your expectations surrounding a social or cultural event. Everything does not have to be perfect for you to have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is

time to face up to your financial obligations. Pay a debtor loan without haggling. Stick to a favorite form of exercise, and stay in shape.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): An important relationship is highlighted. Work toward the realization that you value each other greatly and can make your connection work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Conflicts or disagreements among co-workers are healthy as long as it stays on a level of reasonable debate. Go ahead, and voice your concerns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make careful choices in romantic or social situations, and avoid being around people who do not share your goals. Give children special attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on expressing your feelings this week rather than trying to suppress them. Quality time spent with loved ones is well-spent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make the most of an opportunity to finally communicate with someone who has been difficult to reach. Lay all of your cards on the table.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money news is good and comes along with insights on how you can preserve and increase your income. Make very detailed notes.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Put your nose to the grindstone this coming year and uncover financial resources you didn't realize were available to you.

Settlements or inheritances will figure highly in your scheme of developing prosperity. A relationship issue comes to an impasse when each of you are waiting for the other to make the first move. Encourage respect and honesty from your mate or partner by offering yourself in the same light.

ALSO BORN THIS WEEK: Jane Goodall, Marguerite Duras, Booker T. Washington, James Watson, Buddha, Josef Antall and Charles Baudelaire.

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Manic Klezmatics

The Klezmatics will headline the Jewish Family Services of Central New Jersey benefit concert scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday at Temple Emanuel, located at 756 E. Broad St. in Westfield. The traditional Eastern European celebration known as Klezmer gets a manic makeover for the new millennium with the Klezmatics' brilliant musicianship, humor, fervor and fever. The band has brought audiences to their feet around the world and has appeared on PBS' "Great Performances" and "Late Night with David Letterman." General admission to Sunday's performance is \$20 per person, \$15 for students and senior citizens and \$6 for children under 18. For ticket information, call the JFS of Central New Jersey at (908) 647-3330.

Daisy Jug Band comes to Watchung

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Arts Center will present this weekend the wonderful sound of the Daisy Jug Band.

The show is scheduled to begin 8 p.m. April 1 at the Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road on the Watchung Circle.

Formed in 1971, the Daisy Jug Band plays mostly in eastern Pennsylvania, but has played in

other areas of the Keystone State and in New Jersey, Maryland and as far away as Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children are invited to attend this family concert with their parents. Admission is \$10 for adults and children are admitted free of charge.

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Symphony salutes Gershwin, Duke

PLAINFIELD — Bach, Beethoven and Brahms have the night off 8 p.m. April 8, when the Plainfield Symphony goes forward to the 20th century at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.

This year's "Big Band Bash" includes works by Duke Ellington to mark the centennial of the birth of "Sir Duke." In addition, New York City-based concert pianist Richard Dowling will perform the "Concerto in F" by George Gershwin, composed in 1925 as the follow-up to "Rhapsody in Blue."

Dowling is planning to record an album of Gershwin works and music by other American composers. He has studied at Yale University and holds a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Texas.

The Plainfield Symphony is New Jersey's oldest community orchestra, now in its 80th season. Music director and composer Sabin Pautza has conducted the symphony for the past 14 years.

Admission is \$25-\$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

For reservations, call (908) 561-5140.

The Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church is located at 716 Watchung Ave., just south of East Seventh Street, in Plainfield.

Pierced paper art at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD — Piercing paper with a pin to create a design was an ancient art.

The pinprick picture came to Europe in the 18th century. It was the last paper craft to arrive in Europe and the first to disappear.

Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield will demonstrate this form of artistry 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday in the first spring program of the Miller-Cory House Museum, located in Westfield.

In addition to Kennelly's program, Janet Murphy and Sherry Lange will prepare seasonal food over an open hearth using authentic recipes and cooking techniques of the 18th century.

Docents in period dress will lead visitors on guided tours of the farmhouse; the last tour leaves 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6.

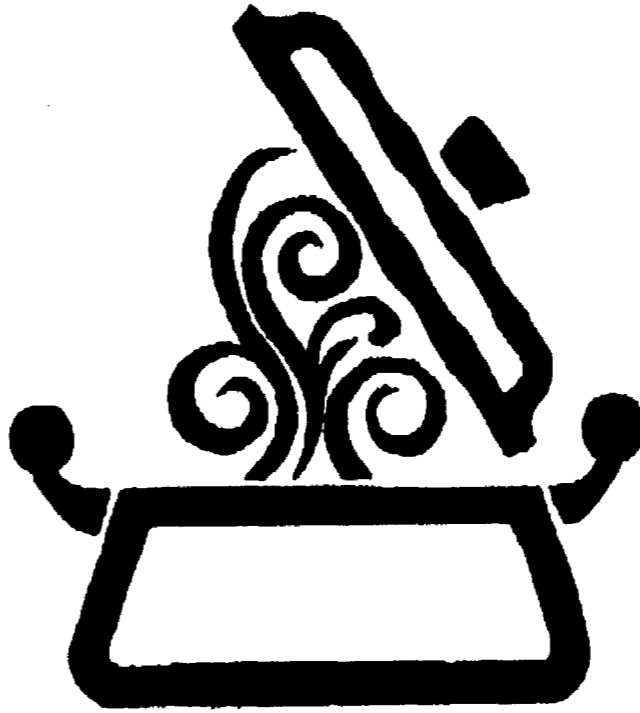
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Cranford pianist featured in Seton Hall concert

SOUTH ORANGE — Clarisse Kant, a well-known Cranford piano teacher and president of the Music Educators Association of New Jersey, the largest piano teachers' organization in the state, will participate in a gala ensemble concert at Kozloski Hall on the Seton Hall University campus.

The show is scheduled to take place 2 p.m. Sunday. Twenty-five artists and members of the MEA will perform 12 duets and duos and a 10-hand, two-piano arrangement of "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

A reception honoring the MEA's 73rd anniversary, sponsored by Seton Hall, will take place after the concert. The show and the reception are free and open to the public, although donations to the MEA scholarship funds would be greatly appreciated. Checks made out to the MEANJ, a non-profit organization, may be tax-deductible.

The MEA offers five free students recitals every year, in addition to annual auditions at five colleges, gifted young artist competitions and monthly lectures/recitals for teachers continuing their education.

For reservations at Sunday's show and reception or more information on the MEA, please call Kant at (908) 276-7266.

County offers grants to artists, scholars

The Board of Chosen Freeholders has invited non-profit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the Union County Heart Grant program.

"Heart" in this case is an acronym for "History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands." The program was established in 1998 and demonstrates a commitment to artists and organizations throughout the county.

"The response to the Heart Grant program is exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of visual arts, composers of orchestral music, cultural organizations and civic groups."

"The services provided by these artists and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county and increase appreciation for the arts, our history and the humanities," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County," she said.

Applications for Heart Grants are reviewed every other month. The next deadline for submission is April 20; applicants are urged to submit a draft by April 10.

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Accomplished dancer leads lecture

SPRINGFIELD — On April 16 at 2 p.m., Lydia Johnson will present a lecture/demonstration on The Art of Choreography: How Dances are Made.

This program will be held at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library.

The audience in this lecture/demonstration will experience the stages involved in the making of a dance from the first, often informal and spontaneous movement phrases, to the actual final sections. The lecture will explore important components of composition such as theme and variation, rhythmic invention and the use of gesture, among others.

The impact of solo, duet, trio or larger group treatments on the tone of a movement phrase is also explored. The discussion can include audience participation as movement phrases are created, refined and varied using audience suggestions. The presentation finishes with a video, and there will be time for questions.

Johnson's choreography has been presented at many venues in New York City including The Brooklyn Dance Festival, The North/South

Dance Festival among others and, in 1999, at Pentacle Studio Theater and Arts at University Settlement. She was the founder and co-director of One Night Stand, which showcased new works by choreographers in downtown New York.

Johnson studied at SUNY Purchase and on scholarship at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center. In 1999 she initiated a program to bring contemporary modern choreographers to New Jersey. The Second Annual Evening of Contemporary Dance co-presented by Arts In The Park, South Orange and Lydia Johnson Dance will be presented in March. Johnson has taught workshops in New York and New Jersey for both professional dancers and for public school students. Her work has been favorably reviewed in *The New York Times* and *Dance Magazine*.

Admission for this program is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the library's circulation desk.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

Three Dog Night sets one night in Union

RAHWAY — Seventies Supergroup Three Dog Night is coming to the beautifully restored Union County Arts Center.

The band is scheduled to perform a roller coaster ride of 1970s pre-disco hits at 8 p.m. April 15.

Tickets are \$28, \$25 and \$20.

Originally founded in 1968, Three Dog Night brought together a unique sound, blending the driving rhythms of rock and pop with tightly knit vocal harmonies. This sound made them distinct and unforgettable and is the major feature of classic hits like "Shambala" and "Joy to the World," often referred to by band members as "The Frog Song."

The lyrics also contributed to the timeless nature of the music. With songs like "Old Fashioned Love Story," "Easy to Be Hard" and "One," Three Dog Night offered audiences an escape from the reality of America during the Vietnam War.

Founding Three Dog Night

band members Danny Hutton and Cory Wells head up the troupe, which also includes original keyboardist Jimmy Greenspoon and lead guitarist Michael Allsup.

Opening for Three Dog Night is stand-up comedian Ray Mogenis. Mogenis, who was the star of the Union County Arts Center's 1994 production of "The Will Rogers Follies," is an up-and-coming comedian in New York City comedy clubs and night spots.

Support for Three Dog Night has been provided by Comcast Digital Cable.

Following Three Dog Night, the Union County Arts Center will present Patti LaBelle in the New York area premier of her new one woman show, "Matters of the Heart," on May 12.

Tickets are currently on sale for Patti LaBelle.

The Union County Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts, is located in the

recently restored Rahway Theatre, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible and listening devices are available to patrons upon request.

Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, Comcast Digital Cable and the Rahway Savings Institution.

Tickets may be purchased by phone with Visa, Mastercard or Discover card, or in person at the Irving Street Box Office. In addition, tickets for concert and theater events are available online this season through the World Wide Web site at www.uccac.org, and through ETM ticket kiosks located in the Menlo Park Mall and Edwards Supermarkets.

For more information, or ticket availability, call the box office at (732) 499-8226, or after 5 p.m. at (1-888) ETM-TIXS.

AT HOME

Hungarian ensemble hits Cranford

CRANFORD — The Hovirag Vocal Ensemble will perform 7:30 p.m. April 7 at the Cranford United Methodist Church.

The group, founded in Hungary in 1977, has been acclaimed throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. Their repertoire of classical, sacred and folk music has earned them numerous awards, including both the Golden Diploma and the Kodaly Society Special Prize at the Budapest International Choral Competition, the Niveau

Outstanding Ensemble Prize, the Pro Comitatu Medal, the Pro Meritus Gold Medal of the city of Veszprem, and second place in the Bela Bartok Choral Competition.

The Hovirag Vocal Ensemble's performance in Cranford is part of an itinerary that also includes concerts in Washington, D.C., Connecticut and Ohio. A portion of the suggested donation of \$10 per person will go toward the support of the group on this U.S. tour and to further its musical endeavors.

It may be time to give that driveway a good, swift kick in the asphalt

BY GENE GARY
COPELY NEWS SERVICE

An asphalt driveway properly installed can last for 15 to 20 years. Unfortunately, many times shortcuts are taken in the original construction and homeowners suffer with untimely deterioration.

You may want to seek a professional opinion on the condition of your driveway and foundation prior to proceeding with repairs.

If a quality foundation was installed to begin with, an older driveway can often be restored to like-new condition by some relatively inexpensive maintenance steps.

The first step is to give your driveway a thorough inspection. If serious cracking covers 75 percent of the surface, don't consider resurfacing. The existing driveway should be removed.

If the surface remains fairly intact, with a few cracks and some potholes, it is likely that you can repair these yourself. Loose material in potholes or crumbled areas should be dug out to the earth base of the driveway. Weeds growing through cracks or holes should be pulled out by the roots if possible, and the entire driveway should be swept clean of loose dirt and hosed down.

The entire surface should be cleaned

with a special asphalt-driveway cleaner or scrubbed with a strong detergent and rinsed thoroughly.

The basic materials needed for black-top repair are bagged, premixed asphalt patcher for filling potholes, badly damaged areas and large cracks; asphalt crack filler for cracks up to 1/2 inch wide; and surface sealer (called coater by some manufacturers).

When patching, clean out all loose asphalt and gravel. Scrape around the edge of the hole until you have a solid edge. Fill the hole to within 1 inch of the top with asphalt patch mix. Use a 4-by-4-inch timber to tamp the mixture into the hole. Make sure the mixture is pressed firmly against the edges. Add additional patch mix so the filled area is about 1/2 inch above the level of the driveway.

Finally, tamp this area flush using the timber.

If the hole you're filling is deep (3 inches or more), you may need to place a board over the patch and drive your car over it to firmly seat the patching material. After filling cracks and patching holes, you have to wait a while before sealing (follow manufacturer's direction on recommended timing and specific application instructions). The purpose of sealers/fillers is to prevent moisture from working its way into the asphalt, since it causes most of the damage to asphalt dri-

eways.

Asphalt driveway sealers usually come in 5-gallon containers, which cover 200 to 300 square feet. Sealer is best applied with a special long-handled brush-squeegee, sold wherever sealer is sold. There are two types available: sealer or sealer/filler combination, which has tiny fibers that fill hairline cracks. Generally, you're better off using the sealer/filler, since most driveways always have some cracks. Remember that a sealer is a preventive coating, not a repair.

Crack filler is available in 1-gallon, pourable liquid containers or caulk tubes. The caulk type is neater, but you'll use more tubes than liquid, making it more expensive overall. Asphalt patch is most often sold in bags weighting about 60 pounds, containing about 1/2 foot of patch material which is enough to fill of 1-by-2-foot hole to a depth of 3 inches.

For a complete resurfacing, and a more permanent surface repair, hot-mix patch, fillers and sealers are used. The hot-mix materials and equipment, however, are not available to the do-it-yourselfer. For that reason, the repairs you make with cold patch may need to be done again in the future.

If you choose to have hot-mix repairs done, contact an asphalt paving contractor.

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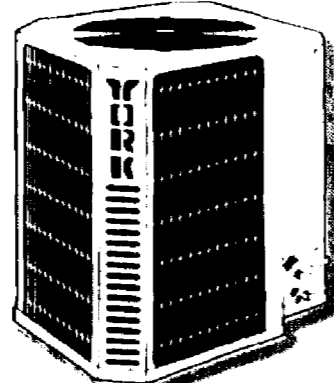
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'Child's Play' exhibits work of local artists

MOUNTAINSIDE — During the month of April, Children's Specialized Hospital is hosting a special exhibit of the Drew Art Association titled "Child's Play."

The paintings, drawings and photographs of over 30 local artists will be on display throughout CSIH's three exhibition hallways.

The Drew Art Association was founded in 1972 on the campus of Drew University. In recent years, the 60-member group has expanded beyond the university to include artists working in the surrounding areas of northern New Jersey.

The Association usually exhibits four times per year at different locations around the state. The group challenges members to submit works that address a different theme for each exhibit. Other themes include "One by Five," which permitted work on any subject as long as the paintings were five times as long as they were wide, and "Fabulous Faxes," which invited artists to copy famous works of art.

"Child's Play" is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily, at Children's Specialized Hospital, located at 150 New Providence Rd. in Mountainside. An artists reception will be held on from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 9.

Admission is free and open to the public. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the Ambulance Entry.

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

Well-known landscape photographer leads Cape May shutterbug trip

Nancy J. Ori, well-known photographer of architecture and landscape, will lead four groups of photographers into a prominent area of New Jersey worthy of examination, conservation and discovery.

Participants will focus on the use of available light and proper metering techniques to document the man-made and natural environments of historic Cape May.

The two workshops, given this year on the weekends of April 28-30 and May 5-7, are designed for all levels of experience with special emphasis given to beginners.

Tuition for each workshop is \$150.

These popular sessions have been offered for nine consecutive seasons.

The daytime activities will feature a private narrated tour by a local historian in addition to the camera-working sessions led by Ori. The streets of Cape May provide a parade of Victorian cottages

decorated with gingerbread and spring blossoms in addition to the endless photographic opportunities along the shoreline.

The evening sessions conducted by Ori will involve discussions to answer many common questions. A vital element will be the sharing of prior work by each student as well as photographs made during the workshop; 35mm Polaroid film slide will be provided for use during the day and will then be processed and shown in the evening for discussion.

A new addition to the New Jersey Photography Heritage Workshop series will be the Polaroid Transferring Techniques Workshop. This three-day workshop will provide insights into the Polaroid transfer process, techniques for doing image and emulsion transferring and tips for achieving the look you want. Lorri Williams, technical product representative from Polaroid

Corporation and experienced workshop instructor will join Ori at this workshop. Ori will conduct the historic tour, photography instruction, all shooting sessions and portfolio reviews, while Williams will direct the hands-on demonstrations of the Polaroid transferring processes.

This workshop begins the morning of May 1 and concludes the afternoon of May 3. The fee is \$275 and includes materials.

Another new addition to the workshop series will be the Pinhole Photography Workshop, which runs from the evening of May 3 to the afternoon of May 5. This workshop will consist of building a pinhole camera from a kit that was designed by a professor at the Basel School of Design in Switzerland for Beseler. Easily assembled, the reusable camera is suitable for black and white, color negatives and transparencies on 120 roll film.

Pinhole photography is photography at its most basic. The camera has no lens, no mirror, no meter, no viewfinder or other optical components. Essentially, it is a box with a hole in it and a piece of film inside.

During this workshop there will also be discussions and presentations on the characteristics of pinhole photography, some historical and present day examples, how to determine the exposure time and review of results. The fee for this workshop is \$250, which includes the camera kit.

"Making interesting images from a simple camera that you have built yourself is great fun. The results are very personal images and to a large extent intuitive, using a simple and direct process. It frees you from the technical chains of sophisticated lens and digital cameras with their predictable results. Pinhole photography allows you to rediscover the

roots of traditional artistic methods," said Ori.

Ori said she finds working with photographers at all experience levels to be rewarding and gives special emphasis to beginners. She has designed each workshop around providing an opportunity for participants to exchange experiences while learning. She has a casual style and enjoys simplifying sophisticated photographic techniques, and loves to see her students grow in creativity through the process. "Their enthusiasm constantly reminds me of how magic the photographic process really is and helps me look at my own work with a fresh view," said Ori. In existence since 1990, the New Jersey Heritage Photography Workshop also offers two scholarships annually.

Ori, with more than 25 years experience as a professional photographer, is also a widely exhibited fine artist. Founder and director

of the New Jersey Photography Forum and the Heritage Workshop Series, Ori has also become an experienced teacher through years of affiliation with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Summit Area Community Schools and the Watchung Adult School.

All workshop activities will be centered around the comfortable atmosphere of a private cottage within the historic district of Cape May. All four workshops take place during Tulip Week, which is a very special time of year in Cape May and offers numerous photographic possibilities.

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations, meals and transportation during each workshop. Some inexpensive rooms are available at the cottage.

For additional information and registration, call Ori at (908) 790-8820.

AT HOME

For gardeners, it's the most wonderful time of the year

BY JEFF RUGG
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Many areas of the country established new records for heat during several days in February. Spring is coming and many of us want it to be here already. We will have many nice days before it does arrive, but it is still not the time to plant annual flowers. If you really want to rush to have flowers, you should have planted bulbs last fall. If you plant annuals in the northern half of North America during March or April, then remember the old nurseryman's saying: Plant early and plant often.

Some irresponsible discount stores will begin carrying annuals and warm-season vegetables weeks before they can be safely planted. Buy the plants early to get the best choice, since they will not take good care of them

anyway. But, plan on how you will take care of them after you get them home. They will need full sun since they had been growing in a greenhouse. They will need to be watered and they will need to be protected from frost. Otherwise, it is probably better to buy the plants from a knowledgeable garden center. They will get you the varieties that grow best in your area and will take care of them until you, and the weather, say it is time to plant.

Once spring finally arrives, most gardeners want to till the garden soil. For an earlier start and better results, adding organic matter and rototilling, the garden should be done in the fall when the soil is dry. Do not rush things in the spring. Trying to till soil that is too wet will destroy its structure and water-holding capacity. Garden

soil is tillable if you can gently squeeze it into a ball, but it still breaks apart when gently poked. Sandy garden soil does not hold enough water to cause this problem.

Before tilling, add several inches of compost and 1.5 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer per 10-foot by 10-foot area and till them both into the top 10 inches of soil. Do not use a fertilizer that already has herbicides or insecticides in it. Do not add lime, gypsum or sulfur without a soil test showing a need for them.

If you have ordered garden plants or bare-root trees and shrubs through the mail, be prepared to take care of them until you can plant them. Always open and inspect the shipment when it arrives. Check for damage and the health of the order and check to see if you got what

you ordered. It is critical to keep the plants in a cool and not too bright of a location and plant as soon as you can.

Checking the garden every day is the best way to keep ahead of problems. Weeds are easy to pull when small, and a few aphids on the end of a branch are easier to kill than when the whole plant is engulfed. Start a notebook about the garden. Make a plan and keep the plant packets for reference. You will need to know estimated harvest times later on.

Plant tall plants on the north side so they do not shade the other plants. Add a flower border for beauty and butterflies.

Make a path out of mulch. Use lots of mulch to conserve water, reduce weeds and keep fruit off the soil where it often rots.

Know what kind of plants you are going to use. Annuals bloom this season, produce fruit and then die off with the first frost. They should be put in new locations in the garden next year to slow any chance of diseases and insects overwintering and harming them. Most garden vegetables are annuals.

Biennials live two seasons and only bloom in the second season. They must be left in place if you want flowers. Most biennials are grown for leaves in the first year. Lettuce, cabbage, caraway and parsley are biennials.

Perennials are long-lasting plants that come up from the roots each spring. They bloom each summer after they are established. Some, like asparagus and rhubarb, are grown for their stems and leaves. Since perennials are not going to be moved they should not be planted in the middle of the garden. It is hard enough to use a Rototiller without having to try to go around things.

Perennials also need good soil conditions before they go in. It is best to mix organic matter into the soil a couple of feet deep and for several feet in all directions. It is a lot of work, but it will pay off with much better growth.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at copleysd@aol.com.

Rutgers choir next up for Mid-Day music

WESTFIELD The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer St., has announced the continuation of the Mid-Day Musicales series of free half-hour concerts with a program by Rutgers University's Kirkpatrick Choir.

The performance is scheduled to begin at noon April 5.

The Kirkpatrick Choir's repertoire ranges from Renaissance motets to choral-orchestral masterworks. The featured work on their Westfield program will be the Bach motet "Jesu meine Freude."

Following the concert, a soup and sandwich luncheon is available in the church social hall for \$4.50. Parents are encouraged not to bring children under the age of 5 to these concerts.

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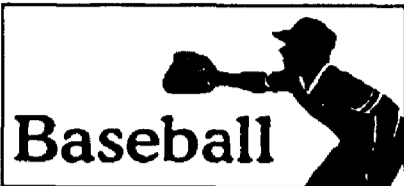
Devils getting set for opener against Raiders

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — After losing seven players from a 16-8 team to graduation, this season's Westfield High baseball team will be looking for a combination of experienced seniors and talented youngsters to lead it back to the top of Union County.

The Blue Devils are hoping a strong group of veterans can get lead them to a fast start as a talented but inexperienced group of sophomores work their way through some early growing pains and adjust to the varsity game.

Westfield will be tested right away when it travels to face arch-rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood 11 a.m. tomorrow and Head Coach



Baseball

Bob Brewster believes a good start is imperative for this year's team if the Devils are going to reclaim the county crown they captured four times in the 1990's.

"I'm hoping for some success early on," said Brewster. "With a young club if you're not winning early on things start to play on their minds. Hopefully we can get some confidence, start reacting to situations and improve each game."

Brewster is counting on his

seniors to lead the way while a talented soph class adjusts to the speed of the varsity game. Leading the way for the Devils will be senior captain and catcher Brian Flynn, who batted .415 last season and showed the ability to hit the long ball.

"We really need him to help the youngsters in the lineup," said Brewster. "In the scrimmages he's done a great job hitting and doing what's expected of him."

Flynn's main responsibility will be handling the pitching staff. Oscar Perez and Randy Majocho are slated to be the top hurlers for the Blue Devils and Brewster is counting on them to hold down opposing lineups until the Devils' bats mature.

Perez, who'll get the call tomorrow against the Raiders, mixes a live fastball and sharp breaking ball with his best pitch, a changeup. Brewster believes he can go toe-to-toe with the best pitchers in the county.

"He is very capable," said Brewster. "I think he can pitch with anybody. He can mix all three pitches up and keep opposing hitters off-balance."

Majocho will get the call Monday when the Devils host Linden. Majocho features what Brewster calls a heavy fastball and a quality curve.

Another senior Brewster will rely on is outfielder Chris Keenoy, who's valuable defensively and at the plate. Juniors Ryan MacDonald at shortstop, Mike Duels in the outfield, and Nick Geisseler on the mound are all expected to make important contributions.

The real question mark for the Blue Devils will be how fast the sophs can make the transition from freshman ball to the varsity level. Jim McKeon, Brett Picaro, Jay Cook, Blair Richardson, and



Westfield sophomore Blair Richardson slides back into first base during the Blue Devils scrimmage with Johnson. Westfield will travel to Scotch Plains tomorrow for the season opener.



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Brett Picaro is one of a strong group of sophomores who are expected to make an impact for the Devils this season.

Michael Sofka have all impressed Brewster with their abilities, but still need to make the adjustment to the varsity.

"They have the talent, they just need to get the experience," said Brewster. "I know they have the ability, but they have to learn how to react to situations."

This season the Devils will get back to the style of play Brewster enjoys the most, what he calls the "inside game" — bunting, stealing

and manufacturing runs. The Devils won't be jacking home runs often but will continually put the pressure on the opposing defense to make quick decisions and precise plays.

"The last couple of years we had teams with a lot of good hitters, and it's a different style of play," said Brewster. "This year we'll play more of the game I like. We'll put the pressure on the defense, and if they make a mistake, we've got a

quick two or three runs.

"If we play good defense and get solid pitching, we'll be able to win a lot of ball games," he said.

Brewster said his only goal at the beginning of the season is to reach the 15-win mark. If the Blue Devils can reach that point, everything else should fall into place. Fifteen victories will get a decent seed in the county tournament and should qualify the team for state play.

Piniat's right arm key to success for Raiders

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — With several key players returning this season, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High softball team is confident it can improve on last year's 16-7 record and contend for county and sectional championships.

The return of battery mates Alicia Piniat and Jen Doyle will provide a powerful foundation for the Raiders, who open the season 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at Westfield. Piniat shouldered the majority of the pitching load last season and the righthander has looked impressive so far in practice, according to Head Coach Frank Butz.

"She's looked very good," said Butz. "We've had four scrimmages and she has looked very sharp."

Piniat, who threw her first career no-hitter in the first round of the Union County Tournament last season, will be starting in at a familiar face behind the plate in Doyle. The senior caught Piniat all of last season, and that familiarity and experience should prove



Softball

valuable.

"She did a very nice job last year," said Butz. "They work real well together. She's a good defensive catcher."

While Piniat and Doyle work to shut down opposing offenses, the Raiders should be able to push some runs across the plate with the return of their two top hitters — junior third baseman Katie Church, who led SP-F in extra-base hits last season, and junior first baseman Megan Miller.

Rounding out the infield for the Raiders will be shortstop Lauren Regenthal, who missed most of last season with a knee injury. She'll share time with junior Katie Blom, who gained some varsity experience last season.

Freshman Caitlin McNillis will start at second base for Scotch Plains and should split time with Kellie LaForge who is out with mononucleosis.

Senior Jen Vanderoeff's strong defense will anchor the outfield. Gillian Sardecki will patrol left field for the Raiders while freshman Megan Reddington will be in right field.

The real story of this year's team will be the pitching of Piniat. Aside from Church and Miller, the Raiders lineup lacks the firepower to win high-scoring games and will need to shut down opposing offenses to be successful.

"The emphasis this year will be on the pitching of Alicia," said Butz. "We're pretty good defensively. I'm hoping the hitting will come around. The potential is there."

Until the hitting catches up with the defense, the right arm of Piniat will be the key.

"With a pitcher like Alicia we can go a long way," said Butz. "We want to make the states and hopefully win a couple of games. The potential is there to be a good team."

Butz is unsure whether the Raiders will be able to compete for the Union County title. The county is stacked with strong teams which feature both good pitching and powerful lineups.



Senior Jen Doyle is tagged out at third during a scrimmage Tuesday against North Plainfield. The Raiders open the season in Westfield, 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The Raiders' bats will need to come around to be able to compete on that level.

"We have outstanding pitch-

ing," said Butz. "But I don't know if we have enough hitting to play in that league."

The Raiders will find out

quickly where they stand against county opponents when they meet the Blue Devils tomorrow morning.



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD PRESS

Senior Sean Joffe works on his passing during Tuesday's practice. The Blue Devils will travel to Hunterdon Central for the season opener Monday.

Blue Devils relying on experience

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — After being bounced in the second round of the state tournament last season, and finishing with a 9-11 record, the Westfield High boys lacrosse team returns an experienced lineup loaded with seniors.

Head Coach Gerry Benaquista said he's looking forward to coaching a team which has the most seniors he's had in his four years as head coach and is returning 12 players from the 1999 squad.

"Having all those seniors should help us a little bit," said Benaquista. "We have more overall varsity experience than last year. We have more of a balanced team than any superstars."

Westfield will find out exactly where it stands quickly this season, opening Monday afternoon in Flemington against '99 state tournament runnerup Hunterdon Central and traveling to West Orange two days later to face

Seton Hall Prep before hosting Hillsborough Friday.

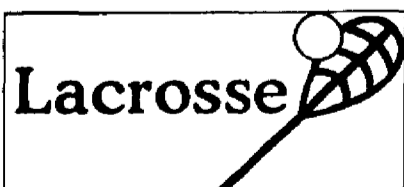
"I expect all three of them to be pretty good," said

Benaquista.

"We will definitely see where we're at within the first week." Benaquista feels the Blue Devils are solid on all sides of the field, with the defense being the strongest facet of their game, led by senior captains Pat Tuohy and Brian Gallagher. Goaltender Chris Driscoll returns for the Devils after starting all of last season.

Solidifying the attack will be senior captain Sean Joffe and senior captain Mike Todd will be counted on to control the midfield.

The Devils are balanced and experienced, but Benaquista believes they need more game experience to be effective. Westfield has had only two pre-



Lacrosse

season scrimmages and will need to get used to game situations quickly.

"We just need more game experience," said

Benaquista. "They've been playing together for a while, they just need to gain varsity-level experience."

Benaquista was hoping more game experience would help the Devils finish on the winning side of several close contests they lost last season. But after a scrimmage against Montclair Kimberly was canceled Tuesday, the Devils had had only two scrimmages heading into Monday's opener with Central.

Benaquista has been pleased with the Devils' down defense but said they still need to work on the combination of the midfield defense with the down defense. But he expects the defense to be

the difference this season and it should help them win the close games.

"We lost a lot of close games," said Benaquista. "Hopefully we'll be on the other side of those because of our defense."

The Blue Devils also hope the team's chemistry will help them pull out some close decisions.

"I think this team is very close on the field and off the field," said Benaquista. "That definitely will help. Hopefully we'll be able to stick together in the big games. The things I'm happiest about is we're well-balanced and close."

Westfield will have plenty of big games. The Devils played one of the top two most difficult schedules in the state last year and will see the same level of competition this season, including games against defending state champ Delbarton, Hunterdon Central, Montclair, Summit (which knocked the Devils out of the playoffs last season), Ridgewood, Pingry and Bridgewater-Raritan.

Steuerle hopes seniors can lead Blue Devils

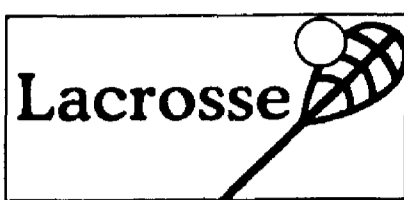
By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — In her first year as head coach of the Westfield High girls lacrosse team Lynne Steuerle takes over an experienced squad with a strong group of senior leaders which should be able to improve on last year's record and advance further in the state tournament.

The Blue Devils, who open against Blair Academy Wednesday, were knocked out in the first round of the state tournament by Moorestown Friends last year and finished with 9-8 record. All but one starter is back, which means the Devils could be tough to beat this season.

"We've got a pretty strong group," said Steuerle. "We have 11 of 12 starters returning and that puts us at an advantage."

Steuerle, who took over the program for Tom Kempis in February, has already been impressed with the work ethic and leadership of Westfield's senior class. The team was already in very good shape on the first day of practice and Steuerle has had to spend less time on conditioning through the first three weeks, concentrating



instead on implementing her system and skill work.

"They all came back in great shape," said Steuerle. "I attribute that to our senior class. We gave them a specific workout, but it's a combination of the two. We have great leaders who got the kids psyched up and we gave them a venue to use that energy."

The Devils will be led by seniors Kristin Salmon, second on the team in scoring with 32 goals last season, Julia Gates (29 goals), Aubrey McGovern (12) and Donna Schaller, who anchors the defense. Returning in goal is senior Libby Schundler who started all 17 games last year.

Morgan Lang, who led the team in scoring with 35 goals as a freshman last spring, is expected to have another strong season on the attack.

"We have a lot of experience, from both our team last year and in the winter league," said

Steuerle. "We have a very dedicated group of girls."

"Our experience is a plus," she added. "And our team unity is also a plus. We've got a good team when it comes to basic skills, and we've got a lot of speed."

The senior leadership and skill level has made for an easy adjustment to a new coach. Steuerle said she's had no problem stepping in and everything has run smoothly so far. Two of last year's assistants are still with the squad and so far there have been no problems making the transition.

"It's been fine," she said. "It's such a nice group of girls. They are all very coachable. We've got some old, and some new. It's the best combination you could have."

Steuerle said the focus in practice has been improving communication and finishing on opportunities. A rules change implementing a restraining box increases the need for better communication on the field, and Steuerle said sometimes the Devils are a little too unselfish when it comes to working for shots.

"We need to work on finishing in terms of taking advantage of opportunities," she said. "They have been doing a good job with communication. They really talk to each well other on the field."

With practice going well and after a 9-2 victory over Montclair in their first scrimmage, the Blue Devils are anxious to get the season started.

"We're all kind of itching to start playing," said Steuerle. "Everybody is excited to start the season and see the fruits of our labor."



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Senior co-captain Julia Gates looks for a pass in practice. Westfield begins its season with at home against Blair 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Devils relying on superior depth

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — After weeks of intense tryouts the Westfield High golf team is looking forward to beginning its season with seven of last year's top eight performers

coming back.

The Blue Devils, who start the season Monday against Union at Echo Lake Country Club, won the Watchung



Conference and Union County championships last season, finishing 15-3 and taking third in the Group 3 North 1-II tournament.

Only Ronnie Kashlak, now playing for Lehigh University, won't be returning this season. The Devils will be led by junior Brent Bramnick, last season's county champion, and senior captains Jeff Weber and Brian Mann.

Erin Cockren, who won the Adam Karnish. "We're pretty deep," said Head Coach John Turnbull. "We've got some good players. We should have a good year."

Despite the wealth of talent coming back Turnbull is remaining cautiously optimistic about the Devils' chances this season. The team is looking to defend its conference and county crowns, but Turnbull didn't want to talk about

the Devils' chances of capturing a state title.

"That's a very long way off," he said. "We have the potential but in golf you never know. A kid could have a great day and the next day they want to quit. But we'll be fine. Our main goal is to get as many kids as possible some match experience," he continued, "and represent Westfield the best we can."

Many of the Blue Devils may have faced their toughest test of the season already. Turnbull said the competition for spots on the team was extremely intense and the Devils depth will only serve to push each individual throughout the season. Westfield has enough depth to field a junior varsity and freshman team, and no one's spot on the varsity is guaranteed.

"It's been so competitive just to make the varsity the past couple of weeks," said Turnbull. "It was tough just to be on varsity. I've got kids that can be the fifth or sixth guy on Cranford, or the third or fourth on Scotch Plains, that didn't make varsity."

"It's very competitive," he continued. "The kids can't slack off. They all know their positions aren't set. They know they have to work at their games."

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HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless noted)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
Baseball
 Westfield at Scotch Plains, 11 a.m.

Softball
 Scotch Plains at Westfield, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 3
Golf
 Westfield vs. Union, 4
 Scotch Plains at Linden, 4

Boys Lacrosse
 Westfield at Hunterdon Central, 4

Boys Tennis
 Westfield vs. Montville, 4
 Scotch Plains at Oratory, 4

Baseball
 Westfield vs. Linden, 4

Softball
 Westfield at Linden, 4

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
Tennis
 Westfield at Holmdel, 4

Golf
 Westfield vs. St. Peter's Prep, 4
 Scotch Plains vs. Plainfield, 4

Track
 Westfield vs. Cranford, 4
 Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
Baseball
 Westfield vs. Shabazz, 4
 Scotch Plains at Linden, 4

Softball
 Westfield at Shabazz, 4
 Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4

Golf
 Westfield at Summit, 4
 Scotch Plains vs. Wardlaw, 4

Boys Lacrosse
 Westfield at Seton Hall Prep, 4

Girls Lacrosse
 Westfield vs. Blair, 4

Raiders hope youth will be served

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Raiders, as are Brett Bushinger and Doug Gillie.



feels as they gain experience they can be very competitive with the likes of Westfield and Cranford, two traditional powers.

Ciccotelli believes the most important step for a young team is learning how to get out of trouble, avoid a high score, and make smart shots.

"Some of the things we need to work on are just the thought process," said Ciccotelli. "Selecting the right club, playing the hole smart, not attacking a tight pin. The thought process has a lot to do with maturity."

With Bush and Shultz leading the way and the sophs gaining experience, the Raiders should be in for another winning season, and challenge for the conference crown.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High golf team will rely on a strong nucleus of young talent and experienced upperclassmen as it gets set to embark on its 2000 season.

The Raiders finished 14-4 last year with a fourth-place finish in the Watchung Conference Tournament and a fifth-place finish in the Union County Tournament and lost only three seniors to graduation.

Leading the team this year will be senior four-year letterman Steve Bush and junior Louis Shultz. Coach Steve Ciccotelli said the pair have been hitting the ball well so far in practice and scrimmages.

Senior Claire Cappio is expected to make an impact for the

club. "We've got a good group of kids," he said. "I don't know if they're as strong as some of the other teams in the county. This season we're relatively young. We need to gain a little experience."

Ciccotelli isn't putting too much pressure on his young team, but

"We always set goals of winning the conference and qualify for states," said Ciccotelli. "Golf's a funny game — one day you play well, the next day you can't do anything right. We need to find consistency and a lot of that comes from experience."

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BASEBALL CAMP
"Baseball Like It Ought to Be VII," a camp featuring Westfield varsity coach Bob Brewster as director, is accepting applications for two weekly sessions, June 26-30 and July 10-14.

For the first time this summer there will be a special session for boys and girls entering 1st-3rd grades, July 5-7.

The camp is one of the few in the area to feature a batting cage, allowing hitting instruction and practice to go on throughout the day.

The week long camp is recommended for players entering 4th-9th grades. The fall it will be held at the varsity baseball field in Westfield and run by Brewster, in his 18th year as varsity coach at Westfield, and one of his former players, Larry Cohen, a 12-year veteran of varsity coaching.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays and will reflect Brewster's special brand of baseball, including aggressive base running, bunting, and sound pitching and defensive principles.

For more information about "Baseball Like It Ought to Be VII" or for a camp application call Brewster at 908-232-8049 or email him at BIO-BREW@home.com or call Cohen at (908) 889-0097 or email him at larryc@att.net.com

RAIDER SOCCER CAMP
The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer program, under Head Coach Tom Brazzitsky, has been one of the most consistent and successful high school soccer programs in the state. This past season Brazzitsky recorded his 400th career coaching victory, ranking him fifth in the state in all time victories. The Raiders have played in 10 of the last 15 Group III state championship games, winning in 1987, '89, '91, '92, '95, '97, and '98.

The annual Raider Soccer Camp held at SP-F High is offering a Spring 3 day "mini-camp" April 25th through 27th at Park Middle School Soccer Complex in Scotch Plains. The theme of the camp will be shooting, ball control, and combination play. The tactical and technical aspects of these areas will be stressed.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and is open to boys and girls ages 7-15. For a brochure call Brazzitsky at (908) 322-6102.

PRE-SCHOOL SOCCER
Soccer Kids, a fun filled and age appropriate soccer program for preschoolers aged four and five years, will be held at Echo Lake Park for children in the Westfield and Cranford areas beginning Friday, April 14, at 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Classes run for seven weeks and are 45 minutes long.

The program has been designed by Tom McLoughlin, head coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University and nationally selling author and leader in the field of soccer education for preschoolers. Classes are led by Tom and his staff who are trained in preschool teaching techniques. Classes fill up fast so please register early.

To register, for more information, or for dates and times of classes in nearby areas, call McLoughlin School of Soccer at (908) 786-6675.

SP-F YOUTH BASEBALL
The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association will start its 45th season Saturday, April 8 with Opening Day ceremonies at Booth Field on Westfield Road and Valley Avenue at 9:30 a.m.

Scheduled to attend are Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung, Scotch Plains Fanwood High School Athletic Director Eric Rosenmeier, and Varsity Baseball Head Coach Brian Homm.

Award presented will include the Distinguished Services Award to members Tom Peterson and Tony Williams; the James P. O'Brien Memorial Award to past Senior Division players David Baumwoll and Josh Finklesien; The David M. Ferro Memorial Sportsmanship Award to past Major Division Player Kevin Urban.

The association consists of 67 teams with 896 players aged from 8 to 15 years old, and 260 managers and coaches. It provides Official Babe Ruth League Baseball to the youth of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Sp-F wrestling camp
Scotch Plains-Fanwood High wrestling head coach Mike Artigiere will be holding a wrestling camp this summer for grades three through eight. The camp will run the week of June 26-30 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High.

For more information and to register call Mike Artigiere at (973) 377-3518.

WESTFIELD SOFTBALL
Westfield adult pickup softball begins April 16th at the Memorial Pool fields behind the tennis courts. Games will be played every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the first 20 people to show up starting the first game, and the next ten playing the winners. New games will begin every hour and a half and players of all skill levels are welcome. All you need is a glove and some old clothes. For more information call David Waitel at 908-232-5762.

GOLDEN GLOVES
The Rahway P.A.L. is proud to announce that it will be hosting the finals bouts of the 2000 New Jersey Golden Gloves boxing competition, Friday, April 7 at 8 p.m. at the Rahway Recreation Center Gymnasium on East Milton Ave.

This is the fifth consecutive year the PAL will host the Golden Gloves. The event is always highlighted by the attendance of celebrities for the political and sports arenas. Former boxers such as Joe Frazier, Michael Spinks, Jake LaMotta, Gary Cooney, Shannon Briggs, Buddy McGirt, Ray Mercer, as well as New Jersey State Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard have been big supporters of the Rahway PAL sponsored event.

Other sport celebrities that have appeared for this event include 1991 Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, O.J. Anderson, New York Jet sack leader Joe Klecko, Jet Wayne Christel and World Sumo Wrestling Champion Emanuel Yabough. Ex-Marine Corps Command Sergeant Alfred Gray, a Rahway native has also been an honored guest.

This year former Heavyweight Champion Larry Holmes will be in attendance.

A primary goal of the PAL hosting the Golden Gloves is to raise funds to support many youth oriented programs. Since its inception six years ago the PAL has sponsored a variety of programs. Each year nearly 700 children participate in our Baseball, basketball and newly instituted track program, as well as our SAT and GEPA test tutoring programs, which target high risk students.

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Applications are available for men, a minimum of 30 years old who want to join the St. Bartholomew's Softball League. They may be picked up in Scotch Plains at St. Bartholomew's Church vestibule, Standard Pest Control or Sideline Sports, and in Fanwood at the Fanwood Clipper, or Family Investors Company.

Year 2000 will mark the league's 22nd year. The league started with 4 teams and has grown to 10. Much of the league's success can be attributed to the fact that new teams are chosen each year during a draft like the NFL's college draft.

If you have any questions about the league call Commissioner Dom Lawrence at 908-322-1697 or Publicity Chairman Dean Talcott at 908-322-6577. All games are played in Scotch Plains or Fanwood on weekend nights.

You can also visit the league's website created by Karl Mende at http://home.att.net/~stbart_sobts/

GOLF I.D. CARDS
Now that the New Year has begun, golfers who play any of the three Union County golf courses should renew their identification cards or purchase their 2000 golf I.D. cards.

Golfers who registered last year should keep their cards and bring them when re-registering. A new date sticker will be applied to the 1999 card when reactivated. New cards will only be issued to golfers who were not registered in 1999, or who are purchasing a different type of card for the new year.

People who live in or own property in Union County can purchase a Resident Card for \$30, or a Season Card for \$80. Senior residents or senior property owners, ages 62 and older, and young golfers, ages 17 and younger can purchase I.D. cards for \$25.

When purchasing or renewing a card, golfers must show proof of residency through two forms of identification: a driver's license and either a current annual lease, tax bill, utility bill, credit card bill, or bank statement in the absence of a driver's license, two of the items listed above will be accepted. Non-residents who own property in Union County may also purchase cards by providing a current tax bill showing the address, lot and block numbers of property.

For further information call Ash Brook in Scotch Plains at (908) 756-0414, Galloping Hill in

Kenilworth Union at (908) 686-1566, or Oak Ridge in Clark at (732) 574-0139.

SKI CLUB OPEN HOUSE
The Watchung Ski Club will be having an open house April 6 to promote its summer schedule. Planned for the non-snow months are canoeing, camping, in-line skating, mountain biking, golf and much more. Full information on all trips and events will be available at the open house along with local outfitters and equipment representatives.

Watching is the oldest ski club in New Jersey incorporated in 1938, it has a long history of outdoor activities. Although its membership is 100 percent skiers, skiing is not the only activity the members enjoy as a group.

Anyone interested in finding out more information about the club and its activities are invited to attend the April 6 open house at the Mountainside Elks Club, Rt. 22 E. Mountainside, or call (908) 238-1716 or visit its website at <http://mjs.njersky.com/~kurff/watchungskiclub>

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27 yr old, attractive, single white female, 5'8", blonde hair, brown eyes, romantic and kind...

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33 yr old, Catholic, Filipino professional female, 5'5", medium build, non smoker, enjoys the outdoors, jazz music, movies and walks in the park...

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Bliss, attractive widowed female in her early 50's, is looking for a well educated, attractive male, possibly 5'10", for friendship and a possible relationship...

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Single female, 38, 5'2", brown hair and eyes, seeks tall, dark, handsome, non-smoker, dominant male, 35 to 40, for a long term serious relationship...

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Divorced white male, 38, 5'10", one child, handsome, former pilot, lab-tech background and world traveler...

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Vibrant, attractive, slim female, seeking a male, early 60's, to share good times, laughter and friendship...

MY OTHER HALF?

Widowed white female, near 60's, 5'11", red head, green eyes, slim who is tired of being half a person...

LOVE BEING FEMALE

Attractive, bright, funny, divorced Jewish female, late 40's, being spatted and spoiled, enjoys drives, antiques, cooking, dining, theatre, music, travel, talking and listening...

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LET'S MEET

Single white professional female, 27, enjoys nature hiking, listening, theater, music and more...

COULD BE PATE!

Single, widowed female, in her 60's, attractive, slim, professional, enjoys outdoors, hiking, hiking and long walks...

HAPPY LASS

Divorced white female, 61, 5'6", energetic, happy going and humorous in search of tall, non-smoking with good sense of humor...

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Real Estate

There are loads of real estate resources on the Internet

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

A widening scope of services is being offered on Web sites, keyed to the real estate needs of consumers and professionals.

Readers of my past columns probably know I'm more of a believer in high-tech than in high-tech services when it comes to real-estate transactions. In other words, old-fashioned person-to-person communications are the best way to receive professional guidance in preparing for a home purchase or sale.

However, there are a growing number of Web sites on the Internet that provide very useful tools for both consumers and professionals. And the range of services is widening dramatically.

One of the most useful sites I've come across recently is one that provides maps for you. The site, MapBlast, offers detailed street-level maps and door-to-door driving directions. It can be quickly accessed and printed out for reference.

Relocations involve numerous considerations and trans-

actions, and they impact multiple markets and industries. The MapBlast.com site provides instant relocation information, and users can search by state, city and neighborhood for maps and other information, thus making the transition a smoother process.

The site also provides lodging information and reservation capabilities, traffic reports and local points of interest. It can do nothing in the way of advising you in making key decisions related to moving, purchasing or financing a home, but it can be a helpful tool in the hands of a consumer or professional.

For use by professionals, a new site has been launched to help real-estate brokers and agents manage relations between themselves and their clients and potential clients. This site, Microsoft's Realty Desktop, bridges the gap between the expectations of consumers for responsiveness and ability of

the broker-agent to accommodate them, according to a representative of the site.

Realty Desktop keeps a schedule of when customers contacted the broker and what information or service was provided. The log continually updates as client contacts continue. This keeps track of customer requirements and other key information.

Computer systems can be a great tool for obtaining information. But for knowledgeable advice and counsel on an important project such as moving to a new community and buying a home, the best source is still a human being

Q. Are there any special home-buying programs specifically designed for single moms?

A. If you look far enough, you can find a service or program to meet any special real-estate need. An innovative housing program in the Los Angeles area now

does indeed provide low-cost housing for single mothers.

The program combines the housing element with mandatory education. It's designed to get single mothers who have fallen into bad times back on their feet - working and living in a healthy environment.

The program, called Accelerated Learning and Living, (ALL) is run by Harbor Interfaith Shelter, a nonprofit agency dedicated to helping the homeless. It offers low-cost housing and self-improvement workshops to single mothers who attend school and demonstrate a real desire to change their circumstances, according to an ALL spokesperson.

"We make sure they are motivated, that they're focused on acquiring skills that can support their family and that they can be responsible for taking care of their residence," said Director Tahia

Hayslet. "We're really coaches, cheering them on to realize their dreams. But they can't do that while they're worrying about how they're going to pay the rent and feed their kids."

"Education and training is the real way to welfare reform, but you have to put a roof over someone's head first. Once our single moms know they and their children are in a stable and safe environment, they really blossom. We've seen it work time and time again and know it can be repeated elsewhere," she added.

For information about the program, phone (310) 831-0603.

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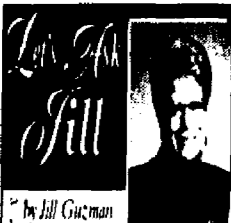
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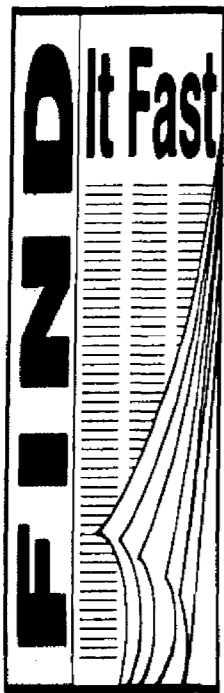


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New Quab Cab is a good mixture of a truck and a sedan

By Mark Maynard
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Pickups with four full-size doors are the hot concept in the truck business.

Every manufacturer who sells a pickup is preparing one of these so-called crew cabs. Nissan, Mitsubishi and other manufacturers have sold compact four-door trucks in other parts of the world for years, but now they have become trendy in the United States.

Nissan broke the concept to North America and wallowed in virgin sales territory. The Dodge Dakota Quad Cab (today's test truck) has just gone on sale, and the Ford F-150 SuperCrew is on its way to dealers.

Chevy, GMC and Toyota are not far behind, having just debuted compact concepts at the recent Chicago auto show.

Pickups are a favorite mode of image delivery in this country - and the bigger the better. So there is just a little irony in the popularity of this design that compromises cargo capacity in favor of passenger accommodation.

They are odd-looking, but trucks that are part sedan have become just another choice as a personal-use vehicle.

Dodge has added two doors to its midsize Dakota pickup and created the Quad Cab, which has just gone on sale with a base price of \$22,135.

The bigger back seat really helps Dakota fit into a useful role as the family car through the week and the boat or trailer puller for the weekend.

Not quite compact and a shade less than full-size, Dakota has been at a disadvantage in the truck market. Sizewise, the Quad Cab is nearly 18 feet long, or 22 inches longer than the Nissan and almost 11 inches shorter than the SuperCrew.

As a tweener, there's too much steel in it to match the fuel economy of a compact pick-



The new Dakota Quad Cab can serve many purposes.

up, and its price was too close to that of a full-size truck.

That may change with the Dakota Quad Cab, though the well-equipped test truck ran more than \$28,375 with a \$350 option discount.

Compared with Nissan's Crew Cab, the Dakota Quad has a more comfortable back-seat angle, with more leg and shoulder room. The bed is also longer (5.3 feet vs. 4.7), but both trucks offer a bed extender that utilizes the length of the dropped tailgate.

The Dakota is also a working tool, with a frame and suspen-

sion fit to haul a 1,450-pound payload vs. the Nissan's 1,200 or the 1,715 pounds of the Ford F-150 SuperCrew. POWER

As is typical of Dodge, there is no shortage of power from the three engine choices, but it takes some torque to motivate the hefty, 4,457-pound curb weight: the standard 175-horsepower, 3.9-liter V-6; optional 235-horsepower, 4.7-liter version; or the 245-horsepower, 5.9-liter.

I tested a four-wheel-drive Quad Cab Sport Plus with the 235-horsepower, 4.7-liter V-8 with the new Multi-Speed auto-

matic, which is a four-speed automatic with a dual-ratio second gear. The technology allows for a higher gear ratio for strong off-the-line acceleration and a lower ratio in the kick-down mode, for second-gear passing performance over a broader rpm range.

The electronics also allow driver-adaptive tuning of the shifting.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard, but the Multi-Speed shifter gave responsive performance - downshifts when I needed them without hesitation, even in busy

commuting traffic.

I put on more than 300 miles in a week, including a round trip from San Diego to Santa Monica, Calif. The stiff-sprung four-wheel-drive chassis jiggled and chopped on some sections of concrete highway, but overall the ride was good and the cabin well-soundproofed.

Steering, brakes and acceleration are strong and dependable. Gas mileage, however, didn't get much better than 19 mpg on the highway and often ranged from 13 to 17. Still, a pair of mini-catalytic converters qualify this engine as a low-

emission vehicle for California.

I was able to keep an eye on fuel consumption with the optional overhead console, which has a trip-meter readout for instant miles per gallon, average fuel economy and compass. It also integrates map lights and an eyeglasses holder.

Trucks with short cargo beds can be fairly useless to someone who really wants a truck for its payload payoff. But the Quad Cab's bed length is just a little more useful when going to the dump or Home Depot, and with the optional bed extender, there's room for a motorcycle or snowmobile.

Dodge also gets a plus for adding back-seat headrests and an appreciated bump stop for youngsters when Dad gets on the gas too hard and bunks little heads on the glass. The next step for kid comfort would be to add height adjusters to the seat belts to keep the belts off children's necks.

Also handy in the back seat are overhead grab handles and a light. A practical design is the 60/40-split seat bottom that folds to make a deeper hole for bulky objects, such as TVs. The undersides of the seats also have stitched-in elastic straps for stashing any number of items from jumper cables, spare fan belts and flares to an umbrella.

The test truck also had the optional rear sliding window, but it's time to add a motor for power open and close, otherwise it was a wasted feature for me.

The Dakota also follows the old trucker's axiom of no vanity mirror for the driver's visor, which may not matter to the majority of users.

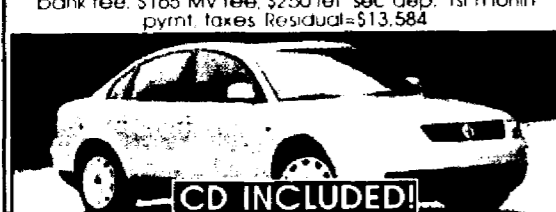
Everybody has occasional need of a pickup. The Quad Cab is a good mix of truck and sedan with people skills.

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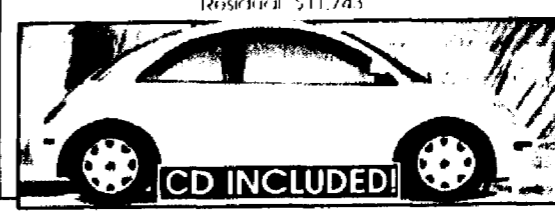
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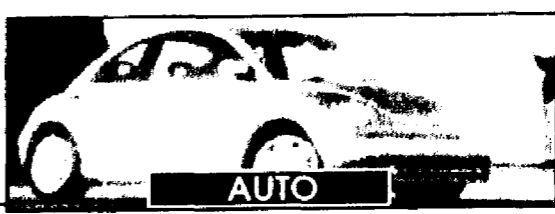
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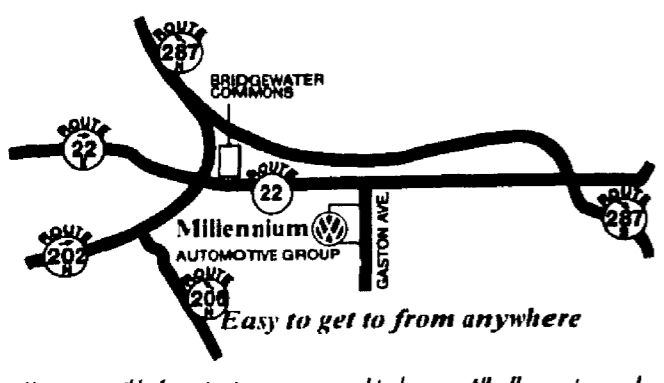
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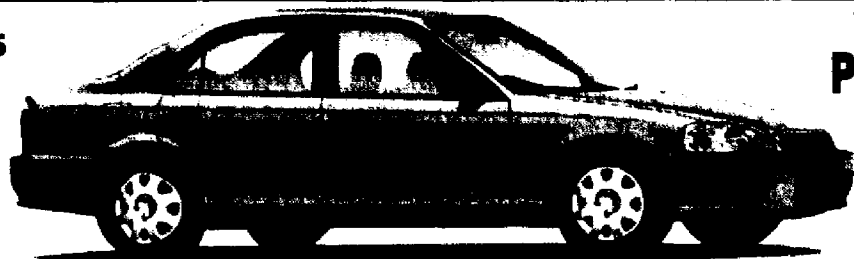
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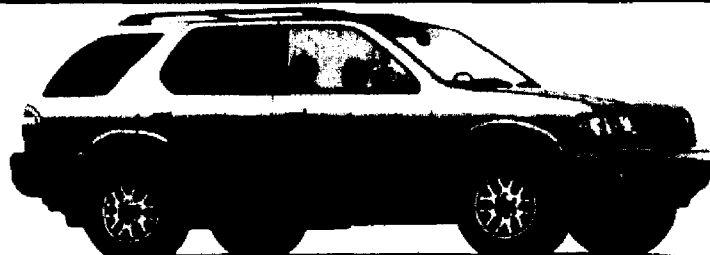


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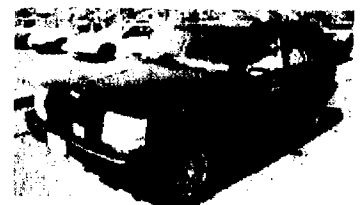
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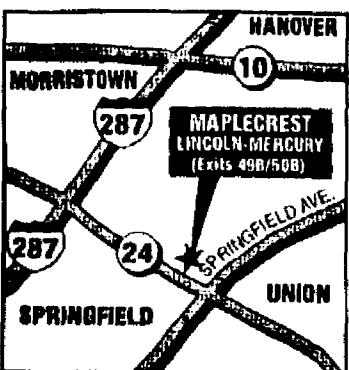
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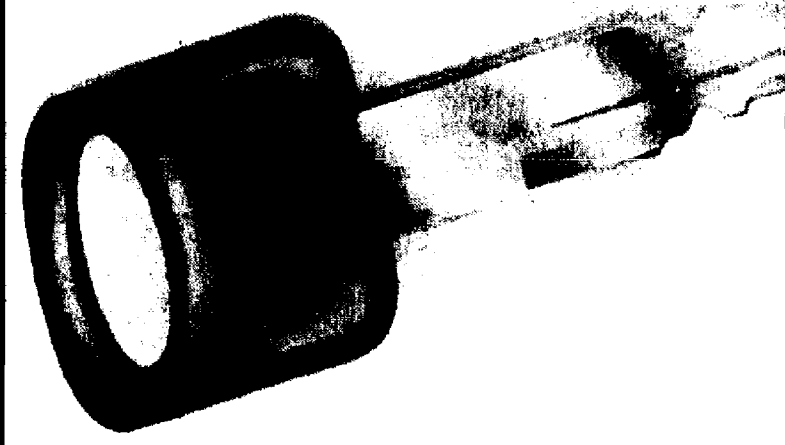
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