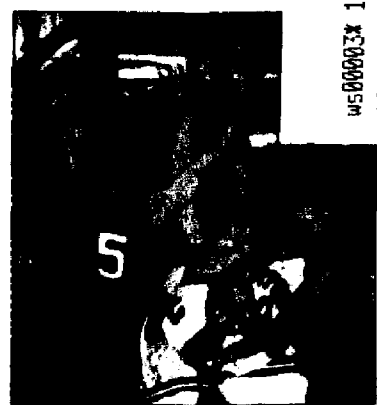


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and Irvington 73-62 Tuesday to
improve to 9-1 and clinch its
first state tournament berth in
10 years. See story on Page C-1.

Around Town

McGreevey taps Davy for top post

WESTFIELD — James M. Davy, 48, a former Westfield resident, has been named chief of management and operations by Gov. James E. McGreevey. Davy, who has nearly 25 years of experience in public service, served as the chief operating officer for the McGreevey for Governor campaign. He also worked as a city manager in South Brunswick, Hopewell and West Milford. Davy earned his master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and his undergraduate degree at Thiel College in Pennsylvania. He currently lives in Pennington.

Girl Scouts begin annual cookie sale

WESTFIELD — The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council will begin taking orders for cookies today. This year a new cookie has been introduced, The Friendship Circle, a vanilla cookie sandwich with chocolate fudge filling. Money earned through a local Girl Scout Council's cookie activities remains in the area where the cookies are sold. The proceeds are used to benefit girls, some directly by remaining in the troop treasury and some indirectly by subsidizing the cost of providing Girl Scout programs in the area. Troops use the funds for field trips, service projects and other activities.



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Home destroyed

Lifetime worth of treasures charred

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Family and friends collected Sunday at the home of Olga and Harold Rabke Sunday to pick through the charred remains of the home at 17 Canterbury Road.

It was almost more than Olga Rabke could stand.

The Jan. 10 fire destroyed the Rabkes' home of 34 years turning an extensive art collection to trash and melting the vinyl siding on their neighbors' home.

The windows on the front of the house have been boarded up and the brick facade appears intact, but the garage is the only part of the structure that escaped serious damage. It was the garage where family and neighbors came to try to comfort Olga Rabke who was inconsolable.

"We had great support from neighbors," said Karl Rabke, son of the owners. "Neighbors have drawn up a schedule of when they plan to be away so that my parents can use their houses."

"We've had platters of food donated by Hershey's Deli and our neighbor the Sharmas' across the street have brought food," he said.

Soot coats everything in the home. Frames dot the walls where once art had hung. However, the family was able to retrieve some family documents and cash that was preserved in closed desk and dresser drawers.



A soot-blackened wall clock still clings to the wall of the living room at the Rabke home at 17 Canterbury Road. The house was gutted in a fire Jan. 10.

Among the losses was an art collection that included a number of portraits and oils by Emilio Serio, a Newark artist and friend of Harold Rabke since grammar school. The collection also included artwork created by Mrs. Rabke's brother.

The fire apparently started in a shed in the back yard, a yard that now is filled with the charred remnants of a lifetime.

"The floor underneath the soot is white marble," Karl Rabke said while walking

through the home's front hall. "The living room shows where the pictures were hung."

The paintings on the wall were blackened with soot. Restoration or cleaning of the works, for the most part, has been ruled out.

The Rabkes are currently living with their son who also lives in Scotch Plains. Their two daughters, Marisa Huban and Claudia Cronin, both live out of state. The family expected to meet with the insurance adjuster on Monday.



Mementos of a lifetime were reduced to rubble and lay in the yard of 17 Canterbury Road in Scotch Plains following a fire that gutted the home.

Former township treasurer sentenced to prison for theft

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The former township treasurer was sentenced to a prison term last Friday for stealing up to \$332,000 from township accounts.

William D. Polidore, 34, of Tinton Falls was sentenced to 11 months to five years by Superior Court Judge Walter R. Barisonek.

Polidore, who was charged

with theft by deception for stealing the funds, has promised to repay the money he took from the township over a nine-month period and was barred from ever holding public office again, according to the prosecutor's office.

Polidore was arrested last April after an investigation conducted by the Union County Prosecutor's Office and Scotch Plains police that was started when auditor's found irregularities in the township's books.

Some of the stolen funds were recaptured when authorities froze Polidore's bank accounts and personal assets. The township was bonded for the rest of the money. He pleaded guilty to charges of theft by deception in late August.

Polidore wrote checks to himself to make advance payments on a Mercedes-Benz, prepayments on his home mortgage, and to buy a hot dog vending truck. He covered his activity with forged vouchers and documents.

Teens may face trial as adults

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Prosecutor's Office will seek to try five teenagers as adults in the sexual assault and kidnapping of a 13-year-old girl near Park Middle School two weeks ago.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan ordered the motions filed Tuesday after he reviewed evidence from the assault that took place in a wooded area near Park Middle School and in a school stairwell.

"The punishment should fit the crime," the prosecutor said in a statement Tuesday. He emphasized that the girl suffered injuries and trauma and that detailed evidence has been developed against the five high school students who were arrested three days after the attack.

Manahan revealed that one of the boys was 14 at the time of the offense and that while New Jersey law has made it easier for prosecutors to seek adult prosecution for those over the age of 16, his office will file adult charges against all five suspects.

Assistant Prosecutor Casey Woodruff of the Juvenile Justice Unit will handle the waiver hearings before Superior Court Judge Rudolph N. Hawkins Jr. All five teenagers are charged with aggravated sexual assault and three face kidnapping charges.

The adult charge of kidnapping carries a 25-year term with the possibility of life imprisonment following conviction while aggravated sexual assault could carry a consecutive sentence up to 20 years.

"Based upon the information we have carefully evaluated, I believe an indeterminate term with no minimum period of incarceration if the case stays in the Family Part before a juvenile court judge, does not make sense," Manahan said.

"We are seeking to prosecute as adults because this was adult-type behavior," he added Tuesday.

At least one of the juveniles, believed to be the leader, has been arrested before in crimes of violence, but officials would not elaborate further.

It is alleged that the ring-
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Parents take their concerns to board

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — School security and safety topped the list of concerns at a round table meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association presidents and Board of Education Tuesday night.

Parents in the audience expressed their concern that the schools, especially outside the buildings, were not as safe as they could be.

"There is not proper monitoring outside the school," said a parent of children at Evergreen and Park schools.

Parents reported that their children see girls being groped on the playground despite the presence of aides to monitor activity.

There was a recommendation for more parent volunteers, an idea that has been tried in the past with mixed results.

"We can't seal up buildings at 3:30 like they are vaults," said board Member Thomas Russo. (We need) "technology that provides better safety but also allows access to the school."

Board Member Jessica Simpson said a study had been undertaken after the Columbine tragedy to determine what makes a safe school environment. Among the requirements was that school principals know their children and that schools be kept safe and clean. "A lot of the pieces are in place," she said.

Acting Superintendent Anthony Del Sordi said technology that provides better safety and still allows access to the buildings is a delicate balance of manpower and resources. The use of walkie-talkies, buzzer systems with cameras at the entrance, badges for all staff and classroom phones could all be used.

Del Sordi said a facility policy that looks at how buildings
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Downtown plan for Fanwood advances

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The Borough Council voted 4-2 to advance the downtown redevelopment plan to the Planning Board despite criticism that some businesses could be displaced.

The amended ordinance was passed on first reading at the Jan. 10 meeting. Dissenting votes came from Katherine Mitchell and new Councilman Michael Brennan. He cited the high density of buildings in the commercial sector for his negative vote.

"I'm concerned about the business owners that will be displaced," said Joe Ponzio, a property owner on Second Street, who noted that under the plan relocation fees apply to residents but not to businesses. "Businesses are going to be displaced if you tear down buildings...I think it is a bad plan if you don't consider relocation of businesses."

Borough attorney Will Coronato countered that when a developer negotiates with a property owner for the purchase of a property that negotiation should include some relocation fee arrangement. Councilman Joel Whitaker proposed that Coronato look into the Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) document to address the relocation of businesses.

A resolution responding to the planning board's recommendations to the redevelopment plan was also passed by the mayor and council. The resolution passed 5-1 with Councilwoman Mitchell dissenting.

Mitchell said she is against taking property by eminent domain. "I still can't vote for something with the possibility that someone could lose their livelihood," Mitchell said.

The plan now goes to the Planning Board for review and should be back before the council for a second reading on Feb. 12.

Local residents sing praise of governor at inaugural festivity

By GARY GOVELITZ
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — How do you throw a stunningly beautiful and elegant party for 7,000? First, you have it in Edison.

For the first time, Edison hosted the inaugural gala and it was a class act all around. With the grueling campaign behind them, the loyal ranks of the Democratic Party from throughout the state put on their "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes and had some fun.

Although most there had been supporters of Gov. James E. McGreevey for years, there were some present who did not always see eye to eye with him but were there to wish him well anyway.

"I may be a Republican but I see a lot of friends here," said private citizen and Scotch Plains resident Donald DiFrancesco. The former acting governor offered a flattering overview of the new governor. "Jimmy brings local experience and state experience to the job. He has a master's in education and he has said that education will be his number one priority. People don't realize the energy he brings to the office. He brings integrity and intelligence to the office."

The cavernous interior of the New Jersey Convention Center in Raritan Center was packed. There were nearly a thousand tables set up under the strings of light that filled the ceiling and at every table people felt good and looked good: women looking ele-



GEORGE GOVELITZ/THE RECORD-PRESS
Nina Rosenberg of Westfield was one of the attendees at the Governor's Ball in Edison Tuesday night.

gant in their best evening wear and the men sharp in their tuxedos.

"He should run for president in six years," said George Guirguis of Westfield. "He is

going to be a very good governor."

"I think he will do a great job," said Nina Rosenberg of Westfield. "New Jersey needs a man like him in Trenton."

Kids take their questions to top man in the state

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Jim McGreevey is likely to face some tough questions as the new governor of New Jersey. And he got some practice Tuesday, just after his inauguration, when he faced one tough audience — Lisa Ventura's fourth-grade class at Brookside Place School.

The class of 17 students was one of two in the state (the other was in Camden) that participated in a virtual chat with McGreevey and former Gov. Brendan Byrne through an Internet message board.

The students, who had recently studied New Jersey government, spent class time developing questions for the governor, which they posted to the message board. Then, shortly after McGreevey's inaugural address Tuesday, he responded to the questions, which ranged from "What will you do to keep New Jersey safe from terrorism?" to "How will you protect wildlife in New Jersey?" to "Do you think the time will come when (fourth-grade) students will no longer have to take the ESPA?"

As the students waited for McGreevey to make his way through the crowd after his speech, they beamed with excitement.

"I think it's pretty cool to get to talk to Mr.

Governor," said Shannon Slattery.

"It's exciting because we can ask him questions, and he might take our ideas and help us with them," said Mickey O'Neill.

"You can get better information (from the governor) than just in a book," agreed Jeffrey Slivinski.

When the first governor's response came in, the room resounded with "He responded!" and "Check yours!"

"He responded to ours!" said Mickey, high-fiving Shannon. McGreevey had just replied to the question "Why did you want to become governor?" submitted by their groupmate Allison Schneider.

"He said he wanted to be governor because he wanted to help kids; he wanted third-graders to be able to read," Mickey said.

"He wanted reading more than watching TV," said Shannon. Her favorite response, though, was Byrne's take on changing the New York Jets' and Giants' names to reflect their Jersey location.

"He said they should change it if they stay in New Jersey," she said.

There were a few areas of disappointment, though.

"They do kind of bad spelling, and they don't use capitals," said Anna Dugan, after reading one response full of run-on sentences and typographical errors.

Briefs

Chamber meeting focus on parking

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce holds its quarterly breakfast meeting 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St.

Two members of the Parking Advisory Committee will state their case for building the proposed parking deck downtown. Speakers are Charles Weidman, the committee chairman and the mayor's appointment to the Planning Board; and Michael Zemsky, a Westfield architect.

Cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for nonmembers. For reservations, phone (908) 233-3021.

Historical Society to mark milestone

FANWOOD — The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood celebrates its 30th anniversary 8 p.m. Tuesday at the North Avenue railroad station.

Original members will tell a few stories and present a brief slide show of the society's early years.

The society restored the Osborn house in Scotch Plains to function as the Osborn-Cannonball House Museum.

The public is invited. For more information, phone President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

Parents concerned

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are being used and how activity is monitored can be developed.

"We will be talking to two consultants that have special security systems," he said. "We have access concerns at each school."

Plans will be made to arrive at cost estimates for inclusion in the next school budget.

Concerns about traffic on Terrill Road were also mentioned. Scotch Plains and Fanwood are undertaking a shared look at traffic on the county road.

Decision due on Teenagers

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leader followed the girl after the initial assault and caught up with her by the stairwell at the side entrance of Park School and assaulted her again. She reported the incident to the principal and requested her parents be contacted. In the presence of her father at the police station, she related her story to the police.

Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien said Tuesday that Detective Sgt. Brian Mahoney has provided school officials with key developments in the case and he was pleased that many witnesses were able to help Mahoney and Detective Jeffrey Briel identify those responsible for the attack so quickly.

Manahan said the police investigation was a "good job" noting the police had all five suspects investigated, charged and in custody by Saturday, three days after the alleged assault.

The three teenagers charged with kidnapping remained locked in the George W. Herlich detention Center in Elizabeth. Two other suspects were released into the custody of their parents.

No court date has been set for the transfer proceedings, but the judge is expected to review the case in closed proceedings next week, said Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary.

The victim, a resident of Fanwood, was pushed, slapped and punched by a 16-year-old boy who led the assault and by one of the other teenagers, authorities said. Medical examination immediately after the 3 p.m. incident revealed bruises and scratches on her neck, arms and torso. She returned to school a day or so after the incident occurred, Manahan said.

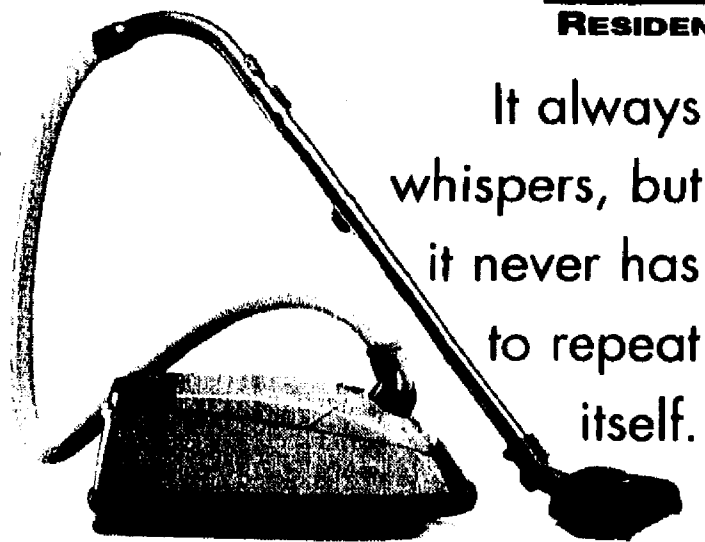
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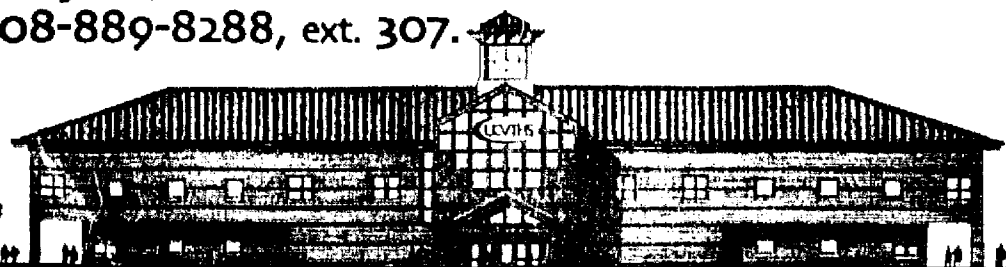
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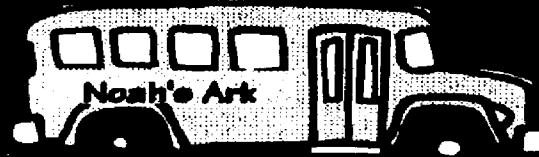
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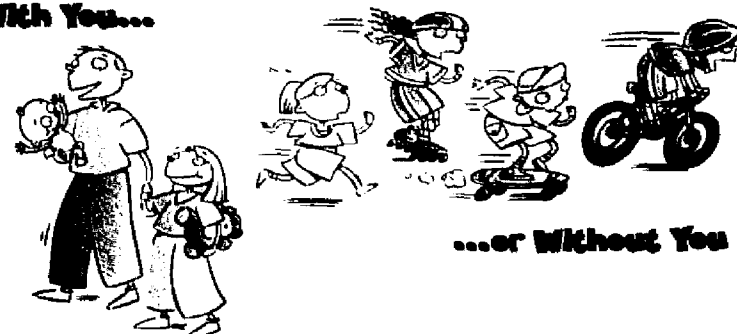
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Foundation plans to honor DiFrancesco

The Union County Educational Services Foundation will hold its seventh annual awards reception at The Primavera in Long Hill from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. Former Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco, a Scotch Plains resident, will be honored.

Westfield High grads win technology prizes

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School graduates Donald Bucciarelli and Ian Federgreen were the winners of technology prizes awarded by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Technology. Their names were chosen in a random drawing following a winter concert held at Westfield High School, where graduates in attendance were asked to complete a short questionnaire.

The survey was designed by the committee to determine if the needs of Westfield High School students are being met in regard to technology. Part of the district's three-year technology plan is to survey recent graduates regarding their preparation at the high school. "It is important to get good feedback from our students to understand their needs," said Carol Swann-Daniels, supervisor of instructional technology. Bucciarelli, a 1999 graduate, was the winner of a Microsoft program and Federgreen, who graduated in 2001, was awarded a \$25 Amazon.com gift certificate donated by a member of the Committee.

Host families sought for foreign students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking host families for boys and girls from Europe, Asia, North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The foreign students, age 15 to 18, will attend high school beginning in the fall. The students speak English and want to learn about this country through living as a part of a family. Each student is fully insured, brings his own spending money and expects to bear his share of household responsibilities. ASSE is also seeking American high school students interested in studying abroad and living with a host family. Those interested in more information about becoming a host family or becoming an exchange student should contact ASSE's area coordinator Jennifer Hurt at (845) 832-0224 or (800) 736-1760 or visit the website at www.asse.com.

Westfield musicians perform at recital

Pianist Dorothy Chou will perform with cellist Jason Tanman at the Andrew George De Grado Competition Winners Recital at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre. Dorothy and Jason, both Westfield residents, were winners in a competition held at the university in October. There is no admission.

Gift auction planned at Mother Seton

CLARK — Mother Seton Regional High School, which is located off Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway, is sponsoring a gift auction at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in the school auditorium. More than 100 new prizes, worth \$10-\$20, will be open for bidding once the doors open at 6:15 p.m. In addition to these prizes, there will be prizes valued at \$25 to \$50, a super sweepstakes and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets costing \$5 may be purchased at the school office any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or at Sunday night Bingo. For more information, call the school at (732) 382-1952.

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Life-saving lesson

Seniors at Westfield High School recently attended presentations on cancer awareness as part of their health education classes. Gabriella Kaplan, a nurse oncologist, above, addressed the girls on the medical implications of the diseases and the need to lead healthy life styles. Dr. Malcolm Schwarz, a Westfield urologist, talked to the male students about testicular cancer.

Mayor backs soil tests for Hyatt Hills' neighbors

CRANFORD — In light of residents' concerns about the environmental safety of the area surrounding the Hyatt Hills Golf Course, Mayor Barbara Bilger this week called upon the commission overseeing construction to provide environmental testing of neighboring private properties. But a member of the commission said the site poses no environmental threat to residents. Though Bilger acknowledged environmental concerns at the site have been examined, "there are questions that have to be addressed," she said. "You can never say never."

"If it was me (living there), I don't want them saying everything's okay," Bilger said of General Motors and the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission, which will make a public presentation at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting. "Show me it's okay... just test it and see if there's a problem." The Hyatt Hills Golf Course, currently under construction on the site of the former General Motors property on Raritan Road in Cranford and Clark, sits near residential properties on Walnut Avenue. One area resident, Lydia Allen, recently appeared before the Township Committee to request her property be tested for the presence of contaminants that may have migrated from the site.

Soil and groundwater at the site has tested positive for heavy metals, PCBs, and other industrial contaminants. This week, Allen repeated those concerns. "I would like to see an independent company come in and test the soil on several houses on the block," she said. "I just want to see that they test it and tell us it's okay." Allen's concerns, along with recent press reports about possible contamination, prompted the Township Committee's request that the golf commission make a public presentation on environmental concerns. Robert Hoeffler, a former township mayor and current member of the golf course commission, agreed with the need for a public presentation, but denied the site poses any environmental hazard. "We should go public because there's nothing to hide. We are in complete compliance with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection)... the DEP has not relaxed anything whatsoever" said Hoeffler, who added he has "absolutely no (concern) whatsoever" the site may pose an environmental hazard. Dan Aschenbach was one of the committee members who called upon the golf commission to make the presentation. "Getting (information) from the appropriate officials, and putting it out in public meeting is the responsible thing to do," he said.

But, Aschenbach said, there is no indication at this point of a safety risk. "I hope we haven't yelled 'Fire' in a crowded theater," he said. At issue is whether the industrial pollutants "capped" beneath the site can migrate through the groundwater or the soil to contaminate neighboring properties. The bulk of the contaminants on the site are located in the southwest corner of the property, away from the Cranford residents; a 19-ft. excavation in the northeast quadrant of the property for an irrigation pond revealed no soil contamination, Hoeffler said. Reports by JCA Associates, a Clark environmental testing firm hired by the commission to interpret the work of General Motors' environmental remediation team, express concern that contaminants could move along utility lines beneath the site.

Kenilworth to stop ranking students

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Board of Education is expected to vote Feb. 4 to end the reporting of class rank for college applicants, board president George Schlenker said this week. Head guidance counselor Ronald Waack recommended the elimination of the practice at the board's Monday meeting. Ending the reporting of rank, Waack said, may help the district's students get into more colleges. The reason, said Superintendent Lloyd Leschuk, is that some large state schools may not even review an application unless a student places in a certain percentile of the class. But in a district as small as Kenilworth, a small drop in student performance can mean a big drop in a student's percentile rank. "If your (class size) is under 100, you really start having

problems with it," Leschuk said. "We feel this will help our kids who are applying to state colleges, which are really driven by numbers." "There's no doubt in my mind the board will approve" the change, said Schlenker, who agreed reporting rank could be "detrimental to kids in a small high school." Though no formal decision has been made, the change will likely take effect with the class of 2003. Leschuk said his recommendation would be to institute the change "as soon as possible." The district will continue to maintain rank internally, Leschuk said, because some scholarships require the information. The district will also name a valedictorian and salutatorian of each class. The board will direct the administration to monitor the effect of the change on college admissions, Schlenker said, and revisit the issue in several years.

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Commentary

State needed a Public Advocate

Gov. James E. McGreevey has already made good on one of his campaign promises; he has re-established the office of Public Advocate, a post that was abolished eight years ago by the Whitman administration and Republican Legislature.

"By restoring the role of Public Advocate, we will return state government to the people of New Jersey," McGreevey said in announcing the appointment of lawyer Seema Singh. "We will change the way we do business in Trenton. We will ensure a government that is more responsive, more effective and efficient and more accountable."

Let's hope McGreevey's puffy rhetoric becomes a reality.

Over the past several years, as revenue flowed freely into Trenton, the state government went on a spending binge, handing out pork by the barrel. There were also the messes generated by the auto emission tests and EZ Pass contracts, both of which have led to the state's shaky budget situation.

"We must put an end to the waste and mismanagement that have characterized the last eight years in Trenton," McGreevey said. "We must put an end to the sweetheart deals like the auto emissions and EZ Pass debates, which have cost the taxpayers literally millions of dollars. One of the best ways we can do that is to bring back the Public Advocate and to bring back a level of accountability to state government."

We hope Singh will have the freedom to be an independent voice in state government. Goodness knows, the permanent bureaucracy in Trenton in both the legislative and executive branches needs to be made more accountable to the citizens who live outside the Interstate 295 beltway. Singh must have the power to question the ever deepening mysteries of state government and to voice, without fear of political retribution, opinions that may be unpopular with the Trenton establishment. That is part of the bargain for which McGreevey will be responsible; he must be prepared to take the full brunt of any criticisms Singh may have.

It is not enough to pay lip service to the creation of the Public Advocate office. McGreevey must guarantee, through his deeds and words, that Singh will have the independence the office must have. Only then will more credibility return to state government.



Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

The true moment of our times

Perhaps, a half century from now, the defining moment for our time will not be seen as the horrific Sept. 11 attack. History will show the ever-resilient American people recovered quickly from a despicable and incomprehensible attack; after the shock, pain, grief and anger dissipated, life pretty much returned to normal (the pundit prediction that life in this country would be permanently changed seems to be the usual pundit puffery; witness the debuts of "The Chamber" and "The Chair"). With our endless endurance and boundless courage we showed we were not going to be intimidated by terrorists and that we would seek justice — not vengeance — around the world.

No, what may be seen as the turning point of our time may be the Enron scandal. Unlike the Sept. 11 attack which reinforced our belief in certain institutions, the Enron mess has already started to shake our faith in the way our economy and work culture has operated for the past two decades. There is a possibility the fallout from Enron could lead to fundamental questions about the way we do business, on both the corporate and personal levels.

While some may see the end of the Cold War as the most significant event of the past two decades, an argument can be made that the legislation creating IRAs and 401-Ks actually had much more impact on the way we lead our lives. For example, corporations no longer felt the need to offer pension plans which were once the tightest bond of loyalty between employer and employee; it was common for employees to stay in one workplace for most of their working lives because of pensions. With no pensions, workers felt free to jump from employer to employer, like frogs leaping across a pond on lily pads.

Before IRAs and 401-Ks, the stock market was a playground for the rich; the crash of 1929 had taught a generation of middle-class Americans not to put complete trust in the stock market. But now the money resting in IRAs and 401-Ks began flowing into the stock market through mutual funds and other means. The numbers of Americans who owned stock jumped dramatically and so did stock prices. The crash of 1987 put an end to the initial investment frenzy; but the market, as it always does, came roaring back in the 1990s before it finally sobered up.

The huge leap in stock prices developed a taste for unrealistic levels of return; putting money in the bank was no longer good enough. And worries about the future of Social Security could be dismissed because our IRAs and 401-Ks were growing fatter by the quarter. The bounty was seemingly endless.

And what was also seemingly endless was Wall Street's appetite for ever higher profits. A few decades ago, Wall Street was pleased if a company earned a 10 percent profit. But now that's not good enough and stock prices are punished if the company does meet the demands of Wall Street. A company can have, by realistic expectations, a good year, yet the stock price can plummet because it can not meet the rapacious demands of Wall Street.

But you can't blame it on Wall Street — because, by our holdings in 401-Ks and IRAs, we are Wall Street. It is our greed that fuels what Alan Greenspan once called "irrational exuberance." We lost our perspective in the dizzying rise of the stock market in the 1990s; it is only now, through collapses of giants such as AT&T, Lucent and Enron, that we are regaining our vision.

So the question is this: though trust in our political institutions has been re-enforced by Sept. 11, has our confidence in the economic system been shaken enough to lead to necessary and fundamental changes? Only time will tell.

Letters to the editor

PTA urges end to contract stalemate

To The Record-Press:

The following letter was sent to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (teachers' union) and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education:

The President's Committee of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council is dismayed by the lack of a new contract between the Board of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association. After one year of negotiations, the parties cannot seem to agree on the salary and benefits portion of the contract. The effect of this prolonged process is devastating to our schools and our communities.

It is time for the SPFEA and the BOE to compromise. The parties must find a common ground whereby each can satisfy most, but maybe not all, of the expectations of their constituencies. We therefore urge the parties to enter the next negotiating session, scheduled for Jan. 23, with open minds and a determination to resolve their differences with no further delay. This is essential to the health and integrity of our school system, the teachers' union

and our communities.

The PTA Council President's Committee requests that residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood write to the negotiating parties immediately to urge settlement of the contract. Write to Mr. Ed Leonard, SPFEA President, Terrill Middle School, Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 and to Dr. Donald Sheldon, SPF BOE President, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. It is important for all of us to show the parties that we are united in our desire for an immediate contract settlement.

Caren Goldberg

Corresponding Secretary, for The PTA

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Youth wants town skateboard park

To The Record-Press:

Editor's note: This letter is a copy of one sent to Westfield Mayor Greg McDermott.

I would appreciate it if you would build a skateboard park in Westfield.

If you don't want the benches, bike racks, curbs, steps and even hand rails getting scratched up — even broken — there's only one solution: Build a skateboard park.

If you want the store owners to stop complaining about the skateboarding, rollerblading

and biking kids, there's only one solution: Build a skateboard park.

Best of all it would be so much fun for all of the skateboarding, rollerblading and biking kids out there. It would give all the kids a place to go after school and keep all of the kids out of trouble too.

If you really want the kids to have fun, please build a skateboard park.

Ben Lapidus, age 9
Westfield

USA's fate may be similar to Enron's

To The Record-Press:

Before Enron officials declared bankruptcy, upper-level management gave themselves tens of millions of dollars in bonuses. Having distributed the available cash, they fired their employees and had security guards escort them to the streets. There, they held each other and wept, stunned by the disappearance of their jobs, the loss of their retirements and the demise of a company they had worked so hard to build.

When George W. Bush came into office, the nation had a record surplus. However, our President immediately went about giving bonuses to the wealthy. These came in the form of huge tax cuts and attempts at gutting environmental protec-

tions. Undoing the Clean Air Act would help his many friends in oil refinement. Relaxing restriction on arsenic and cyanide would be a big bonus to his friends in the mining business. Ending the research on super-efficient cars and trucks would aid his friends and family in the energy industry.

Is America's fate similar to that of Enron's employees? Our retirement fund, Social Security, is disappearing. Our government coffers are being drained. And our future is being made bleaker by dirtier air and water. Perhaps we need to scrutinize the longtime friendship between Kenneth Lay and George W. Bush. The parallels are a bit too chilling.

GREG AMMON
North Plainfield

Angels came through this Christmas

To The Chronicle:

On behalf of the board of directors of Cranford Family Care, the families that we serve and myself, I wish to thank The Chronicle for its continued support for holiday giving.

I also wish to thank the many wonderful school-children, PTAs, student councils, the college and the College Club, the high school, Boy Scouts, Tiger scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, scout leaders, houses of worship, businesses, companies, Junior Women's Club, Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, Village Improvement Association, Wednesday Morning Club, Cranford Jaycees, residents and people from other towns who responded to our call for help for Christmas. If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize; you know who you are and why you came to the aid of a family that might not have a Christmas without your help.

As usual there was "holly in the heart" of all who came to our doors bearing gifts, food, Christmas trees and trimmings. Young children came to our doors with their moms or dads bearing gifts to help Santa take care of all his children. The delight and wonder in their eyes as they viewed the mounting gifts filled your heart with joy and belief in the fact that Christmas in Cranford is very special. We received seven brand new bicycles from five angels who wish to remain anonymous. Their generosity

brought tears to the eyes of the parents who were able to place them by the tree for Christmas morning.

Gifts of beautifully dressed Gund bears from a local bank, candy and homemade cookies filled our office to the brim. Carloads of gifts from moms at schools and churches blocked our driveways. Gift certificates for the movies, Gap, McDonald's and Friendly's were donated for the many older children. There were gifts for our older folks too.

It was truly a whirlwind of love and compassion to assist those who have fallen on hard times. Then near the last hours of our day when almost all our gifts were distributed, a quite gentle angel appeared with a very generous offering to help us through the winter.

Needless to say we are so grateful to all our angels large and small for their true love of Christmas and their fellow man. May we take this opportunity to thank you from our hearts. We cannot do this job without you. We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful new year and wish to remind you that "it is in giving that you receive."

May God bless Cranford and America and his generous love for all his children!

KATHLEEN K. WILLIS
Executive Director,
Cranford Family Care

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Police Log

WESTFIELD

James E. Allen, 40, of Chandler Avenue, Linden, was charged Jan. 8 on warrants issued by the Westfield Court in the amount of \$500, the Roselle Court in the amount of \$750, and by the Fanwood Court in the amount of \$78. Allen posted bail and was released.

Richard Howell, 20, of Main Street, Bloomsbury, and Gary Jones, 19, of Pinehill Road, Stockton, was charged Jan. 11 with burglary and theft of a pocketbook containing \$2,000 that was left in a garage on Shackamaxon Drive. Howell and Jones were released on their own recognizance.

Martin A. Garrity, 38, of Forest Avenue was charged Jan. 11 on a contempt of court warrant out of Garwood in connection with a motor vehicle stop. Garrity was held in lieu of bail of \$500.

Garrity was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be heroin) and held in lieu of \$7,500 bail.

A Woodmere Drive resident reported the theft of a cell phone from the residence.

Keil Thoms, 35, of Mount Prospect Avenue, Newark, was charged Jan. 13 on three outstanding warrants from Scotch Plains for \$800, the Watchung Municipal Court for \$500, and East Orange Municipal Court for \$111. Thomas was held in lieu of making bail.

Paul Denis, 45, of Cacciola Place, was charged Jan. 13 with driving while intoxicated. Denis also refused a breath test. After processing Denis was released to a responsible party.

Corinna Draper, 40, of Linden was charged at the Roselle police station on a contempt of court warrant. Draper was held on \$775 bail.

A Standish Avenue resident reported Jan. 13 the burglary and theft of a CD player from a motor vehicle.

Willie P. Gardiner, 45, of Berckman Street, Plainfield, was charged Jan. 14 at the Plainfield Police Department on a warrant out of Westfield Municipal Court. Gardiner was taken to the Westfield Police Department and was ordered held in lieu of \$870 bail.

SCOTCH PLAINS

A Golf Street resident reported Jan. 9 finding pry marks on the rear sliding door. Entry to the house was not gained.

The theft of a motorcycle trailer was reported Jan. 10 from a U-Haul parking lot on Route 22.

A Mary Ellen Lane resident reported Jan. 11 finding pry marks on the front door. Entry was not gained. Incident took place sometime Tuesday or Wednesday.

FANWOOD

Devon Holder, 24, of East Orange was charged Jan. 11 during a motor vehicle stop on an active warrant from Irvington. Holder posted \$500 bail and was released.

Derrick Turner, 24, of Plainfield was charged Jan. 11 under an active warrant out of Plainfield. Turner was held in lieu of bail in the amount of \$373 and was turned over to the Plainfield police.

David Richardson, 26, a missing person out of Essex County, was found in the 200 block of South Avenue on Jan. 11 by police responding to a suspicious person call. Richardson was turned over to Essex County.

Faye Tillman, 36, of Plainfield was charged Jan. 11 on an active warrant out of Jersey City for \$1,000. Tillman was released after making bail.

Kenilworth likely to put cop in schools

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Borough Council should finally vote next week on whether to accept the federal grant for a School Resource Officer.

But while it appears the council will accept the grant, support is far from unanimous, and the program's backers may have to resort to some parliamentary maneuvering to put the program in place.

Council members Gregg David, Ed Galasso, Robert Taylor Jr. and Carmela Colosimo have all expressed support for the program, while Kathi Fiamingo said this week she is not yet ready to accept the grant. Councilman Rich Falsetano could not be reached for comment.

Though Galasso will not be present at the next council meeting Jan. 23, the program should pass on the votes of at least David, Taylor and Colosimo.

But Mayor Michael Tripodi, who does not support the grant, would not rule out the possibility of a veto. "I would have to consider it as an alternative," he said.

Should Tripodi veto the program, the council could override the veto with four votes at its subsequent meeting on Feb. 13. The deadline for accepting the grant is the following day.

The dispute stems from the financial implications of accepting the grant. Though the grant provides \$125,000 over three years for the hiring of a School Resource Officer, the borough would have to

provide about \$14,000 per year for additional costs. The borough would also have to pay the full salary and benefits of the officer for a fourth year.

The officer, who would spend at least 75 percent of his or her time in local public and private schools, would be a counselor and resource for students. The officer would also be armed and provide an additional security presence, supporters say, though added security would not be the primary goal.

The Board of Education has endorsed the program but declined to share the costs.

Both Tripodi and Fiamingo endorsed the concept of a School Resource Officer, but suggested the position might be filled from the existing police force.

"You have to show that you need the person to be hired," said Fiamingo, chairwoman of the Finance Committee.

But Police Chief William Dowd said he "could not afford with existing manpower to put a man full time in the schools."

And the program's supporters said money should not be the deciding factor. "The safety and well-being of our kids overrides anything else," said Colosimo.

The program's benefits outweigh the financial concerns, Galasso agreed. "It's difficult not to do everything you can to prevent (problems), and prevention costs money."



Party time

The Berkeley Heights Lions Club and the Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital combined to host the annual holiday party and gift distribution at the hospital. Pictured is Santa, also known as Stephen Monson of Fanwood, and Runnells resident Frances Ruglio.



Hands on project

The students of Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, under the direction of art instructor Delores Petri, constructed this flag by using cutouts of the hands of each Brunner student. Pictured, from left, are Petri, Karen Bao, Megan Cullinan, Steven Ho and Kathryn Zawodniak. The flag is also shown on the school's web page: <http://members.home.net/brunner/>

45th Klondike Derby slated Jan. 26

MOUNTAINSIDE — Boy Scouts of the Patriot District of the Patriots' Path Council will hold their 45th Klondike Derby sled race and Scout-skill contest at the picnic area above Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reservation. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

Keith Mellen of Westfield, a veteran of several past derbies, will serve as derby governor. About 100 adult leaders and volunteers from various Scout troops will assist in conducting the event.

On Derby Day, the reservation will be transformed into the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory and the spots where different skill events occur will take on the names of Klondike towns.

Scout patrols, using compass directions to map out their routes, will pull Eskimo-style sleds between the towns, where they will be graded on their performance of different Scout-skill problems, such as first aid, lashings and knots, measuring and fire-building. Each team's test scores and elapsed times are relayed to a central scoreboard and determine the winners in each age group.

If there is too little snow for sleds, the patrols will use backpacks loaded with the required equipment to hike around the course, but only severe rain or mud conditions will cause a cancellation.

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New Jersey City University will offer computer courses designed to introduce adults to computers and various software programs on Saturdays this spring.

Offered through the University's Saturday Semester Program, all courses will meet on the NJCU campus at 2039 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City.

Three courses will meet on Saturdays, February 2 through February 16: Introduction to the PC; Introduction to Excel; and Introduction to Microsoft Word. Anyone who successfully completes either course will be awarded one continuing education unit (CEU). Registration for each course is \$100.

Introduction to the PC and Introduction to Excel will both meet 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Introduction to the PC will provide a detailed explanation of PC hardware and cover functions related to menus, taskbars, property sheets, windows, folder, text searches, and files.

Introduction to the PC will also be offered 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Saturdays, March 2 through March 23.

Introduction to Excel will cover creating, editing, formatting, organizing, and documenting worksheets, and enable students to develop and edit spreadsheets, add basic formulas into cells, and convert spreadsheets into charts

and graphs.

Introduction to Microsoft Word which will meet 12:40 to 4:00 p.m., will cover the basics of word processing using the Windows-based application.

Students, who must have a working knowledge of Windows, will learn how to create documents and move from one to the other within Word and the Microsoft Office Suite.

A second session of Introduction to Microsoft Word will be offered 12:40 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, March 2 through March 23.

Troubleshooting the PC will meet 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays, March 2 and March 9. The two-part course will cover troubleshooting in both Windows and DOS and such topics as checking a system for device and resource conflicts, resolving or working around device and resource conflicts, creating and booting from a rescue disk, the names and functions of various PC components, and minor maintenance issues. Students will also learn how to dismantle and construct a PC. The course will be offered again, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Saturdays, April 6 and April 13.

Registration for each two-part session is \$50.

Introduction to FLASH will meet 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Saturdays, March 2 through

March 23. The course will cover such topics as graphics tools and animation techniques, image manipulation, sound, and the creation and control of Flash movies. The course will enable students to create animated vector buttons and vector graphics and by the end of the course, to publish Flash creations on the web. Registration is \$100.

Four courses will meet on Saturdays, April 6 through April 20: Intermediate Excel; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate Microsoft Word and Introduction to PC Networking.

Intermediate Excel and Introduction to HTML will both meet 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and Intermediate Microsoft Word and Introduction to PC Networking will both meet 12:40 to 4:00 p.m. Registration for each course is \$100.

Students who enroll in Intermediate Excel will build upon skills acquired in Introduction to Excel learning to create charts, graphs, and complex formulas and how to export

Excel documents to Microsoft Word. Course topics will also include advanced editing and formatting techniques, creating and customizing graphs, creating a database, and linking worksheets. Students must have a working knowledge of Windows or have completed Introduction to Excel.

Introduction to HTML will cover such basic HTML concepts as the structure of HTML documents, links and addressing, ordered and unordered lists, tables, frames, and incorporating images into HTML documents as well as an introduction to forms and web page designs. Students must have a working knowledge of Windows.

Intermediate Microsoft Word will cover such functions as multiple formatting, tabular and text columns, font selection, search and replace, running heads, page numbering, footnotes, and glossary use. Students who enroll must have completed Introduction to Microsoft Word or have a working knowledge of Windows.

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The Enrichment Center located at 424 Central Ave., Westfield, is a full service tutoring and enrichment service.

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The Enrichment Center is open seven days a week, allowing parents flexible hours to accommodate various schedules.

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many students need that extra boost which a few hours of private tutoring can address.

In addition to private tutoring The Enrichment Center offers a wide variety of classes for students in all grades. The Enrichment Center offers both reinforcement classes and gifted and talented classes. Registrations are still being accepted for the fall session.

The Enrichment Center of Westfield has expanded its SAT schedule to accommodate the growing demands from Westfield and other communities.

"Students are coming to us from Westfield, surrounding towns, and from surprising distances," said Sigal.

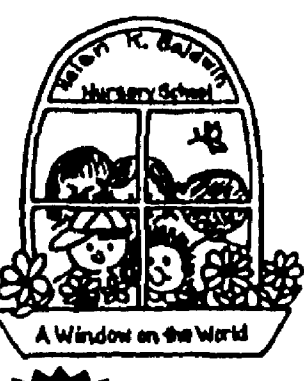
There is a demand for additional classes because The Enrichment Center limits class size to 8 students. Classes are offered on Saturday through Thursday and limited to one hour in length to encourage maximum efficiency in learning. Most students can take one hour from their busy schedules to study for this important test. Many new classes are now starting.

The Enrichment Center has a

unique philosophy about the SATs and the students taking the SATs.

"Students can always spare one hour to come to a class on any given day, but it is more difficult to find the time to attend a three hour session. Given the amount of school work these students have to complete, as well as participating in other extra-curricular activities, a one hour class is most desirable," said Sigal. "Our classes run for one hour and are offered in math and verbal. Students may take both verbal and math or only verbal or math. It is suggested that students attend one hour at a time to obtain maximum benefit. With small class sizes teachers are able to individualize during these classes."

Students pay per class as they attend so as not to burden parents financially. College Board materials are used so that the students are learning and practicing with the real thing. The Enrichment Center has a high success rate. Call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0110 for additional information or to set up a tutoring session.



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Huntington's experience is that many students are locked into

what Huntington calls the failure chain—a continuing cycle of frustration and failure. These students look at the learning experience as a threat rather than a challenge. Often they deal with this threat by daydreaming, acting out, or even tuning out. This behavior goes on in school and at home, affecting the whole family.

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For more information, call 1-800-CAN-LEARN.

Tips for parents with children with ADHD

(NAPSI) By learning more about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), parents may be able to help their children succeed both in and out of the classroom.

That's because children with ADHD face challenges well beyond the classroom. According to a new survey, parents of children with ADHD are nearly three times more likely to report that their child has difficulty getting along with neighborhood children, more than twice as likely to say their child gets picked on, and half as likely to believe their child has many good friends, than parents of children without ADHD.

"ADHD is not just a school-day disorder, it is an all-day disorder," said Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., Director, New York University

Child Study Center which developed the national survey. "In addition to its proven impact on academic performance, results reveal that children diagnosed with ADHD face serious social development issues that affect their relationships with family and friends and impede their participation in after-school activities. Successful management of this condition needs to address all aspects of a young person's daily life."

More than 500 parents participated in the first ever national IMPACT Survey (Investigating the Mindset of Parents about ADHD & Children Today), developed by the NYU Child Study Center. The survey is believed to be the first ever to compare attitudes and perceptions of parents of children with and without ADHD.

Furthermore, parent responses indicate that many children are not following recommended treatment for their condition. Of parents of children with ADHD, 45 percent say that behavior therapy has been recommended for their child, yet less than one-quarter (21 percent) report that their child participates in behavior therapy. Additionally, 89 percent of parents of children with ADHD report that their child has been prescribed medication to help manage their symptoms, and only 55 percent report that their child is currently taking medication.

In addition, only 67 percent of parents of children who are receiving medication for their ADHD report being "very" and "somewhat"

concerned about consistent medication during evenings and weekends.

"Parents should talk with their physician about available behavioral modification programs as well as longer-lasting medications that can help children with ADHD effectively manage the symptoms of their condition everyday, before, during and after school, including weekends," said Dr. Koplewicz.

NYU Child Study Center has created tips for parents of children with ADHD to help them with successful management of the condition. The complete tips, along with more information on the survey and ADHD are available on the NYU Child Study Center Web site, www.AboutOurKids.org.

Information is available on education for disabled

(NAPSI) For more than 25 years, federal law has guaranteed a free appropriate public education to children and youth with disabilities. In 1997, the U.S. Congress reaffirmed and strengthened this commitment by reauthorizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, better known as IDEA '97.

Even though there have been many milestones of achievement in special and general education as a result of this Act, some educators still face challenges in understanding and implementing the law. Fortunately, there are a variety of federally funded resources that are available to educators to help them understand and implement IDEA '97.

The ILLAD (IDEA Local Implementation by Local Administrators) Partnership located at the Council for Exceptional Children supports the efforts of local administrators to implement IDEA '97 by providing timely and accurate information about the law.

The ILLAD Partnership Project is one of four national projects funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. ILLAD works with the Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE), the Association of Service Providers Implementing IDEA

Reforms in Education (ASPIRE), and the Policymaker Partnership (PMP) to deliver a common message and increase understanding of IDEA '97.

Among some of the benefits of the project are:

Professional development resources on various components of IDEA '97 for staff training activities;

Access to the IDEA National Resource Cadre, a resource network of individuals who provide timely and accurate information on IDEA '97 to a variety of audiences;

Accurate, easy-to-understand information and guidance on IDEA '97;

An information staff that answers phone and e-mail questions about IDEA '97;

Web resources on IDEA '97, many of which are free. (Because it is a federally funded project, the Web site and all resources and materials are non-copyrighted and allow unlimited access to reproduction with proper citation);

Referral to other federally funded resources that can help meet specific needs.

To learn more about IDEA '97, visit the ILLAD/ASPIRE Web site at www.ideapractices.org or call (877) 232-8332 or toll free TTY (866) 915-5000.

Students can shadow careers

(NAPSI) Many of today's children do a different kind of school-work than some might expect. For example, Natalie is a 12-year-old student who helps deliver the news at a local TV station and Josh, still in high school, works as an accountant.

Both are on the job — just for one day — as part of job shadowing, a nationwide initiative that pairs students with career mentors.

Each year more than one million children participate in the initiative (kicked off every Groundhog's Day). The program, called Groundhog Job Shadow Day, is meant to provide children with an up-close look at how skills learned in school are put to use in the workplace.

The program, started in 1998, has had great success stories:

As a result of their on-air shadowing at a local radio station, three Washington state students have landed jobs as DJs.

More than 100,000 employers participated in 2001, including Monster.com, News Corporation, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, United Airlines, The Gap, The American Red Cross, The American Hotel and Motel Association, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Students have shadowed such notables as former President George Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, Miss America 2001 Angela Baroquo, and Today Show personality Katie Couric.

Job Shadowing is an effort of the Shadow Coalition made up of America's Promise, Junior Achievement, the Society for Human Resource Management, and school to work partnerships and sponsored by Monster.com and News Corporation.

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Members of the St. Peter's Prep faculty and staff, as well as coaches, students and teachers, will be present to distribute information and answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus and school facilities will be provided. Applications for the class of 2006 will be available at the open house. Last year, almost 250 families attended the winter open house.

Founded in 1872, St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys located in historic downtown Jersey City and remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. The student body presently numbers 850 young men from almost 100 communities in New Jersey and New York and continues the rich tradition of academic, social and spiritual development that has been the hallmark of Jesuit education for four centuries.

St. Peter's Prep offers a full college preparatory curriculum as well as 15 varsity sports and 25 non-athletic co-curricular activities. More than 98 percent of the Class of 2001 are now enrolled in colleges across the United States, including Boston College, the College of the Holy Cross, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, New York University, Villanova University, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University.

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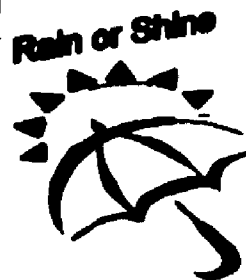
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Kelsey III of Westfield will spend the spring 2002 semester at the Institute for the International education of Students in Freiburg, Germany. She is a junior majoring in German at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Maureen Cooke of 551 Shackamaxon Drive, Westfield, spent last summer studying

Eric Zimak of Westfield has received a Rush Rhees Scholarship from the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. The renewable grant is awarded to an incoming freshman who scores at least 1350 on the SAT or

Four area students have been inducted into Phi Eta Sigma honor society at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. They are **David A. Loewinger**, **Michael Brian Loewinger** and **Robert J. Yanosey**, all of Scotch Plains, and **Peter E. Wilson** of Westfield.

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Home-business tax rules session

WESTFIELD — Many people who run a home-based business are not aware of specific tax regulations that apply to them.

These regulations will be covered in a breakfast meeting 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clark.

Speaker is Enzo LaVecchia, a principal in the Cranford accounting firm Moore Stephens. He is a tax accountant and consultant with more than 30 years experience.

The breakfast meeting is sponsored by Hotlinc, a joint venture of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. For reservations, phone Susan Jacobson at (908) 352-0900.

Volunteers needed for arts festival

CRANFORD — The Union County Teen Arts Festival 2002, a two-day celebration of the arts held each year at Union County College here, is looking for volunteers to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations.

About 3,000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline.

The event is scheduled for March 13-14 and is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.

For more information or to volunteer, call (908) 558-2550.

Mother Seton holding open house

Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, will hold an informal open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, for all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls and their parents.

Parents and students will have an opportunity to tour the school, examine the curricular and co-curricular programs and investigate transportation.

The school is located at parkway exit 135 in Clark.

Washington School readies production

WESTFIELD — Washington Elementary School parents and faculty are gearing up for their 54th annual school production, "How We Totter."

The show is loosely based on the popular Harry Potter series and is appropriate for all audiences. Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Roosevelt Intermediate school.

The production was written by Jackie Costello, Dave Shulman and Maryann Waxtel. Directors are Joe Materek and Cynthia Weinberg and the producers are Angela Darchi, Marci Fisher and Amy Herrington. Musical direction is by Rich Bucci.

Tickets are on a reserved seating basis and are available by calling the virtual box office, (908) 789-9373. Seats are \$6 for the afternoon performance and \$8 for the evening performances.

Bernstein retires as library director

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will soon be looking for a new director.

Norbert Bernstein will retire as director of the Bartle Avenue library effective Sept. 13. He became director in 1972 and remained in the top spot long enough to see the library celebrate its 200th anniversary last year.

Separately, Jennifer Schulze returns to the library full-time as the head of its reference desk. She worked part-time while in high school, college and graduate school. Schulze holds a master of library science degree from Rutgers University.

She was a cataloguer with Baker & Taylor at its Bridgewater warehouse before returning to the library staff.

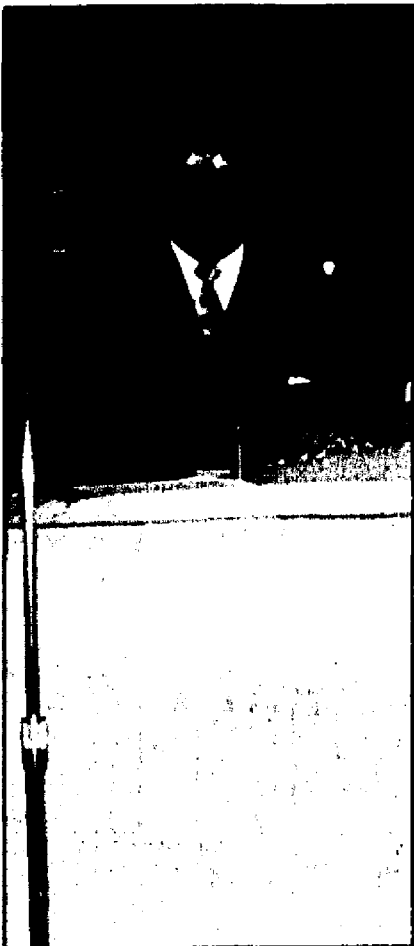
'Typical' couple wins King Award



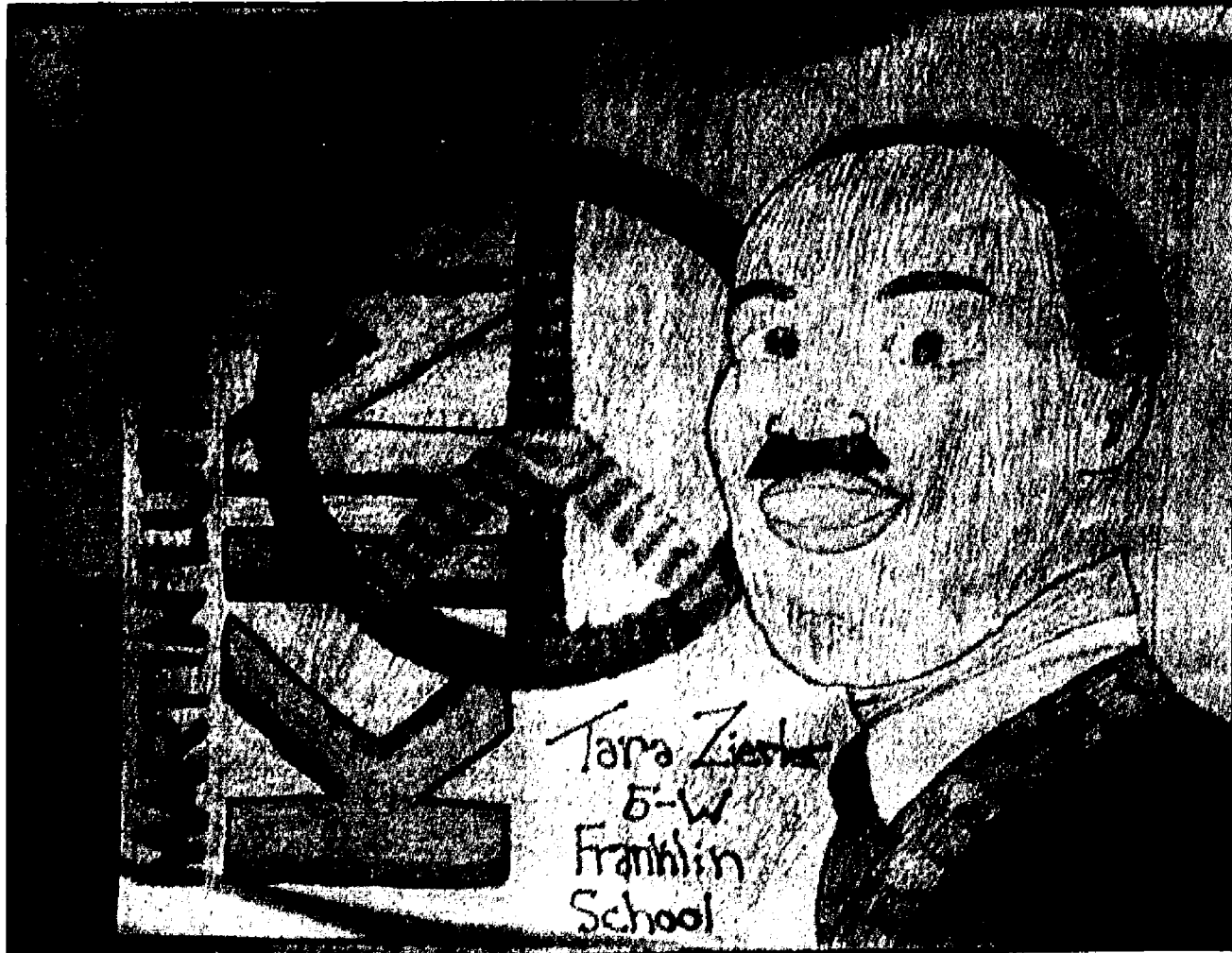
RON WALTERS/THE RECORD-PRESS
Government officials, including Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, left, and Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung, second from left, sing at the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial service at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains Sunday.



THOMAS SCOTT/THE RECORD-PRESS
One of the artworks submitted in the Martin Luther King Jr. Award contest in Westfield is this painting on display at Franklin School.



RON WALTERS/THE RECORD-PRESS
The Rev. Kelmo C. Porter Jr. issues the call to worship at the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial service in Scotch Plains Sunday.



THOMAS SCOTT/THE RECORD-PRESS
This likeness of Martin Luther King Jr. along with the peace symbol was an entry in the King award contest in Westfield. It is on display at Franklin School.



THOMAS SCOTT/THE RECORD-PRESS
Sara Connery, Kelly Sullivan, Evan Bakat and Robin Knapp, all fourth-graders in Penny O'Donnell's class at Franklin School in Westfield, stand before the brotherhood mural they designed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

'Eveready' duo claim involvement is payback

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — When Hugh and Kathy Welsh learned they had been selected to receive the 2002 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for outstanding service to the community, they were flabbergasted.

"I said no, it can't be us," Kathy said recently at her home. "We don't do anything extraordinary...there are a lot of people doing amazing things."

But as they thought more about it, said Hugh, they realized the award was a reflection of the type of community they live in.

"Now more than ever people are focused on families, neighbors, small towns," he said. "Probably the only thing that's extraordinary about us is that we're so typical... We're a typical family in a town that cherishes typical families."

Family has, in fact, been central to the Welshes' involvement in the community. Married 37 years ago, they moved to Cranford to raise their nine children, all now between the ages of 36 and 21.

"You don't raise nine kids in this town and not be involved," said Kathy. "You just can't. If we do anything, it's just payback."

The Welshes' involvement with various educational programs, as well as local charitable groups like Cranford Family Care, was one of the factors that led their friends and neighbors, Cathy and Ed Queenan, to nominate them for the award. Another was their support for the program Healing the Children, which brings underprivileged young people with medical crises from around the world to the United States for treatment.

The Queenans themselves received the award two years ago, in part for their hosting of conjoined twins for Healing the Children. But the Welshes were "our companion" in the program, Cathy Queenan said, and Hugh used his position as deputy general counsel of the Port Authority to smooth travel arrangements for the twins, Nasim and Jazmin.

"They're the Eveready couple — ever ready to serve," Queenan said of the Welshes.

"She gives us the opportunity to do good stuff," Kathy Welsh said of her friend.

Hugh's position in the Port Authority has allowed him to do some good deeds, but has also put him in the line of danger several times. On Sept. 11, after helping people out of the towers, he found himself buried in rubble several times while trying to help establish a Port Authority command center. Eventually he made his way to Jersey City, where he helped to restore train service.

When he finally made it home the next day, Hugh found his house mobbed with concerned neighbors.

"This house was filled with people, all neighbors, friends and acquaintances who rallied and came to the house," he said. "This place was packed with people, many with armloads of food... people just did what they had to do."

That community support, he said, is true to the legacy of Martin Luther King. King preached "you can accomplish (your goal) when you have enough people going in the right direction," Hugh said. "You have an awful lot of people who can accomplish an awful lot of good by doing the right thing as part of a community effort. That's the whole idea of what he was preaching, of being a good neighbor — of another family doing what families do."

John W. Dries Jr.; a retired fire chief

WESTFIELD — John W. Dries Jr., 76, a former deputy chief of the Westfield Fire Department and a former member of the New Jersey Fire Commission, died Jan. 9, 2002 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

He was deputy fire chief in Westfield until 1973, then became chief of the Morris Township Fire Department and held that post until his retirement in 1988. Mr. Dries became the code enforcement officer for Morris Plains and Morris Township after retiring as fire chief. He was a life member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and a fireman with the Hillside Hose Company in the Morris Township Volunteer Fire Department.

As a Navy aviation radioman in World War II he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three stars. He was a past-president of the Morris Plains Rotary Club, which honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Dries served on the dinner-dance committee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County. He was the secretary of that organization for 10 years and a member of its committee that organized the annual William R. Dangler Sr.

Golf Tournament for charity.

He also was a member of the National Fire Prevention Association; the New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association; the New Jersey Firemen's Relief Association; the New Jersey State Firemen's Exempt Association; the Past Chiefs Association; the Morris County Fire Chiefs Association; the Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; Watnong Post 3405, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Morris Plains; and Martin Wallberg Post 3, American Legion in Westfield.

Mr. Dries, who was born in Brooklyn, lived in Washington state and Westfield before moving to Morris Township in 1973.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Betty Jean Cooper Dries; two sons, Thomas G. of Westfield and Michael J. of Newburgh, N.Y.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Another son, John Mark Dries, is deceased.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Virgil's Roman Catholic Church, Morris Plains, following services at Dangler Funeral Home in Morris Plains. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Morris Plains Rotary, Gift of Life Program, P.O. Box 153, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

Elise F. Barese

SCOTCH PLAINS — Elise F. Barese died Jan. 13, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She once was the head bookkeeper of Caron Corp., a Manhattan-based importer of French perfume.

She was born in New York City and lived in Flushing, N.Y., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1967.

Mrs. Barese more recently was an English teacher with the Adult School for the Foreign, located at South Plainfield High School. She also

was a tennis instructor at Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and a member of the Writer's Book and Guild Club of Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband, Manfred E.; two sons, Paul J. and Mark D.; and a sister, Rose Matera.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Fairview Cemetery mausoleum, Westfield.

Elaine Carol Fane

SCOTCH PLAINS — Elaine Carol Fane, 72, died Jan. 11, 2002 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She served as the comptroller of L.L. Fane Co. in Plainfield.

A native of Newark, she lived in Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Monroe in 1985.

Mrs. Fane also was a teacher for gifted students and special education students in the North Plainfield school system until she left in 1987. She graduated

from Montclair State College.

She was a member of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and Deborah.

Surviving are her husband, Leonard; two daughters, Joan Sicherman and Susan Feldman; a sister, Irma Silverman; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at the Jewish Center of Princeton. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin. Arrangements were by Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel in Ewing.

Raymond Filsinger

SCOTCH PLAINS — Raymond C. Filsinger, 95, died Jan. 11, 2002 at his home in Bridgewater. He had been an accountant in Manhattan with the Chase Manhattan Bank prior to his retirement.

Mr. Filsinger was born in Bayonne. He lived in Westfield, Scotch Plains, Brick, Lakewood and Lebanon Township before moving to Bridgewater.

He graduated from New York

University and the Manhattan campus of Pace University. Mr. Filsinger was a member of the Kiwanis Club.

His wife, Eva Greiner Filsinger, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara; a son, Russell; and two grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Obituaries

Dorothy Jennings

WESTFIELD — Dorothy Rodrian Jennings, 89, died Jan. 8, 2002 at Collingswood Manor. She had been a foster mother from 1960-70 with the Family and Children's Society in Elizabeth.

A native of Newark, she lived in Garwood and Westfield before moving to Collingswood.

Mrs. Jennings also was for 50 years the organist for services at St. Paul's United

Church of Christ in Garwood. She graduated from the music school at New York University.

Her husband, Arthur B., is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Gordon H. and George A.

Private arrangements were by Cremation Funerals of New Jersey, in Harrison.

Donations may be sent to the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Sam Metz

WESTFIELD — Sam Metz, 84, died Jan. 8, 2002 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. He had been vice president of Eichner & Metz, an industrial building firm in Linden for which he worked 50 years.

Mr. Metz was born in Chicago and lived in Linden before moving to Westfield in 1964. He was a member of the Linden Independent

Association, B'nai B'rith and the Men's Club at Congregation Anshe Chesed, all in Linden.

Surviving are his wife of more than 50 years, Lillian; two sons, Robert and Kenneth; a sister, Gertrude Young; a brother, Morris; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 10 at Kreitzman's Memorial Home in Union. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

Donnino DiVoni

FANWOOD — Donnino E. DiVoni, 79, died Jan. 8, 2002 at his home. He retired in 1992 after more than 40 years as an attorney with a practice in Union.

A native of Newark, he served in the Army during World War II and had lived in Fanwood since 1960.

Mr. DiVoni received a bachelor's degree from the Newark campus of Rutgers University

and a law degree from the Rutgers Law School. He was a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the American Association of Retired Persons chapter in Fanwood.

His wife, Anna Bozer DiVoni, and a sister, Mary, are deceased.

Surviving are a brother, Alfred A.; and a niece.

Services were held Friday at Madison Memorial Home.

Margaret Malanga

WESTFIELD — Margaret K. Kovach Malanga, 79, died Jan. 11, 2002 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. She retired in 1987 after 15 years as a reader with Newsweek magazine at its Livingston office.

She was born in Morgantown, W.Va., and lived in Westfield before moving to West Orange in 1952.

Mrs. Malanga earlier was a reader for six years with Burrelle's Press Clipping Service in Livingston. She also was for seven years a service assistant in Westfield with the former New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.

Surviving are two sons, Gary D. and Dean G.; two sisters, Julia Guiles and Irene Boyer; and two brothers, William Kovach and James Kovach.

Deceased are her husband, Donald D.; another son, Bruce A.; another sister, Helen Evans; and another brother, Andrew Kovach.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, West Orange, following services at Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home of Livingston. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Donations may be sent to a charity of your choice.

Robert A. White

WESTFIELD — Robert A. White, 80, died Jan. 13, 2002 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. He retired in 1982 as vice president of the Marco Chemical Co. in Linden, a division of United States Steel Corp.

Mr. White, who was born in Bayonne, lived in Roselle and Westfield before moving to Cranford in 1988.

He played golf as a member of the Suburban Golf Club in Union and the Scotch Hills Men's Golf Association in Scotch Plains. Mr. White was an aircraft engineering officer in the Army Air Corps during World War II; he transferred to the Army Reserve in 1946 and held the rank of captain on his retirement from the reserves in 1960.

He was an usher for Masses at

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church and a member of that parish's senior citizens club.

His wife, Rose McCurnin White, died in 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Parker and husband Steven of Westfield and Sister Kathleen of Lutherville, Md.; two sons, Robert P. and wife Linda of Roselle and James C. of Ocean Grove; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, followed by a Mass at Holy Trinity Church. Burial was private.

Donations may be sent to Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore, 2229 W. Joppa Road, Lutherville, MD 21093 or Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1034 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083.

Linda Riccardo-Scott

SCOTCH PLAINS — Linda Riccardo-Scott, 57, died Jan. 11, 2002 at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank. A past president of the Holmdel Board of Education, she taught French and Spanish classes at Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Holmdel in 1982.

Mrs. Riccardo-Scott received a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree from Monmouth University. She was

a member of the Holmdel Historical Society and Phi Mu sorority.

Surviving are her former husband, Dr. George Scott; her mother, Garentina Guerrieri; a son, Air Force Capt. Gregory Scott; four daughters, Allison Scott-Walenski, Andrea Scott O'Sullivan, Cara Lynn Scott and Jaime Lynn Scott; and a sister, Ann Holzberger.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Catharine's Roman Catholic Church in Holmdel. Burial was in Holmdel Cemetery with arrangements by Holmdel Funeral Home.

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Rev. Hugh Livengood; priest, WWII officer

WESTFIELD — Rev. Hugh Livengood, 86, a World War II Army officer who became an Episcopal priest later in life, died Saturday at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge.

He was ordained in 1965 and for 30 years was associate rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. After his retirement Rev. Livengood became interim rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Little Silver; St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Roselle; and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, in Prince Town, Trinidad and Tobago. He was a lay minister at St. John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth before entering the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan.

As a first lieutenant with the Third Armored Division he participated in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day in 1944. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and spent 18 years with Edgcomb Steel Corp. before entering the ministry.

Rev. Livengood was a trustee of the former Elizabeth General Medical Center, where his father and grandfather were on the medical staff. The hospital honored him with its Humanitarian Recognition Award in 1995 for "his passion for community service and his unwavering belief in philanthropy."

He graduated in 1933 from the Pingry School, which has campuses in Short Hills and Bernards Township. His father, his sons and a granddaughter also attended Pingry.

Rev. Livengood was a trustee of Pingry School; the Vail-Deane School; Evergreen Cemetery; the Pruden Foundation; the YMCA of Elizabeth; and the Jackson Foundation. He served two terms on the 12th District Legal Ethics Committee.

A native of Elizabeth, Rev. Livengood lived in Westfield for more than 30 years before moving to Basking Ridge. He also maintained a summer home for many years in Frankford Township.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Winifred Wrightson Smith; a daughter, Rebecca Anne Smith of Syracuse, N.Y.; two sons, Horace Rutherford Smith of South Orange and John Christian Smith of Washington, D.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at St. Paul's Church. Burial was private with arrangements by Gray Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, NJ 07090 or the Benevolent Fund of Fellowship Village, 8000 Fellowship Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

Cheryl Ann Kennedy

SCOTCH PLAINS — Cheryl Ann Kennedy, 51, died Jan. 1, 2002 at her home in Elizabeth. She had been a bookkeeper with Ventronics in Kenilworth and more recently with the Salvation Army at its Union office.

A native of Plainfield, she lived in Scotch Plains and Kenilworth before moving to Elizabeth.

Mrs. Kennedy received an associate's degree in divinity from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She was a youth group leader at Clinton Hill Baptist Church in Union.

She sang in the choir of Raritan Road Baptist Church in Cranford and with an all-woman Sweet Adelines ensemble in

Madison. Mrs. Kennedy was active in the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

Surviving are her husband, Kevin J.; a son, Matthew; a daughter, Kimberly; a brother, Gary; a sister, Barbara; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 7:30 tonight at Raritan Road Baptist Church, 611 Raritan Road, Cranford.

Arrangements are by Rossi Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Huxsa St., Linden, NJ 07036 or American Diabetes Association, Northwest Regional Chapter, 19 School House Road, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Frank H. Erny

FANWOOD — Services will be held for Frank H. Erny, 76, who died Jan. 11, 2002 at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla. He had been with the Union County Road Department for 25 years, retiring in 1976 as a foreman in its Westfield yard.

Mr. Erny was born in Berkeley Heights. He lived in Fanwood and Orlando, Fla., before moving to Vero Beach six months ago.

He served in the Navy aboard the USS Antietam in the Pacific and North Atlantic during World War II. Mr. Erny was a parishioner of St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Orlando.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Mildred; a daughter, Sharon Monast of Orlando; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Strunk Funeral Home in Vero Beach.

Rose M. Greco

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rose M. Del Roio Greco died Jan. 13, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been a lifelong Scotch Plains resident and worked in war production for General Motors Corp. during World War II.

Her husband, Domenic, died in 1988.

Mrs. Greco is survived by a

daughter, Denise M.; and two sisters, Clara Manna and Helen Pellingier.

Services were held yesterday at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Briefs

Grief recovery series begins Feb. 10

CRANFORD — For the fourth time, the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue presents a series of workshops on "Grief Recovery."

Workshops are 7-9 p.m. Sunday for six weeks beginning Feb. 10. Admission to each is free.

Facilitators are Betsy Koehler, Susan McNulty, the Rev. Valencia Norman, Gwen Perri, Anne Russo, Dale Schoustra, Rosemary Schultz, Dr. Virginia Waters, Patti Williams, Kim Woelpper and Jennifer Winter.

For more information, phone Williams at (908) 709-1341 or the church at (908) 276-8440.

Legal Notices

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
(In compliance with open public meetings act-chapter 231, P.L. 1975)
Notice is hereby given by the Environmental Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains of the following Scheduled Meetings:

January 14, 2002
February 11, 2002
March 11, 2002
April 8, 2002
May 13, 2002
June 10, 2002
July 8, 2002
August 12, 2002
September 9, 2002
October 28, 2002
November 25, 2002
December 9, 2002
All meetings are held at 8:00 pm on the second floor of the Municipal Building, Room 202, located at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.
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The Record-Press welcomes submitted photographs — color or black-and-white — of community events, and to accompany wedding and anniversary announcements.

For a photo to be considered for publication, individuals in the picture must be identified and clearly visible. Please do not send irretrievable photos.

Photos can be sent to: The Record-Press, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876.

If you would like your photo returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Photos sent without a stamped envelope will not be returned through the mail.

If you would like to request a photographer at a community event, contact us at least 48 hours prior to the event and we will try to schedule a photographer. If you would like a reprint of a photograph taken by a staff photographer, call the photo department at (908) 575-6708 for a reprint request form.

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6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship
7:30pm Wens. Worship/Bible Study
7:30pm Sat. Pentecostal Prayer
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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Dixieland jazz concert at library

BERNARDSVILLE — The Bernardsville Library Association will kick off its centennial celebration with a free concert at the Bernardsville Library featuring Ken Salvo and the Banjo Ragtimers Dixieland Jazz Trio at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20.

The performance will survey American popular music from the early 1900s, when the Library Association was founded, and the audience will be invited to sing along. Former Bernardsville resident Beth Fischer will also make a guest appearance.

Salvo is the leader and driving force behind the Banjo Ragtimers Dixieland Jazz Trio. He is a Basking Ridge resident who plays the plectrum banjo. He began his career at age sixteen playing in Chicago nightspots called The Red Garter and The Gaslight Club. He has performed with The Original Dukes of Dixieland and in places ranging from Carnegie Hall to a theme park in Nagasaki, Japan. His banjo ragtimers group specializes in vintage music from the 1890's to the 1940's.

Fischer is a singer who now lives in New York City. She teaches music and singing to children and has sung at Lincoln Center in the National Chorus.

Tickets to the concert are available at the library circulation desk. For more information call the library at (908)766-0118.

Computer show is set for Monday

SOMERSET — MarketPro, the largest promoter of computer shows in the country, will be returning to the Garden State Exhibit Center.

The computer show will be held Monday, Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Garden State Exhibit Center (50 Atrium Drive).

The MarketPro computer show and sale provides consumers with savings up to 80 percent off retail prices on IBM and PC compatible equipment, printers, Internet, scanners, modems, monitors, multimedia, drivers, cards, cables, connectors, software, CD-Rom drives, disks, supplies and accessories.

Computer enthusiasts can enjoy a diverse selection of quality products at competitive prices and learn about the latest that developments technology has to offer.

This event provides a forum for today's computer user to meet face-to-face with a wide variety of computer and technology wholesalers, retailers and distributors selling the latest products at better-than-retail prices.

Admission is \$7 for adults and children under 12 are free with an adult.

For additional information call Erica (201)825-2229.

Doll, teddy bear show scheduled for Feb. 23

BRIDGEWATER — The 22nd Annual Doll and Teddy Bear Show will be held next month at the Somerset County 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, three miles west of Somerville off Route 202.

The time is Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3.50 per person.

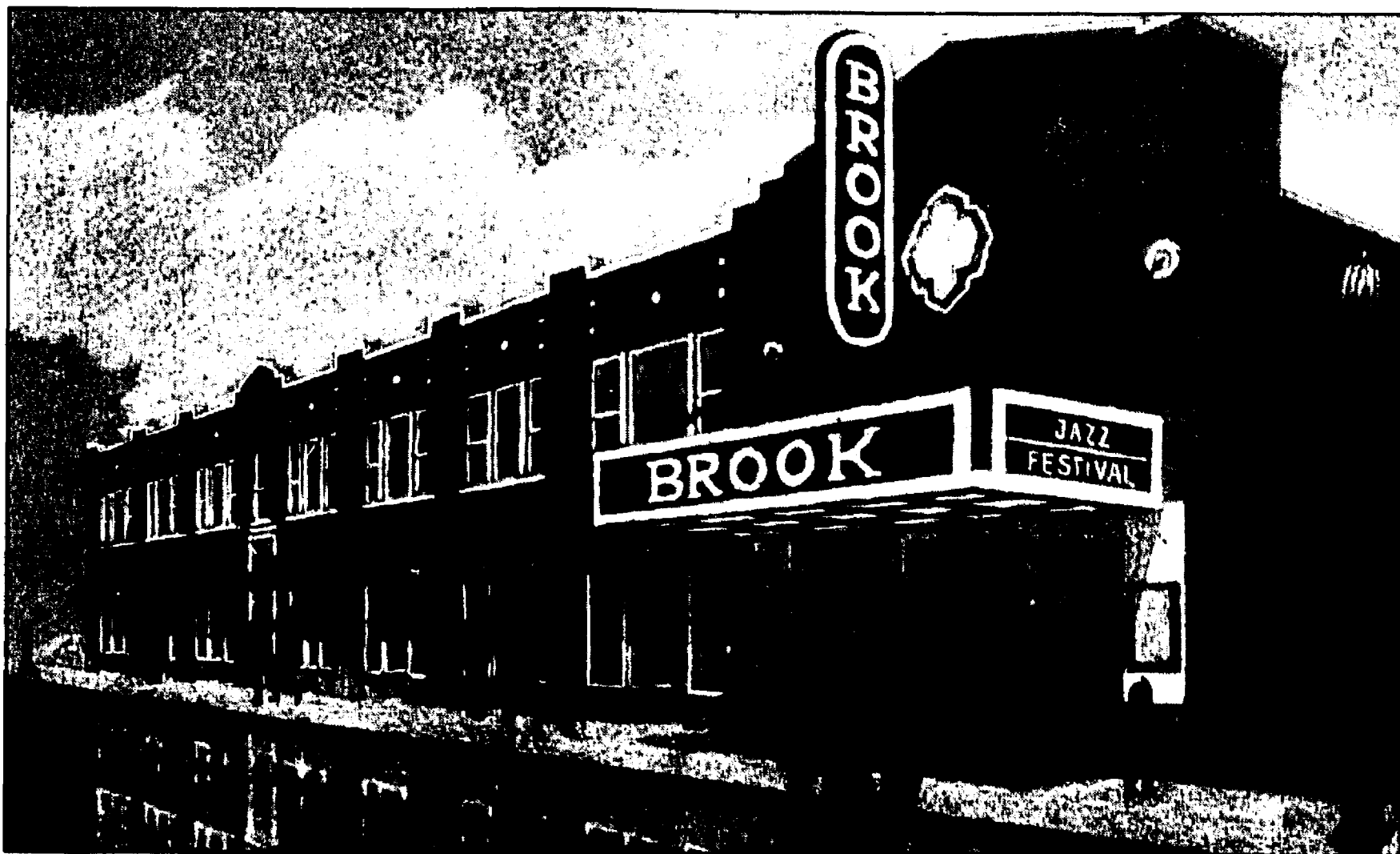
The Somerset County 4-H Exchange Club sponsors the event, has again signed many dealers from around the tri-state area as well as the East Coast. Dealers will sell a variety of dolls and teddy bears to include antiques, modern collectibles, reproductions, and doll accessories.

Expert doll appraiser Liz Pierce will be on hand again this year to appraise your precious dolls and let you know the value and history behind the doll. The charge for her service will be \$5 per doll.

There will also be a judged exhibit of dolls and teddy bears. Anyone may enter; the fee is \$2 per entry. There are many categories with rosettes awarded to the best entry in each.

There will be door prizes, a lunch counter and baked goods.

For more information, call Deb Metting at (609)466-8005. On the day of the show call (908)526-8242.



The revival of the Brook Theatre is considered a key in the recovery of Bound Brook after Hurricane Floyd.

A happy birthday for The Brook

Bound Brook landmark will relive days of glory this weekend

By CHAD HEMENWAY

PRIME TIME

BOUND BROOK — "Bound Brook turned out en masse for the opening of the Brook Theatre on Wednesday evening."

"Every one of the thirteen hundred odd seats were occupied and the foyer held another hundred or so who saw the show standing behind the marble balustrade which flanks the row of seats in the auditorium."

"Hamilton Street looked like Broadway at eleven o'clock. Cars were parked for blocks in every direction..."

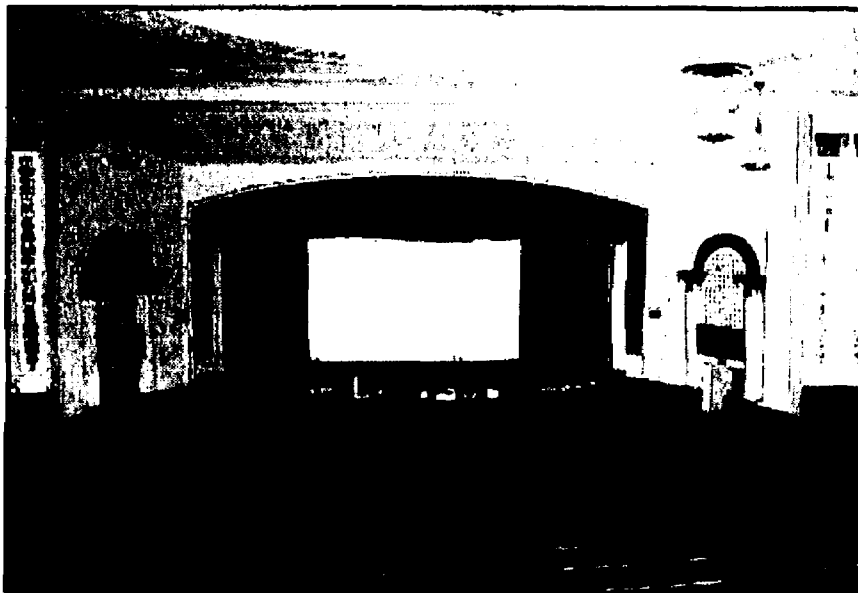
So reported *The Bound Brook Chronicle* on Friday, Jan. 21, 1927 - two days after the Brook Theatre enjoyed its grand opening.

The Bound Brook Theatre, now the Brook Arts Center, hopes Bound Brook residents and those from surrounding communities pack the old vaudeville house again this weekend in appreciation of its 75th Anniversary. Booked as a Diamond Jubilee Celebration, a schedule of assorted exciting events is planned for Jan. 19-20 and Executive Director Gerry Appel hopes the streets will be as alive as they were 75 years ago.

The efforts to make it so started only a few weeks ago when Appel and his volunteer staff learned of the theater's landmark birthday. Since then, Appel said a group of about 25-30 people feverishly brainstormed to come up with the weekend's schedule and calls were made to various theater groups for booking.

"It was a great effort that symbolizes the great love people have for this theater. Everyone worked together amazingly. They came up with ideas that I never would have," Appel said.

The result is a weekend of activities, ranging from kids' shows to vaudeville acts like the ones originally performed in the theater. A ventriloquist, magi-



The glories of the interior of the Brook Theatre.

cian, dog act, history tour, opera, face painting, and feasts accompany non-stop action highlighted by the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and silent films featuring Buster Keaton with a live organ. Appel said a 75th Anniversary quilt will also be made.

The anniversary could not have come at a better time for Appel and his crew, for the non-profit Brook Arts Center is looking to buy the Brook Theatre in order to spend the \$2.4 million that was given to them by Economic Development Agency to refurbish the auditorium. The money has been sitting until the organization can raise the \$600,000 needed to buy the vaudeville house but Appel said that time is nearing with assurance to his public that although the Brook may seem quiet at times, much work is being done.

"Things are falling into place that people can't see. We are always on the phone with theater producers and prospective donors. As far as buying the building, it's a little more time and a little more of a financial commitment," Appel said.

Proof of this is in Managing Director William Kraus. Huddled in a cold, cramped office, it is easy to mistake the

receiver of a cordless telephone as a permanent appendage to Kraus's hand as he is constantly talking to corporate investors and people wanting to reserve seats for shows.

Organizations such as the Alliance Repertory Company and the Garden State Theatre Organ Society have already partnered with the theater with

other theater groups such as The Shoestring Players.

Patti Murtha of South River, Associate Director of The Shoestring Players and coordinator of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" this weekend, is pleased to be back in the theater once again.

"My first encounter with the theater was at the age of 16 when I began to go to see "Rocky Horror" on Saturday nights. After a few months of watching, I was asked to join the cast and I played Riff-Raff for two years after that," said Murtha.

"I will never forget walking into the auditorium for the first time. I was simply awestruck by the beauty and potential of the space. It really is magnificent. Being involved with this project at the ground level is really an honor," she added, with appreciation that the theater is in good hands with Appel overseeing restoration.

It is the memories of those who have been to or grown up with the theater that Appel attributes to the spirit of its resurrection. Countless numbers of people arriving at the theater to see a performance or volunteer

to clean up have told Appel their stories and memories.

"The history of this place is amazing. We're still learning about the people who have been through the doors to either act in or see performances. One night a woman came up to me and said, 'I met my husband in the back row of this theater.' That is what it's all about. This theater has been a huge part of the lives of this community and it shall be once again," Appel said.

Certainly Appel and surrounding businesses would like to hear quotes in the future similar to this one from one sarcastic theater visitor on opening night, 1927.

"Say, where am I? Surely this isn't Bound Brook! Something sure has happened to the old town. Makes me think I should hire a taxi and steer for a cabaret."

There are plenty of tickets available for the weekend activities. Ticket prices for each event vary. The Brook Theatre is located at 10 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook. For more information, visit www.brookarts.org or call (732) 469-7700.



The recent production of "Ain't Misbehavin'" in the Brook's lobby had the whole joint jumping.

A weekend of events to celebrate The Brook's 75th anniversary

**Saturday
Jan. 19**

**10 a.m.
Kid's Birthday Party for the Brook**

A magic show, face painting and other activities for children of all ages. Birthday cake and refreshments provided. Cost: \$6.

**1 and 3 p.m.
"Harriet Tubman"**

Children's Theatre, presented by the nationally-acclaimed "Sail Productions," celebrates Martin Luther King's birthday. Cost: \$6.

5 p.m.

Official Proclamation
Community leaders meet to celebrate the renaissance of the Brook and the surrounding community. Free

**6 p.m.
A Taste of Bound Brook**
Buffet Dinner. Bound Brook restaurants and caterers will be presenting their signature dishes. Cost: \$15.

**8 p.m.
Vaudeville Returns to the Brook**
The Brook returns to its roots! Relive the era of the flappers-with a return to the entertainment and charm of the early 20th century. Live singing, dancing, comedy and burlesque. Cost: \$15.

**12 midnight
"Rocky Horror Picture Show"**
Bring your toast, your rice, and be prepared to sing and dance with Brad and Janet. Cost: \$8.

**Sunday
Jan. 20**

**1 p.m.
History Lecture and Tour**
A presentation revealing the history of this area with a focus on the early 20th century. Includes a theatre tour! Free.

**2:30 p.m.
Silent Films and Organ Recital**
Presented by the Garden State Theatre Organ Society. Before the

"talkies" arrived, our grandparents and great-grandparents spent many hours with the silent masters of the silver screen. Show features Buster Keaton films: "The Balloonatic" & "Cops." Cost: \$8

**6 p.m.
An Italian Feast**
Celebrating Bound Brook's Italian heritage and residents. Dinner and entertainment. Cost: \$15.

**8 p.m.
Opera**
Live performances from favorite operas reminding us of the numerous operas staged through the years at the Brook. Cost: \$20.

Theater

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(732) 246-7717;
www.georgestplayhouse.org
• "Waiting for Tadashi," world premiere of drama by Velina Hasu Houston. To Feb. 3. Admission \$45-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn
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• "The Dinner Party," New Jersey premiere of Neil Simon comedy. To Feb. 10. Admission \$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.
UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER
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www.ucac.org

• "Freedom Train," or the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. 1 p.m. Jan. 19. Admission \$9.
WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS
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• "The Unexpected Guest," murder mystery by Dame Agatha Christie. 8 p.m. Jan. 18, 19. Admission \$12.

COMING UP

STATE THEATRE
15 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• "Titanic," musical that hit Broadway around the same time as the record-breaking movie. 8 p.m. Jan. 25; 3 and 8 p.m. Jan. 26. Admission \$50-\$22. Related lecture 2 p.m. Jan. 26; admission \$6.

For Kids

CATHY FINK/MARCY MARKER
1 and 3:30 p.m. Jan. 20
Theatre at Raritan Valley
Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
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www.raritanval.edu/theatre
• Children's performers of some note. Admission \$9.
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11 a.m. Jan. 20, 26, Feb. 2,

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314 Main St., Metuchen
(732) 548-0582
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GOODNIGHT OPUS
1 and 4 p.m. Jan. 27
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• Opus the penguin (from the comic strip "Bloom County") goes off into the night. Admission \$14, \$12.

Concerts

BANJO RAGTIMERS
3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20
Bernardsville Public Library
Route 202, Bernardsville
(908) 766-0118
• Dixieland trio led by Ken Salvo. Free admission; tickets required.
BENNY!
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19
Somerset County Vo-Tech
Vogt Dr., Bridgewater
(908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219
• Benny Goodman tribute concert with Dan Levinson, Mark Shaine, Frank Vignola, Chuck Redd, Greg Cohen and Kevin Dorn. Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.
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3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20
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HOT SOUP
3 and 8 p.m. Jan. 26
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190
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THE IMPROVABLES
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25
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MILLSTONE VALLEY CHORUS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18
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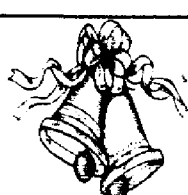
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Asking her was easy; buying the ring is difficult

(NAPSI)-Engagement season is in full swing from November to February, and men across the country are facing one of the most expensive, emotionally-taxing challenges of their lives.

Deciding to commit to one woman for the rest of their life is often easy compared to the stress of choosing the perfect engagement ring, as this may be the first time that many men purchase a serious piece of jewelry. In a recent survey of men, 60 percent claimed that they find jewelry buying stressful, and 75 percent say they "don't know what they're doing" when buying jewelry. What's more, 51 percent of men feel like they must be educated, or they will "get taken" when purchasing their engagement ring.

With all there is to know about diamonds, where do men start, and how do they get the best value, especially in today's tough economy? Until recently, guys had three sources offering advice on how to buy diamonds: high-end jewelers, mall retail stores and diamond wholesalers. But now guys everywhere have a fourth viable option: online jewelers like Blue Nile, the leading online retailer in the diamond and fine jewelry category.

Blue Nile provides a stress-free way for men to get the education and guidance they need on diamonds and fine jewelry, without running the gauntlet of high-pressure salespeople. Robin Codner, Blue Nile director of merchandising, says that many men spend hours on the site familiarizing themselves with jewelry terminology and the different types of diamonds available.

"Men approach jewelry shopping from a very practical viewpoint. They love being able to compare the 'specs' of the different diamonds," said Codner.

Of course, it helps that Blue Nile has the largest selection of ideal cut diamonds available in the U.S. Because Blue Nile lacks the high operating costs of traditional jewelers, it can offer a higher quality diamonds at a much greater value—often at savings of 20 to 40 percent.

Codner suggests buying the diamond first, then the setting, to ensure the highest quality and lowest price on an engagement ring. Blue Nile makes this process easy with its interactive "Ring Builder."

Codner offers the following tips on how to succeed at diamond buying:

Trust and Quality

There is a lot of trust involved in purchasing a diamond. It's a very expensive purchase for most people and they want to be sure that they are getting what they paid for. Codner advises determining whether the diamond has been certified by a respected, independent diamond grading lab, such as the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) or the American Gem Society (AGS). The certification will confirm the characteristics and quality of the diamond and allow for comparison shopping. Also, a 30-day return policy can help ensure peace of mind.

Learn the basics

The shopper needs to understand what he is buying. It's essential to learn the meaning of the four "C's"—cut, color, clarity, and carat weight. Learning and prioritizing these traits will help the shopper find the

best diamond within his budget. For example, if carat weight is the most important attribute, he might want to consider compromising a little on clarity or color, two aspects which are often hard to judge with the naked eye.

A free and comprehensive source of information is available at www.bluenile.com.

Set a budget and stick with it.

While the four C's are a start, there's a fifth "C" that's equally important—cost. Establishing a budget before the first shopping trip will help put the options in perspective and ensure that the shopper doesn't spend more than he originally intended. Codner

suggests using the two-month's salary convention as a guideline or starting point.

Once the shopper has decided on the specifications of the diamond, he should then comparison shop at different places to ensure he gets the best deal.

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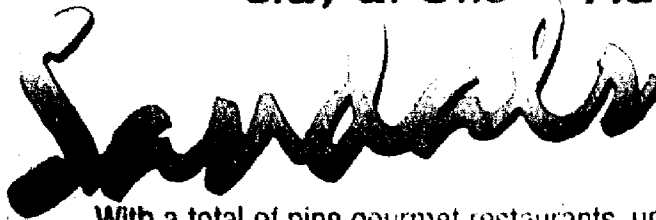
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Sports

Teamwork has Devils reaching new heights

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Everyone expected the Westfield High boys basketball team to be better this season, but few outside of the Devils' locker room foresaw the torrid start the squad has gotten off to.

Behind an outstanding overall team game the Blue Devils have stormed out to a 9-1 start, are 6-0 in Watchung Conference play and with Tuesday's 73-62 victory over Irvington have clinched a state tournament berth for the first time in 10 years.

Senior center Dan DeSerio's 33 points, Jay Cook's 25 and a key three-pointer from Jim McKeon late in the fourth quarter lifted Westfield past Irvington and to their fifth straight win. The Devils defeated Union 50-43 Saturday, behind 24 points from DeSerio and 17 from Cook and pulled away in the fourth quarter to drop Scotch Plains 63-51 Jan. 10 on the strength of 27 points from DeSerio and 19 from junior guard Eric Turner.

"I thought we would come out strong," said DeSerio, who's averaging 28.2 points per game over his last five games. "It's definitely the easiest half of our schedule. (The next two weeks) is a test to see if we are as good as we think we are. We'll see where we stand. We think we can play with anybody."

They'll find out quickly enough. The Blue Devils began the toughest stretch of their schedule yesterday, hosting East Side — the conference's top squad led by Villanova-bound senior Randy Foye. After traveling to 2-7 Kearny tomorrow, Westfield will host Elizabeth 4 p.m. Tuesday, travel

to Plainfield 4 p.m. Thursday, host Cranford in the rivalry's rubber match 7 p.m. Jan. 26 and meet Linden, who just added 6 foot 8 Jakeel Gary to the lineup, for the second time Jan. 29. Of those six games, four come against potential state tournament opponents.

While Westfield has benefited from another year's experience — returning five starters from last year's 9-12 team — and the chemistry that goes along with it as well as solid bench play from Adam Turner and Billy Shultz, the biggest difference in this year's squad is the level of confidence in themselves and each other they take into every game.

A strong summer campaign and the fast start this winter has bolstered the team's belief in each other and heightened the commitment to team success over individual statistics. The Blue Devils can all knock down the open jumper, DeSerio and Cook can score inside and point guard Louis Mercer can penetrate the lane to open up shots for others or score when the offense breaks down.

DeSerio is the leading scorer at 22.3 points per game, with Cook averaging 14.1, Eric Turner 10.3 and Jim McKeon 8.8.

"People put in the individual effort to believe in the team concept and trust each other," said Head Coach Kevin Everly. "They're playing as a team and looking to make the extra pass instead of worrying about individual scoring. They see when we give up shots for better shots we can win. They've seen we can win by being unselfish and that's been a key for us."

Gaining that confidence and changing the culture of a program that hasn't had a winning

season in 12 years was the biggest obstacle Westfield had to overcome. DeSerio, Cook, McKeon and Eric Turner have been starting since the 1999-2000 season when Westfield struggled through a 4-15 campaign and then a 3-10 start last year. But in one afternoon it all turned around for Westfield with a 67-59 victory over Linden Jan. 25, 2001 — the Devils first over the Tigers in 15 years. Since that day, Westfield has won 14 of its last 17 games.

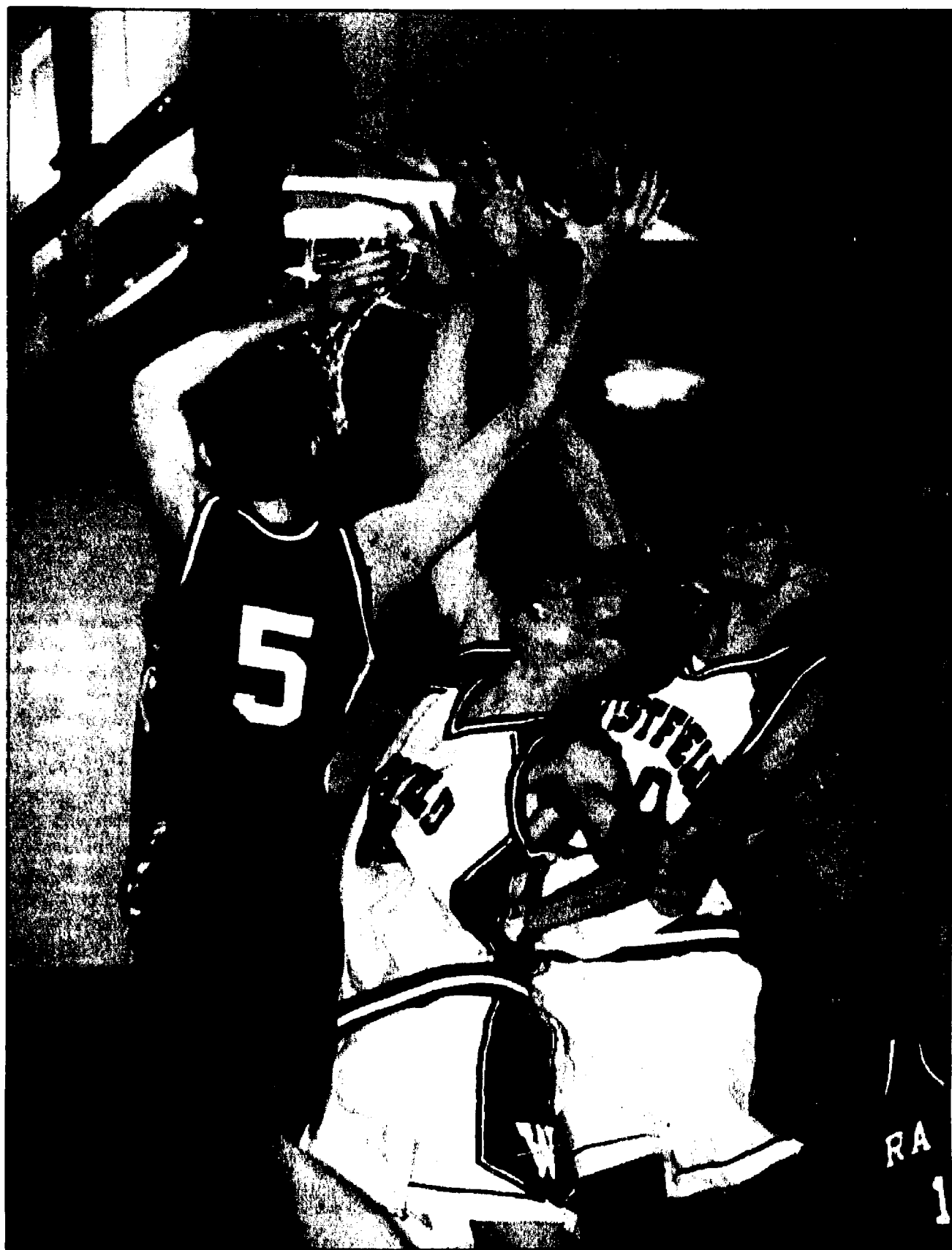
"That was the biggest win of the season last year," said DeSerio. "They were ranked fairly high in the state at the time and it was an eye-opener for us to see the potential we did have."

"I think the confidence built over the summer. We played well and beat some quality teams — teams we hadn't beaten in recent years. It's not cockiness. We just go into games not scared. We know what we are capable of doing."

What they've done is beat every team they've faced this season and introduce a new breed of confidence into Westfield basketball.

"One of the things I've tried to change is the mentality at Westfield," said Everly. "People play basketball at Westfield because they enjoy the game and like to compete, but they don't come in with the mentality to compete for state or county championships. One of my goals has been to change that."

"We've had success because these kids have worked at it — they've really work at it. If you put the extra time in you can win. Hopefully this team has proved that and can change the attitude around Westfield basketball."



Dan DeSerio (middle) and Jay Cook block the shot of Scotch Plains' Mike Brennan in Westfield's 63-51 victory over the Raiders Jan. 10. Westfield won five straight to improve to 9-1.

Blue Devils, Raiders tie for county relay crown

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

ELIZABETH — With a narrow victory in the final race the Westfield High boys track team was able to tie Scotch Plains for the Union County Relay Championships at Dunn Arena in Elizabeth Jan. 9.

The Westfield quartet of Richard Miller, Alexis Gonzalez, Earl Lambert and Diano Reavis won the seeded heat in 3:52.3, edging Scotch Plains, who ran in an unseeded heat by seven-tenths of a second. Each team finished with 35 points.

Union, one of the favorites heading into the meet, finished third with 33 points, with

Linden taking fourth (24) and Roselle (23) rounding out the top five.

Westfield also posted a third place finish in the 880 yard relay in 1:45.2, took fourth in the two-mile relay in 9:14, fourth in the distance medley in 12:11.0 and earned a surprise victory in the team high jump when Adam Wendell and Lambert combined for 11-2.

The sprint medley squad of Miller, LaQuan McCoy, Reavis and James Bridgeman was put together at the last minute and eked out a valuable point. The Devils also edged out Union in the distance medley, saving another all to valuable point. Dan Driscoll and Alex Barrett

ran key legs on the distance medley.

"The team result was a surprise, but the performances were not," said Westfield Head Coach Jack Martin. "We figured to be in those events, the ones we did well in, but I thought Union would finish first. They had a couple bad breaks."

"We have some depth in the sprints, and track and field is a sprint oriented event. Winning the high jump was a big plus for us also."

Scotch Plains took fourth in the 880 in 1:45.4, second in the mile relay (3:53), third in the two-mile relay (9:12), fourth in the sprint medley (4:11.5), second in the distance medley

(11:34.3), and tied for third in the shuttle hurdles (34.9).

It was the second year in a row the Raiders have tied for the team championship, and while pleased with having at least a share of the championship, Scotch Plains Head Coach Rich McGriff felt the Raiders missed out on an opportunity.

"It was there to win," said McGriff. "We should have won high jump, but we couldn't clear the opening height. And we were in the slow heat in some of the races."

Running in the slower heat on the 880 yard relay, Scotch Plains star Ray Williams, in his first race in Elizabeth, ran into

a lot of congestion and tried passing on a turn, a no-no at the Dunn Arena. Scotch Plains finished two-tenths of a second behind Westfield.

"We put in honest seed times, everyone else lies," said McGriff. "It's a big issue every year. People get disqualified all the time. Not to take anything away from Westfield. They ran in the heats they deserved to be in. Westfield didn't get an advantage because of lying."

Both squads turn their attention towards the group championships Sunday at Jadwin Gym in Princeton. McGriff is hoping the Raiders can finish as high as third, knowing it will be difficult to

defeat Camden during the winter season.

He's hoping to see Williams compete for three championships, in the 55 meter dash, the high jump and the 400, where he is the clear favorite. Williams will also run on the mile relay. Bob Wallden will compete for the two-mile title and could place in the mile and Chris Feighner has a strong shot to advance to the Meet of Champions in the shot put.

Martin is hoping to see Reavis place in the 400 and would like to see the mile relay squad place. Dan Lyons in the 800 and Adam Wendell in the high jump also have a strong chance to place.



In control

Scotch Plains' Matt DeNichilo won three matches last week and will lead the Raiders into today's 5 p.m. home meet with Linden. Scotch Plains and Westfield put local bragging rights on the line Wednesday.

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After starting out the season strong the Westfield High bowling team has been slowed by illness but the Devils are hoping to return to form soon and reassert themselves as one of the best teams in the state.

Returning the entire starting lineup from a squad that finished fifth in the state last year, Westfield started the season with a second place finish at the prestigious Bishop Ahr Tournament Dec. 8, falling 13 pins shy of Brick Memorial.

Hosting a tournament for the first time, Westfield struggled at the Westfield Invitational Dec. 15, finishing 11th in a house they usually don't bowl well in.

When the Blue Devils traveled to the Brick Tournament at Ocean Lanes the illnesses which are still effecting the team began. Without three varsity starters, in a tournament

Bowling



that requires six bowlers instead of the usual five, Westfield showed its depth and managed an 11th place finish in the 50 team field, and stood in second place after the first game.

With an 11-3 dual meet record, and holding the lead in the Watchung Conference National Division race, Westfield is looking forward to getting healthy and showing off the state championship potential it displayed earlier in the year when it travels back to Caroler Lanes to defend its Mid-Winter Classic title Jan. 26.

"Our first goal is always to win the conference and we're in a position to do that," said Head

Coach Mike Tirone. "The second goal is to win the Mid-Winter Classic. The best in the state will be there and that's a place where we've had some team success and we feel we can do well again."

Leading the squad is juniors Matt Rothstein and Willy Masket, both holding 191 averages. Junior Scott Villa and sophomore Andrew Royston are both averaging 190 and sophomore Brian Sanders is averaging in the low 180's. All five started for Westfield last season.

"To have five outstanding bowlers back, we don't have a weakness," said Head Coach Mike Tirone. "Every team usually has one or two weaknesses. We have a solid, deep team and most of the guys are sophomores or juniors."

Able to fill in at a moments notice are sophomores David Palma (185) and Steve Jacobsen (180) and senior David Louie (178) and Gregg Ralph.

Swensons lead Raiders at Pirate's

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys swim team turned in an impressive fifth place performance at the Pirate Invitational Saturday at The Bubble in West Windsor.

The Raiders garnered 118 points, the third best finish for a New Jersey team behind first place St. Joe's and second place Westfield.

Scotch Plains was led by the Swenson family as Steve became the first Scotch Plains boy to win an event at the Pirate's, taking first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:01.81, edging brother Eric by just over two seconds. Eric was fourth in the race in 1:03.94. Eric Swenson also took fifth in the 200 individual medley in 2:11.02.

Scotch Plains also took a fifth in the 200 free relay in

1:36.53.

WRESTLING

Scotch Plains knocked off county rival Cranford early in the week when Derek Francavilla secured a decision in the final match, and then won two matches at the Patriot Duals in Blairstown Saturday.

Scotch Plains 53, North Warren 21
103: D. Francavilla, S. pinned Carr, 1:19
112: Mineo, S. pinned Lasso, 3:50
119: Connelly, S. pinned Pitala, 3:09
125: Ferrara, S. dec. McMahon, 14:12
130: Swaneveld, N. pinned Bruno, 1:02
135: Kobus, N. pinned Sprague, 4:55
140: Foley, N. pinned Shell, 4:2
145: DeNichilo, S. dec. Smith, 7:3
152: Moore, N. dec. Stender, 3:1
160: Bachi, S. pinned Case, 1:17
171: Silber, S. dec. McIntire, 20:4
189: Fabiano, S. pinned Cadell, 2:27
215: M. Loomis, S. pinned Kise, 30
HWT: A. Loomis, S. pinned Hobbins, 1:45
Scotch Plains 49, Walkill Valley 24
103: D. Francavilla, S. dec. Kistler, 8:0
112: Mineo, S. dec. Burdy, 15:0 (TF, 3:12)
119: Connelly, S. pinned Terrano, 3:24
125: P. Pinto, W. pinned Ferrara, 1:24.

130: Kasa, W. pinned Ferrante, 1:24
135: C. Pinto, W. pinned Shell, 3:3
140: Sprague, S. pinned Woodwood, 2:02
145: DeNichilo, S. dec. DePietri, 10:2
152: Vantassel, W. pinned Stender, 5:30
160: Bachi, S. pinned Sullivan, 1:16
171: Silber, S. pinned Howpessic, 1:50
189: Fabiano, S. won by forfeit
215: M. Loomis, S. won by forfeit
HWT: Kroen, W. dec. A. Loomis, 13:8
Scotch Plains 35, Cranford 31
119: Mineo, S. dec. Crecca, 17:5
125: Connelly, S. dec. Seeman, 5:3
130: Taglia, C. dec. Bruno, 8:0
135: Daly, C. pinned Sprague, 1:18
140: L. Francavilla, S. pinned Aranzazu, 1:34
145: DeNichilo, S. pinned A. Donofrio, 3:25
152: Dambola, C. dec. Stender, 5:4
160: Bachi, S. dec. Daultbert, 7:2
171: Silber, S. dec. Small, 3:0
189: Harris, C. pinned Fabiano, 1:21
215: G. Donofrio, C. pinned Giannicola, 4:5
HWT: Loomis, S. pinned Carbone, 44
103: DeMarco, C. pinned Gaines, 1:12
112: D. Francavilla, S. dec. Murray, 13:0

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Scotch Plains posted an impressive victory over traditional county power Elizabeth Tuesday, winning 42-31 behind 13 points and six rebounds from Hillary Klimowicz.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
E. Gillooly 3-0-0-6, LaForge 1-0-1-3, Pennella 3-0-0-6, Klimowicz 6-0-1-13, Burke 2-0-3-7, M. Gillooly 2-0-0-4, Russell 0-0-3-3
Totals: 17-0-8-42

Scotch Plains 71, Kearny 44 — Hillary Klimowicz led Saturday's rout of Kearny with 27 points and nine rebounds and Kellie LaForge scored 14.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
E. Gillooly 4-0-0-8, LaForge 6-0-2-14, Klimowicz 12-0-3-27, Burke 1-0-0-2, M. Gillooly 4-0-5-13, Feeley 1-0-2-4, DeCataldo 0-1-0-3. Totals: 28-1-12-71

Scotch Plains 19, 13, 14, 25 - 71
Kearny 15 11 9 9 - 44

Scotch Plains 60, Westfield 34 — The Raiders'

freshman trio erupted for 39 combined points to drop Westfield 60-34 Jan. 10. Jackie Cusimano had 16 points for Westfield.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
E. Gillooly 3-0-0-6, Pennella 4-0-4-12, Klimowicz 9-0-0-18, Burke 1-0-0-2, M. Gillooly 3-4-1-19, Feeley 1-0-1-3, Dill 0-0-0-0, Coyle 0-0-0-0, DeCataldo 0-0-0-0, Reddington 0-0-0-0. Totals: 21-4-6-60
Westfield 5 11 10 8 - 34

BOYS BASKETBALL
Scotch Plains came out cold and couldn't get back in the game Tuesday, falling to Elizabeth 63-32. Scotch Plains fell behind by 14 in the first quarter, and trailed by 27 at the half.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
Montgomery 3-0-6-12, Williams 2-0-0-4, Brennan 5-0-0-10, Adams 1-0-0-2, DeCataldo 1-0-0-2, Harrison 1-0-0-2, Mayhew 0-0-0-0. Totals: 13-0-6-32
Elizabeth (8-1) 22 17 13 11 - 63
Scotch Plains (5-6) 8 4 11 9 - 32

Scotch Plains 51, Kearny 31 — The Raiders used a balanced scoring attack to cruise past Kearny 51-31 Saturday.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
Williams 6-0-0-12, Bendik 4-0-0-8, Brennan 5-0-0-10, Hughes 2-0-0-4, Adams 2-1-0-7, DeCataldo 1-2-0-8, Lockery 1-0-0-2. Totals: 21-3-0-51

Scotch Plains 10, 17, 14, 10 - 51
Kearny 7 9 9 6 - 31
Westfield 63, Scotch Plains 51 — The Raiders couldn't hold on to a three-point halftime lead, falling to arch rival Westfield 63-51 Jan. 10.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
Williams 4-0-0-8, Bendik 4-1-0-11, Brennan 7-1-0-17, Hughes 1-0-2-4, Adams 1-0-0-2, DeCataldo 0-3-0-8. Totals: 17-5-2-51

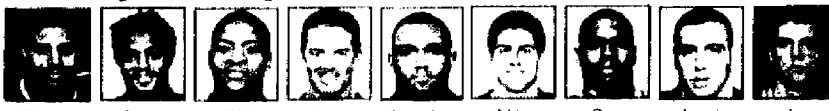
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Scotch Plains 16 17 9 9 - 51

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Coppa, Shen lead Blue Devils to third

The Westfield High boys swimming team turned in an impressive third pace finish at the Pirate Invitational Sunday at The Bubble in West Windsor.

Westfield secured 134 points behind second-place Greenwich (Conn.) who scored 210 and first place St. Joe's (1276), who routed the Devils in a dual meet Jan. 9. 16 of Westfield's 22 swimmers scored points and the Devils scored in every event.

Westfield was led by two third place finishes from Vincent Shen. He took third in the 100 butterfly in 55.99 and third in the 100 backstroke in 57.07. Zack Coppa had a third place finish in the 50 free, finishing in 22.78 and a fourth place finish in the 100 free in 50.88.

Ryan Bartholomew was fifth in the 50 free in 23.12 and Sam Gurdus took sixth in the 100 fly in 57.88. Westfield also took fourth in the 200 medley relay in 1:46.02.

WRESTLING

Westfield improved to 6-2 in dual meets with two victories last week, knocking off Elizabeth 34-33 and Irvington 49-18. The Devils took on Scotch Plains Wednesday.

Westfield 49, Irvington 18
135: Clark, I. pinned Powell, 3:35
140: Loyell, I. dec. Tomaso, 6:3
145: Byrne, W. dec. Yarbough, 10:5
152: Sounina, I. dec. Arbtsman, 5:2
160: McDonald, W. dec. Johnson, 7:5
171: C. Gismond, W. won by forfeit
189: Michele, I. pinned McCabe, 4:57
215: Brito, I. won by forfeit

HWT: N. Gismond, W. pinned Roudette, 3:52
103: Kramer, W. dec. McNeil, 14:5
112: Hewit, W. pinned Macon, 1:11
119: Decampo, W. dec. Gonzalez, 6:4 OT
125: Gale, W. pinned Beckolt, 5:24
130: DeDuca, W. pinned Mallard, 1:24

Westfield 34, Elizabeth 33
135: Powell, W. dec. Halsey, 11:1
140: Tomasso, W. dec. Palano, 11:4
145: Byrne, W. pinned Solo, 1:20
152: McDonald, W. dec. M. Jackson, 14:12
160: Gent, E. pinned Arbtsman, 1:29
171: Gismond, W. pinned Galin, 3:21
189: A. Jackson, E. pinned Barbieri, 1:56
215: Rodriguez, E. dec. McCabe, 11:4
HWT: Cerezo, E. dec. Gismond, 3:1
103: Kramer, W. pinned Ly, 49
112: Ramirez, E. pinned Hewit, 2:45
119: DeCampo, W. pinned Varma, 58
125: Banks, E. pinned Gale, 26
130: Queen, E. dec. DeDuca, 13:1

Westfield Scoring
Cusimano 2-0-3-7, Passananti 1-1-1-6, Venezia 3-0-1-7, Infantino 2-0-4-8, McCrea 0-0-0-0, DePalma 0-0-0-0, LeBlanc 0-0-0-0. Totals: 8-1-1-26

Westfield 50, Union 43 — Westfield rallied back from a one-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat Union 50-43 Saturday.

WESTFIELD SCORING
Cook 5-2-9-25, DeSeno 9-3-6-33, McKean 1-2-7-2, Mercer 1-0-3-5, Jenkins 0-0-1-1, Turner 1-0-2-4. Totals: 17-6-21-73
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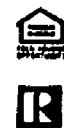
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Automotive/Classified

GMC's Sonoma pickup truck is 20 years old

BY MARK MAYNARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

You can't teach an old dog new tricks, but you can perfect the ones it knows.

That's sort of the story with the GMC Sonoma pickup, which celebrated its 20th birthday in the fall and has had just one significant face lift in all those years.

This old boy, the corporate twin of the Chevrolet S-10, is holding up fairly well.

With such a long production life, it would seem GM could just about give these trucks away, but they've kept the model competitive by dipping into the great GM parts bin and adding desirable features.

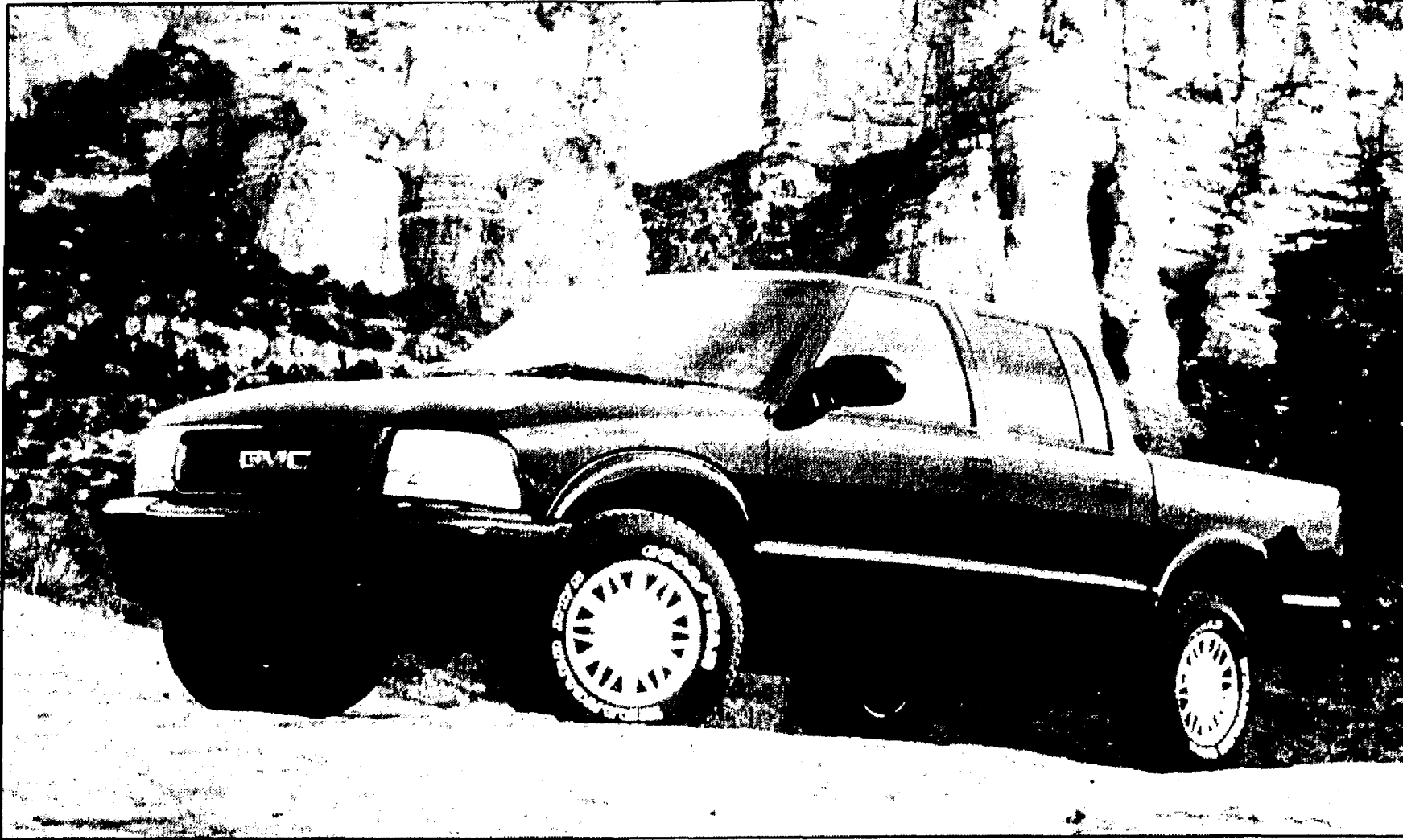
GMC joined the Crew Cab crowd last year when it began offering the Sonoma with full-size back doors with power windows and a lined 4 1/2-foot bed. It's a topline model that comes with a four-speed automatic transmission, Insta-Trac electric shift four-wheel drive and all the power conveniences expected of a passenger car.

Competitors are few but capable: the Toyota Double Cab, Nissan Frontier and, perhaps, the Ford SportTrac, which is an Explorer variant.

Pricing for the Sonoma starts at \$24,858, including a \$585 destination charge. The test truck came with nearly \$3,000 in options, including a locking tonneau cover (\$479) and a bed extender (\$183), which is a tubular barrier that handily corrals luggage or grocery bags and it can be flipped over to rest on the tailgate to add a couple more feet of usable length.

There was only mild sticker shock at the \$27,767 asking price, but I expect transaction prices are somewhat less.

As equipped, the test truck was a high-riding sedan with a very big trunk, which is what



GMC's Sonoma pickup truck is still popular after two decades.

most of the owners of the vehicles prefer.

The back-seat area is big enough to cart around a couple of kids, but the bench rides low and would be more attractive to youngsters if it had GM's elevated theater seating.

The front-seat area has mobile-office capacity with multiple power point plug-ins, cup holders, a long overhead console and useful storage areas for phones and CDs.

It's a cruise-mobile on the

highway and is much smoother on the interstate than the full-size four-wheel-drive Sierra pickup.

The 190-horsepower 4.3-liter V-6 works hard to push the 4,039-pound curb weight and fuel mileage reflects that at 15 mpg city and 20 highway.

Adding the back doors adds 376 pounds over the 3-door extended cab model and the weight gain results in some ungainly handling.

Exiting a freeway ramp loop

at 40 mph, I turned the wheel and the front tires lost grip and let out howls of complaint as they struggled to stay in contact with the road.

It was a situation easily corrected with minor steering adjustments and light braking, but that much unresponsiveness at low speed is not good and only gets worse going faster. Not a good surprise for the driver.

Crew Cab pickups with short beds are more car than truck, often bought by families moving

over from a sedan. So it seems odd that GMC (and Chevy) would only package their Crew Cabs with four-wheel drive, which boosts the price beyond the means of many who would like to have it.

Compared with the Nissan Frontier Crew Cab and Toyota Double Cab, the Sonoma, though showing its age, offers more elbow room for the driver. Back-seat leg room goes to the Tacoma and bed length goes to the Frontier, however.

The big news this model year from Nissan is its Crew Cab, which offers a longer bed at 6.2 feet. Size matters for a truck bed, and a six-footer makes the Crew Cab Long Bed more of a trucker's truck. It makes short-bed pickups seem like a trendy novelty.

Nineteen Frontier configurations are offered, but no regular cab model. Sales had dwindled from 30 percent two years ago to 8 percent last year. As an entry-level truck, the choice now is a King Cab at close to the regular cab price, \$13,339.

Topline 4WD Crew Cabs with the optional 210-hp supercharged 3.3-liter V-6, automatic transmission, leather upholstery and 300-watt Rockford-Fosgate audio system will top out at \$28,637.

The Tacoma Double Cab splits the difference in bed length with a five-footer. Just a mere 6 inches gives it at least the appearance of more function than the 4 1/2-footer on the regular Sonoma.

The Double Cab comes in two models, the SR5 4WD or the two-wheel-drive Prerunner.

The SR5 comes with a 190-hp V-6, 4-speed automatic transmission and many power conveniences for a starting price of \$22,630, including the \$510 destination.

That seems to be a deal, but you'll have to factor in options for air conditioning, cruise control and power windows, mirrors and locks. Transaction prices can be close to \$28,000.

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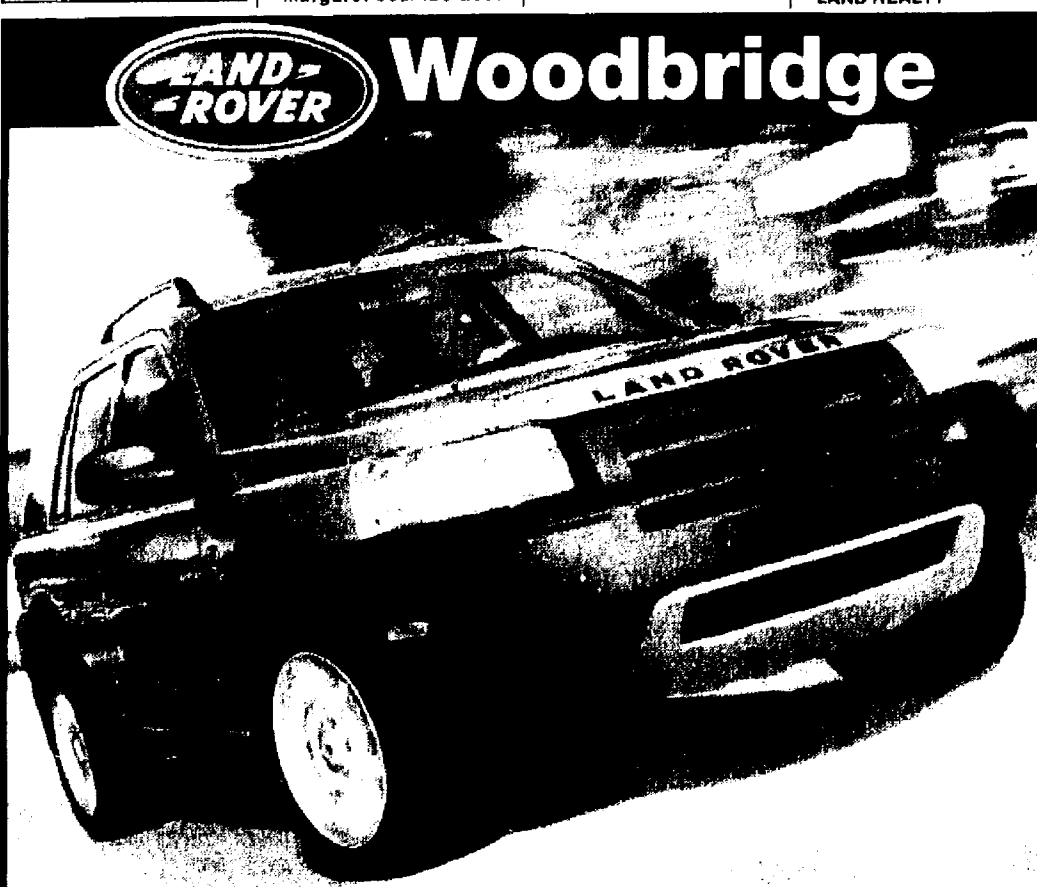
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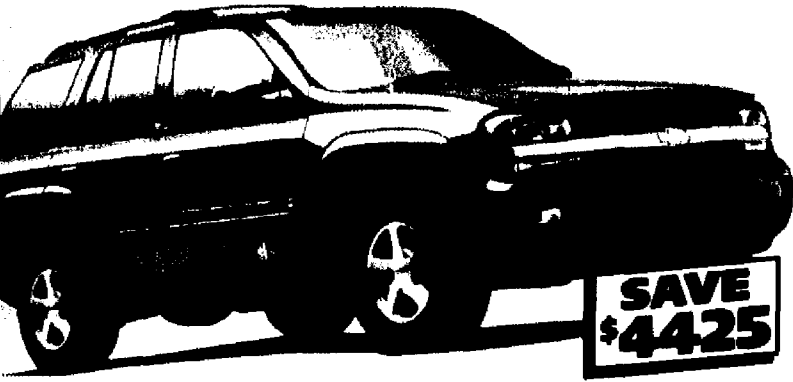
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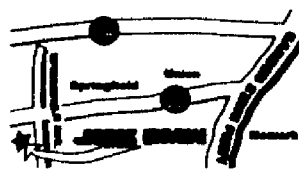


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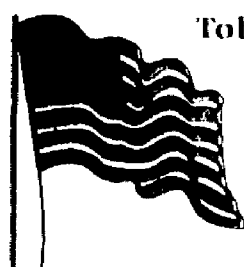
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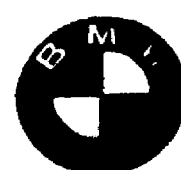
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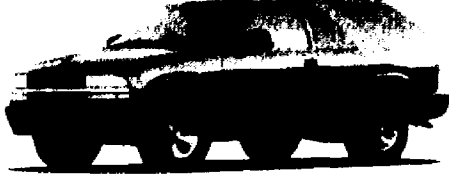
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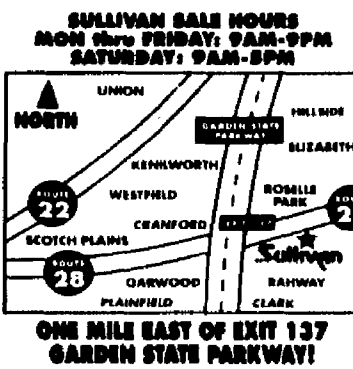
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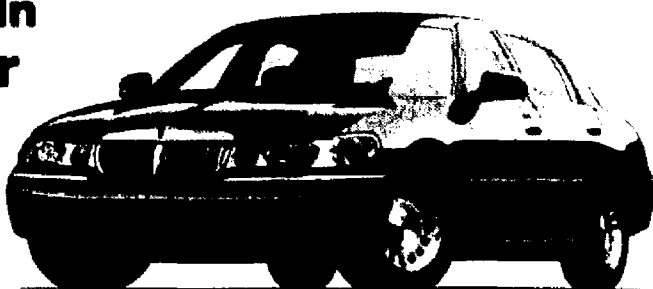


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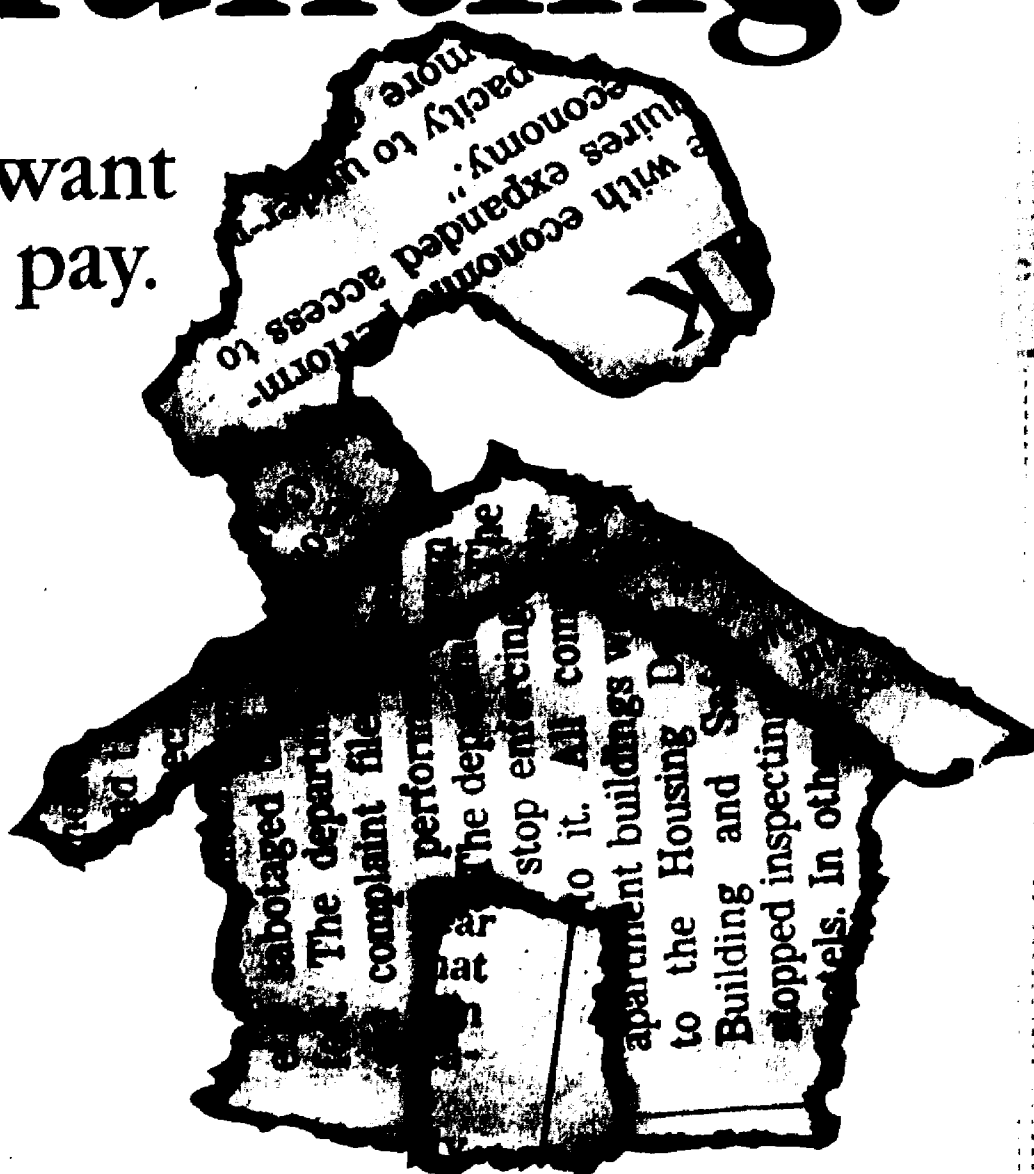
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