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Westfield scales back deck plans

By THOMAS SCOTT
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WESTFIELD — The Town Council decided Tuesday to hire a redevelopment consultant and pursue two parking decks, one each on the north- and south-side of town.

Three prospective parking deck sites have been identified by the Mayor's Parking Advisory Committee. While all three sites were discussed, only

Lots 1 and 8 at Prospect and Elm and Lot 3 at the South Avenue train station have been pegged by the council as the sites for future deck development. Plans for a deck at the Rialto lot were scrapped in a 5-3 vote during the conference session.

The sense of the majority of the council members was that a three-deck proposal was too ambitious.

Those favoring to look at all

three sites for a parking deck were Mayor Gregory McDermott and Councilmen Rafael Betancort and Peter Echausse.

The Traffic Parking and Transportation Committee recently had a presentation on the benefits of proceeding with deck construction under a redevelopment plan.

Patrick Henry of the Atlantic Group told the committee that the plan would provide broad powers of eminent domain and

tax abatement incentives.

The long-term tax abatements would allow municipalities to keep 100 percent of revenues collected and not have to share any revenue with the county or school board, he said.

This would assist the municipality in paying back the debt associated with building the parking decks.

The redevelopment plan process would take 26 weeks, Henry said. Each plan, would

take an additional three weeks. During the 6-month period the municipality could perform pre-design work and an existing conditions analysis. The next phase would involve hiring special counsel to prepare the developer agreement.

Construction could then begin. The cost to the municipality would be about \$125,000; about \$75,000 for the redevelopment consultant and \$50,000 for the special counsel.

Westfield to join suit challenging new ward lines

WESTFIELD — The town is set to join with local Afro-American leaders in a lawsuit challenging recent redistricting that Democrats allege will have an adverse impact on the voting rights of hundreds of minority residents.

Five members of the Westfield Town Council will propose a resolution Tuesday authorizing the town to join in the lawsuit. Ronald J. Riccio, Esq., former dean of Seton Hall Law School, has agreed to represent the town.

The five town council members — Democrats Larry Goldman, Carl Salisbury, Claire Lazarowitz, Susan Jacobson and Kevin Walsh — support the resolution and will bring it to a vote at the council's regular public meeting.

The proposed resolution states that the 2001 redistricting was "contrary to law" and "adversely impacted a well-established, dis-

crete and insular minority neighborhood in Westfield."

The resolution also calls for the retention of Riccio to represent the town in challenging the actions of the ward commission, which in 2001 redistricted the predominantly African-American neighborhood into the most affluent of voting wards in town.

"The people of the Town of Westfield are inclusive, diverse, and committed to notions of equality. Therefore, we must support our local community leaders in their challenge to a voting map that stigmatizes people in one neighborhood and leaves the impression that ward lines are drawn on the basis of race," said Walsh, who represents Ward 3.

Goldman, who represents Ward 4, added, "The Ward Commission's actions are wrong, and the town has a moral obligation to help its citizens in their

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Skateboard park next for Westfield?

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Youngsters have been hard-pressed to find a place in town to call their own for in-line skating, skateboarding and mountain biking.

Ben Lapidus, 9, a West Dudley Avenue resident, took his case to the top. In a recent letter to Mayor Gregory McDermott he wrote, "If you want kids to have fun, please build a skateboard park."

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

Resident Ronald Cummins of 5 Cherry Lane tried to do just that. He built skateboard ramps for his son at his home, but when he received a violation notice in October 2001, he was forced to remove them.

Town recreation officials say

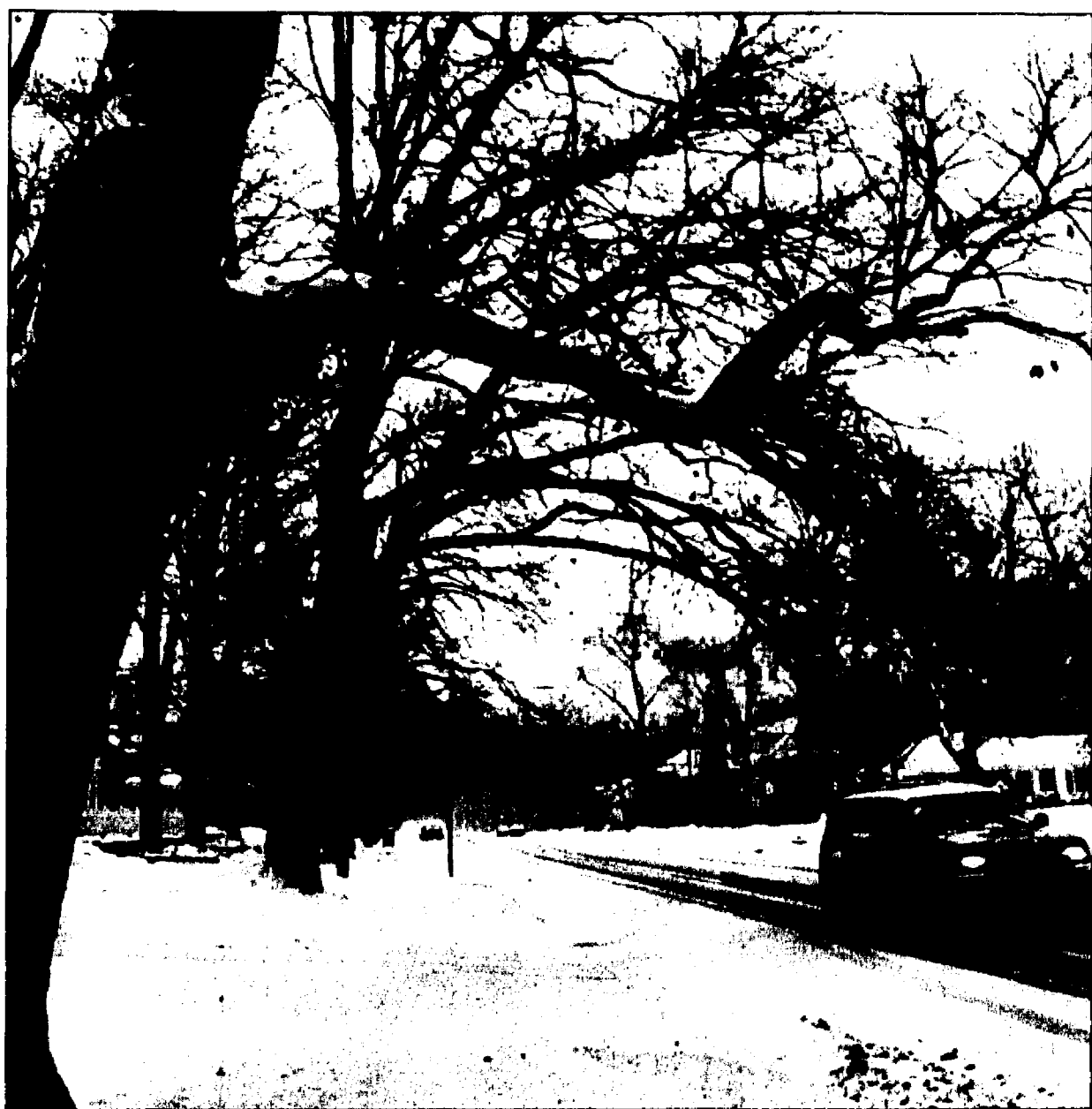
they have taken preliminary steps toward developing a project.

"There have been discussions during our budget meeting with the finance committee," said Recreation Director Bruce Kaufmann. "We've done some preliminary work (concerning) skateboard park construction and preliminary estimates."

The process will involve designing a park that can be used by skateboarders, in-line skaters, and trail bikes.

Kaufmann will involve representatives of the police and insurance industry and get direct input from the park users. "All parties will sign off on a plan," he said.

"We'll need two areas to handle the three uses: one for skateboards and in-line blades and one for bikes" said Kaufmann, who added that liability was a concern, but not a deal killer. "We're actively looking for places to accommodate a skate park."



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A snow squall made driving treacherous on the Boulevard in Westfield for a short time Monday.

Town parking appointment gets tentative approval by the council

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The long search to fill the position of parking director may finally be over.

The appointment of Barry M. Sommers of Staten Island, N.Y., is tentatively approved and should be final by the end of the month.

Town Administrator Jim Gildea introduced Sommers, who worked most recently with the Staten Island Parking Authority, at a council session last Tuesday.

An earlier search resulted in the last-minute withdrawal of

the candidate just prior to his meeting the mayor and council. Gildea initiated a second search shortly thereafter.

Two ordinances were introduced in a first reading last Tuesday that will establish a salary schedule with a range of \$65,000 to \$80,000 and create the position of parking service director/management specialist so that Sommers can be ready to start as of Feb. 1.

The parking director will report directly to the town administrator and be responsible for the proper and efficient management of all parking-related activities within the

town.

"We want him to take over the parking permit process from the town clerk, have the department create a marketing piece for town parking, and get involved with all aspects of the parking system," said Gildea.

In addition to duties associated with administering and managing the town parking permits and parking meter system, Sommers will manage a commuter jitney service, provide leadership and direction in the development of short- and long-range plans; perform field work, including the observation of enforcement activities.

Council to check out home before accepting it as a gift

By THOMAS SCOTT
and ROBERT COAKLEY
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council will do a walk-through of the Reeve House before deciding whether to accept it and commit town funds to an expensive renovation.

The 19th century, three-story Italianate-style home at 314 Mountain Ave. was deeded as a gift to the town by brothers Edgar and Ralph Reeve in 1985. They wanted the property to be used as a home for the Westfield Historical Society.

With the death of Edgar last December at the age of 100, the town will now have to decide whether to accept the gift or it

will revert back to the Reeve estate.

The Building and Town Property Committee discussed in its meeting Jan. 17 whether the town foresees a "municipal use" for the Reeve home. Office space for town departments was discussed given its proximity to town hall. Suitability for the Special Improvement District (SID), the Westfield Historical Society or other local charities was touched upon.

The Reeves' intentions were never properly put in writing, said Don Mokrauer, president of the historical society.

"It can be used for municipal purposes," said Mokrauer of the house, "They (the town) can't give it away, they can't sell it."

The decision of whether to keep the house probably revolves around the cost of renovating it to meet public building codes, said Councilman Peter Echausse, chairman of the Buildings and Town Property Committee.

"I am realistic enough to know that nobody on the Town Council is going to be very enthusiastic about spending an awful lot of town tax dollars on fixing this building up," said Bud Boothe, director of the historical society. "I don't expect the town to pick up the tab on the electrical and painting and other expenses for our benefit."

Estimates by four different Westfield architects ranged from \$400,000 to \$500,000 to do work

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THOMAS SCOTT/THE RECORD-PRESS
The Reeve home, at 314 Mountain Ave., Westfield, was given by the family to the town.



RON WALTERS/
THE RECORD-PRESS
Scotch Plains native Reggie Hammonds was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame Jan. 16. See story on Page B-5.

Around Town

Emergency school closing procedures

WESTFIELD — In the event of unexpected school closings or delayed openings in the Westfield Public Schools, information will be available through the following sources: radio, 101.5 FM; TV, Channels 36 and 42; and on the Internet at <http://westfieldnj.com>.

Elementary and intermediate school students' homes will be telephoned by PTA and PTO parents to advise them of closings or delayed openings. Parents of Westfield High School students can telephone any of the school's PTO board members.

If a delayed opening of school is announced, the same notification procedure will be followed.

Schools begin at the following times during a delayed opening: Westfield High School, 9:30 a.m.; intermediate schools, 9:45 a.m.; elementary schools, 10 a.m.; and afternoon kindergarten, 12:35 p.m.

Quarter Dip event planned for Feb. 5

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Boosters are hosting the Annual Quarter Dip at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 in the school cafeteria.

There is a start-up fee of \$2, but each spoonful of food costs \$.25. Beverages are additional.

Pool could be smoke-free

WESTFIELD — Recreation officials want to make Memorial Pool smoke-free this summer.

The officials asked the Town Council Tuesday whether they had the authority to impose a smoking ban or if an ordinance was needed.

If the no-smoking rule goes into effect, a table will be set up for smokers outside the pool gate. A decision is expected before the February mailing of the next pool brochure.

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to make the home usable as exhibit space.
The Westfield Historical Society hopes to lease the property from the town for a \$1 a year and perhaps open a town museum. The society has indicated that it would be willing to help finance some of the upgrades.

The house does not meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The electricity, heating, air conditioning and fire suppression will need checking. Such renovations will take time and cost the Historical Society money, said Boothe.
"Without the commitment that the property will be avail-

able to us, no funding agency will even entertain a grant or loan application," said Mokrauer. "Furthermore, without such a commitment, we are not in a position to spend the treasury of our members on consultants."

Nancy Priest, chairwoman of the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, noted that the house is eligible for historic designation as a landmark and is marked on the town's master plan.

The house was built in 1870 and the Reeve family moved there in the early 20th century. William Edgar Reeve (the father of Edgar) was instrumental in the development of Mindowaskin Park, having served on the town's park commission. He also donated some of his property to the town for the park.

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Westfield seeking \$18,350 in grants to evaluate 7 ballfields in town

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The council will ask Union County for a matching Field of Dreams grant of \$18,350 to evaluate seven town fields.

The town plans to hire Disko Associates to complete the same field assessment they undertook for the Board of Education in 2001.

"This way we can compare apples to apples and get a true evaluation of the fields," said Recreation Director Bruce Kaufmann.

"Once we have both documents, it's a great segue into combined efforts," Kaufmann said. The analysis will be helpful to the town if it decides to implement a shared-service agreement with the school board.

But even if a shared-services agreement doesn't occur, Kaufmann said, the Disko Field study is also helpful to determine town needs.

Together, the studies are necessary for the next round of grant requests and for developing a five-year master plan for the town's recreation assets.

Bagger, Kean list assignments

TRENTON — State Sen. Richard H. Bagger, R-21, has been named to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee. He was also elected deputy whip for the 2002-03 legislative session by the Senate Republicans.

Before being elected to the Senate in November, Bagger served five terms in the Assembly and is a former Westfield mayor and councilman.

Assemblyman Tom Kean Jr.,

R-21, also of Westfield, was named to fill the vacancy left by the late Alan M. Augustine of Scotch Plains in April 2001. He has been assigned to the Assembly Budget Committee and the State Government Committee. Kean previously served as an aide to former Rep. Bob Franks.

Bagger and Kean will share an office at 203 Elm St. in Westfield. Cranford, Garwood and Westfield are all located in District 21.

Briefs

Temple Sholom offers playgroup

PLAINFIELD — Are you looking for something fun to do with your child (birth to 4 years old)? The playgroup at Temple Sholom, 815 W. Seventh St., could be just the ticket.

Scheduled playgroups for the rest of the 2002 school year are Feb. 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 9, and May 3.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call the office at Temple Sholom at (908) 756-6447. Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish Congregation and is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Woman's Club plans theater trip

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Woman's Club is sponsoring a theater trip Friday, Feb. 22 for "Butterflies Are Free" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.

Cost of \$52 includes a full-course dinner. The bus leaves the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit club projects.

For reservations, phone fundraising chairman Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892 or President Marge Palmer at (908) 322-4772. The public is invited.

County college begins new semester

Union County College began its spring 2002 semester Wednesday.

Registration for spring semester classes continues through Tuesday at the college's Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses. Hours are 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

A number of classes begin Monday, Feb. 11; registration for those classes continues until Wednesday, Feb. 13.

For more information, phone (908) 709-7518.

Adult Vo-Tech classes beginning

Adult classes in the spring term of the Union County Vocational and Technical Schools begin Thursday.

These classes are open to all adults who live in the county and are held on the vo-tech campus at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

Part-time classes are in Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology; Automotive Technology; Carpentry/Construction; Computer-Aided Drafting and Design; Electrical Technology; and Maintenance Mechanics. These classes meet in morning and afternoon sessions Monday through Friday.

Culinary Arts and Cosmetology are full-time classes held in the afternoon Monday through Friday.

For full course details and an application, phone (908) 889-8288, Ext. 340.

Welcome Club holds new-member coffee

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Welcome Club is open to women who are new to the area or have had a major change in lifestyle (birth, career, marriage).

Any woman interested in becoming a member is invited to a new-member coffee 8 p.m. Wednesday. For a club brochure or a coffee reservation, phone Lynn at (908) 233-5850.

Military notes

Micheal J. Biggs, a seaman apprentice in the Coast Guard Reserve, has graduated from basic training at Cape May. He is the son of Lynn M. Clark of 1088 Rahway Ave., Westfield, and John C. Biggs of South Plainfield.

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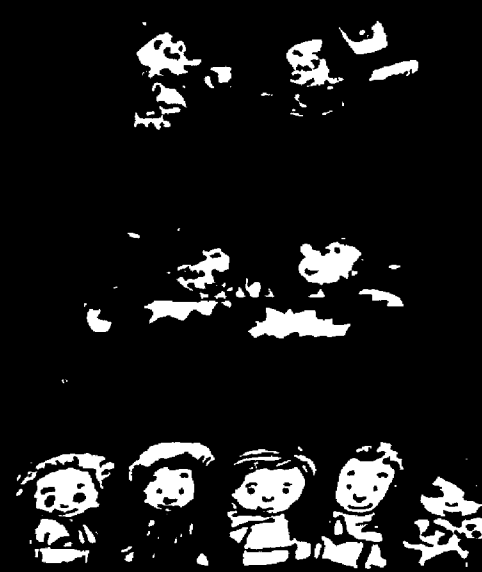
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Miniature shoes in library display

FANWOOD — Eileen Dolgin began her collection of miniature shoes with a shoe of English china given to her by a relative. She now has more than 50 unique miniature shoes, all on display at the Fanwood Memorial Library through Feb. 28.

Dolgin considers her favorite shoe to be her most valuable: a Venetian glass slipper with high heels, imported from Italy. Other shoes in the collection are from America, France and the Netherlands. Some were found in flea markets.

The British native now lives in Scotch Plains.

For more information, visit the North Avenue library or phone (908) 322-6400.

Colonial games to be demonstrated

WESTFIELD — There were many ways for colonial families of the 18th century to have fun.

Everyone knew how to dance, sing and play games. Most people enjoyed watching spectacles of the time: men climbing greased poles, women having scolding contests, three-legged races, sack races, catching greased pigs.

Also common in colonial times was Loo, a card game that began in the late 17th century. Esther, Thomas and Fran Hallada of Westfield will play "Loo and Children's Games" 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

As is customary, docents in period dress will conduct guided tours of the farmhouse built on the West Fields of Elizabethtown. The last tour leaves 3:30 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield will showcase "Historic Valentines" on Feb. 10.

Church celebrates St. Paul conversion

WESTFIELD — Special services at 7 tonight mark the "Conversion of St. Paul," patron saint of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 414 E. Broad St.

Music is from the Parish Choir under the direction of Charles Banks. The program includes works from William Mathias and Felix Mendelssohn as well as related hymns. Accompaniment is by a brass octet of four trumpets and four trombones.

Rev. Andrew Hamersley, the rector, will officiate and deliver the sermon.

A reception in the parish hall follows the services. For more information, phone Banks at (908) 232-8506, Ext. 17. The public is invited.

\$30,000 goal set for safe playground

WESTFIELD — Mother's Morning Out and the Westfield Co-operative Nursery School, both located in the First Congregational Church, have launched a campaign to raise funds for a new playground.

"Climbing Together" is aiming for \$30,000 for a playground on the church's property that fully complies with all New Jersey state guidelines for safety.

The campaign has been kicked off with generous donations from two families whose children attend Mother's Morning Out. Elizabethtown Water Co. and one of Elizabethtown's main contrac-

tors, Spiniello Cos. have also contributed.

Mother's Morning Out is a nonprofit program that began in 1975 and currently enrolls 240 children. The Westfield Co-op is also a nonprofit program that began in 1969 and currently enrolls 130 children.

Contact Sue DeWeever at 232-2084 or Terri Mandrillo at 233-4501 for further information. Donations may be mailed to: Mother's Morning Out or Westfield Co-op, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

College Club offers scholarship

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club is now soliciting applications for its annual scholarship.

College Club grants are awarded to girls who will graduate from high school this June and plan to attend a four-year college. The club also will accept applications from college students who lived in Fanwood or Scotch Plains when they graduated from high school.

Applications are available in the guidance office at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. All applications must be postmarked by March 1.

Y plans ski trip to Mountain Creek

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is running a winter break ski trip Tuesday, Feb. 19 to Mountain Creek in Vernon.

The bus leaves 7 a.m. from the YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave. Return is scheduled for about 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$47 for a basic skiing package, including lift ticket. A beginner skiing or snowboarding package is \$50 with a lesson, rental and limited lift ticket included. An advanced skiing or snowboarding package is \$60 with a lesson, rental and unlimited lift ticket included.

All adults and young people are invited. Students in Grade 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and medical permission forms are required at the YMCA by Monday, Feb. 11.

For more information, phone (908) 889-8880.

Red Cross lists life-saving classes

WESTFIELD — The Westfield-Mountainside Chapter

of the American Red Cross has issued its winter schedule of life-saving skills classes.

All classes meet in the Red Cross office at 321 Elm St. The schedule:

Tuesday — Adult CPR, 6-10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2 — Adult CPR, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Infant-child CPR, 1-6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7 — CPR refresher course for health care professionals, 6-10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — Adult CPR, 6-10:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21 — "First Aid Basics," 6-10 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 — "AED Essentials" in defibrillator use, 6-9 p.m. Adult CPR certification is required.

Saturday, March 2 — "Community First Aid and Safety," 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6 — Infant-child CPR, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16 — "CPR for the Professional Rescuer," 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 — CPR refresher course for health care professionals, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Infant-child CPR, 1-6 p.m.

Registration is required for all classes; e-mail johnsonl@cross-net.org or phone (908) 232-7090. Seating is limited.

Comediennes coming to JCC

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Yentatainers are a two-woman musical comedy duo who have played in the Catskills and at Lincoln Center.

They come to Union County for a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Coffee and dessert are included.

Reservations are required; phone Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800 by Monday, Jan. 28.

Jewish couples meeting for brunch

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be meeting for brunch at 11 a.m. Sunday Feb. 10 in Holmdel. The cost is \$5 per person for a non-member couple and is free to members.

A presentation will be made on Financial Strategies for Today's Families.

Ketubah Unit is open to married, Jewish couples who are 40 and older and nonmembers are welcome to come. Call Ed at (732) 264-6604 for more information or directions by Feb. 8.

Seniors invited to free classes

WESTFIELD — Two free classes are being offered to Union County senior citizens.

The classes are offered by the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp., in conjunction with the Westfield Foundation and the Learning is Forever Center of Union County College.

Age of Revolution, a course that covers the American and French Revolutions as well as the Scientific and Industrial Revolutions, meets from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays beginning this week. The course is taught by Dr. Christopher Gibbs.

Music Appreciation emphasizes increasing sensitivity to classical music, but also includes jazz and rock music where appropriate. The class will be taught by Professor Vince DeMura at 1129 Boynton Ave. from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Monday.

Registration will be during the first session of each class. Parking is available in visitor parking areas along Boynton Avenue. For more information, call Susan Lampert at (908) 233-1733.

College for Kids getting under way

"College for Kids" begins Saturday, Feb. 2 on the Cranford and Plainfield campuses of Union County College.

New for the spring 2002 semester are "Mini Astronomy," "Words in Motion" (American Sign Language) and conversational Spanish. These are offered with the usual courses in arts, music, science and computers.

Other courses include preparation for state-mandated tests: the ESPA test in Grade 4, the GEPA test in Grade 8 and the HSPT in high school.

For a complete schedule, e-mail munn@ucc.edu or phone (908) 709-7048.

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Book on it!

Students at Evergreen School in Scotch Plains are looking to restock their bookshelves at a book fair at the school. The children participated in a read-athon for 12 days to benefit the New York City Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Fund. The children read 149 hours and raised \$1,301.70 for the fund.

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If your child's pediatrician or surgeon suggests physical therapy, your therapist(s) will work in tandem with the physician to tailor a program of therapy specifically for the child. Most often, children's therapy involves physical therapists, the parents, and the children themselves working together as a team. When you are referred for physical therapy, please call REHABILITATION & SPORTS MEDICINE at (908) 272-5955. We are conveniently located at 777 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Most private insurances are accepted. Auto Insurance Claims are surmountable, and we will submit your bill for compensation. No faults & Medicare.

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Commentary

Keep the teens in Family Court

The heinous sex assault that allegedly occurred in a dry creek bed near Park Middle School in Scotch Plains on Jan. 2 may have more than one victim.

The 13-year-old girl who was allegedly attacked by five high school teenagers certainly deserves sympathy and whatever psychological help she needs to put her nightmare behind her.

But what about the boys, children really, who are accused? Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan has asked Superior Court Judge Rudolph N. Hawkins to allow the five to be tried as adults.

Manahan said that he believed "an indeterminate term with no minimum period of incarceration...does not make sense. Later, he said the five should be prosecuted as adults because of their "adult-type" behavior.

Sexual misconduct is certainly adult. But there is a world of difference between physical and sexual maturity and emotional and psychological maturity.

The five alleged to have committed the assault range in age from 14 to 17. None of them is old enough to vote or drink alcohol and only one is old enough to drive a car — activities considered adult.

Violence knows no age limit. Elementary school bullies are proof of that, but the damage they can inflict usually lasts only a few days. The trauma of a sexual assault can last a lifetime, even if that assault is inflicted by children on children.

Just as the young girl needs long-term help to cope with the tragedy that allegedly occurred, the boys need help too.

If convicted as adults they could receive long prison sentences. Certainly the state seeks to rehabilitate adult sex offenders, but these are adolescents. They need intensive psychological help for an indeterminate term as youthful offenders not a long period of incarceration as an adult.

Judge Hawkins should deny the prosecutor's motion to move the trial to an adult court. If the boys are guilty of the hideous crime with which they are charged, inflicting years of prison time on the teens won't right the wrong done to the young girl, it will only compound it.



Letters to the editor

PTA seeks speedy end to impasse

To The Record-Press:

The J.A. Coles School PTA executive board continues to be very concerned about the ongoing contract dispute between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association. We are nearly halfway through the school year, and the absence of a contract continues to be a source of tremendous frustration for us as parents, as we are sure it is for board members and association members.

Please recommit to a cooperative approach and constructive interaction in your negotiations so that differences may be overcome for the sake of our children, our school system and our community. As the negotiating teams go into the Jan. 23 meeting with the fact finder, we urge everyone involved to be open to working together to resolve this situation as quickly as possible.

Sue Spirko,
corresponding secretary,
J.S. Coles PTA executive board

Thanks to you, Patrick is improving

To The Chronicle:

The Patrick French Foundation would like to thank all those who have graciously donated money to assist Patrick's treatments.

Patrick has come a long way since January 2000 when he was taken to the emergency room for dehydration and a bleeding ulcer that resulted from the antibiotics he was taking. Unfortunately, Patrick would be taken back to the emergency room many times for similar problems.

Since then, the family turned away from the conventional treatment, enlisting the aid of the holistic Aloha Clinic of Short Hills. The clinic put Patrick on rice formula, one of the few protein-rich foods his fragile body could tolerate. That formula, along with continued hyperbaric oxygen treatments has dramatically improved Patrick's condition. Though he still suffers from post-encephalitic encephalopathy, he has 60 percent improvement in his vision and is even beginning to initiate steps.

All of this happened because of the wonderful fund-raisers that were held last year...a swim-athon with support from the Gator swim team, a wine-tasting event at the Cranford Hotel, and a dinner-dance at the Gran Centurions. Special thanks to Elizabeth Burns for presenting the wine tasting with Kimberly DiTullio hosting it at the Cranford Hotel. Another thank you to the Coughlin, D'Arcy and the Roach families for organizing the dinner-dance. Mostly, thanks to all the residents who have sent in donations throughout the year.

Special thanks to the foundation members, Susan Judge, Dan Aschenbach, Pilar D'Elia and the professional assistance from Norm Albert and Peter Gensicke.

Although Patrick cannot express a thank you in his own words, he is showing his appreciation through his physical improvement every day... For that we say God bless you all.

Ralph Englese
Patrick French Foundation

Fund transit with gas tax increase

To The Record-Press:

I am excited to read that several of the state's newspaper editorial boards are beginning to realize that the state is in a crisis when it come to transportation funding — funding that will affect the goods and services that are basic to our lives. We have been supporting a greater investment in the state's gas tax for quite some time now.

Improvements to our road and highways will pay huge economic dividends to New Jersey, yet we have a great deal of trouble securing funding for the vital projects that are going to preserve and protect our livelihood and security. It is our hope that the state's leaders would focus on transportation funding in their deliberations. With one in six roads in poor condition and scores of bridges needing immediate attention we

are simply running out of time to make strategic repairs before costly reconstruction of facilities will be required.

A gas tax is simply the fairest and best alternative. As president of the Associated General Contractors of New Jersey — a nonprofit organization devoted to heavy highway construction — I see firsthand the benefits of keeping our state mobile. I believe that the enhancement of the state's transportation system is fundamental to the success of New Jersey's economy and to maintaining the quality of life for our people. The state needs a raise in the gas tax and it needs it now.

Michael Paquet,
president Associated General Contractors
of New Jersey

Flood plan should be regional one

To The Record-Press:

The Camp, Dresser and McKee (CDM) review of Killam Associates' proposal for flood control in Cranford is being misconstrued by members of Cranford's Township Committee, and some of the local press, as the glowing endorsement of a plan that will ensure a bright and flood-free future for the town of Cranford.

This contention is simply not true. CDM was hired to evaluate nothing more than the engineering aspects of whether the design proposed by Killam would move as much water as Killam says it will. Apparently, it should. But, as David Noonan, P.E., CDM vice president and senior water resources engineer (the person in charge of the review) remarked in correspondence to me on Nov. 28, 2001: "Being a water resource person all of my life, I know how important it is to look at the big picture (i.e., regionally)."

"For this particular assignment, however, CDM has been asked to only look at localized flooding in the Northeast Quadrant. We have not been asked to revisit flooding on the Rahway River. Our scope of work is to evaluate Killam's plan for a swale and express sewer within the Venetia Ave/Glenwood Road, Riverside area to determine if the system will work as designed." Period. (Coincidentally, Mr. Noonan has written an interesting opinion piece for the CDM website entitled "River Restoration: The Confluence of Public Sentiment and Environmental Regulations." It can be viewed by interested persons at <http://www.cdm.com/ideas%40Work/Viewpoint/River+Restoration+Viewpoint.htm>.

Present members of Cranford's Township Committee have been provided with this information.

Simply put, given the restrictions under which this review was conducted, CDM concedes that Killam's flood control proposal is the best plan, under the circumstances, for the people who knowingly purchased property in Cranford's flood zone and now would like something done about it. It is not the best plan for the river, or its watershed, or consequently, for the future quality of life in Cranford as a whole. At no point in Killam's development of this plan, or in its review by CDM, has the bigger issue of the plan's impact on the overall well-being of the Rahway River been taken into account. If asked to objectively propose the best stormwater management plan for the Rahway River and its watershed, few water resource engineers would endorse an isolated, intensive municipal project as that proposed here. Even the engineers at Killam (who recently presented to NJDEP a detailed evaluation of the dire condition of the Metropolitan Watershed, of which the Rahway River is a part) would probably concede that, from the perspective of the vitality of the watershed, this project is not the way to go. Both engineering firms were instructed to address the problems of Cranford's Northeast Quadrant in a vacuum. The problems of the Rahway River cannot be intelligently managed one town at a time. Cranford will have trouble convincing our upstream neighbors to behave responsibly toward the river while we are developing a hotel complex on our own riverfront, and spending over \$8 million on a multiphase project to pump our stormwater to Winfield Park. The people making the important decisions in Cranford need to be able to "look at the big picture."

James Loderstedt
Cranford

Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

There's nothing like snow

Let us rejoice in the beauty and wonder of snowstorms.

This winter has been so boring that last Saturday's pitiful snowstorm was exciting.

For most people Saturday's snowfall was the perfect snowstorm. The four inches that fell were not enough to paralyze, after all, it was a Saturday, the perfect time to sit by the window with a cognac in hand and watch the wild snow, as hypnotic as a white dream, swirl out of the heavens. It was not a great snowstorm, like the blizzard of 1996 or the 20-inch storm on Dec. 30, 2000, but it was enough to transform the drab landscape into a winter wonderland.

I offer no apologies for my juvenile and enraptured adoration of snow. At the age of 45 I should not get excited about the approach of a snowstorm, starting with the first isobars of hope on a weather forecast computer model five to seven days in advance of its arrival. For example, as I am writing this (1:50 p.m. Tuesday), I am already beginning to wonder if the arctic area being kept prisoner by the jet stream up in Canada will ever break free and invade the United States. The fickle computer models, the primary tools for the meteorologist, are saying we may have record warmth sometime in the next 10 days, but after that... The expectation of a snowstorm is almost as good as the snowstorm itself. It's just like the anticipation of romance before a first date except, for me, snowstorms are much more common.

I have no patience for those who have no patience with snow. I don't pay much attention to those who complain about their streets are not being plowed soon enough. They just don't realize that the whole point of a snowstorm is to cause massive inconvenience and to test our mettle in the face of nature's adversity. Snowstorms are perennial reminders that we are still, despite every technological breakthrough, still subservient to the whims of nature. Every day most of us live in a cocoon of technological comfort without a thought to the forces of nature beyond our control. We forget we are part of a larger picture we cannot possibly comprehend. This mythic component of snowstorms cannot be measured by Doppler radar or satellites; it can only be measured by spoonfuls of faith in an existence beyond our mortal understanding.

The first snowstorm I remember with clear appreciation was the famous Christmas Eve nor'easter of 1966. There was never a merrier Christmas. Later that winter, sometime in early February, was another monster storm that closed schools for a whole week. I remember the tremendous drifts between our house and my grandmother's house next door and the tall sentinels of snow lining every road. I was 10 years old and I never had a better winter until the memorable 1993-94 season when it snowed just after Thanksgiving and there were a dozen "snow events" after that, the ground not being seen again until late March.

The blizzard of January 1996 was truly magnificent; its paralyzing beauty will always have a special spot in my heart. I will never forget the absolute silence of that storm's fury. Central Jersey could have been Moose Breath, Alaska that day.

The long-range computer models are hinting that February could be a wild month when the cold air finally bubble south from the Yukon. In February, because of the increased warmth the rising sun has in the southern latitudes of our country, that usually means several chances for decent snowstorms. February has always been our snowiest month; I can only hope this February follows that tradition.

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Charles Betz Jr.; insurance executive

WESTFIELD — Charles H. Betz Jr., 83, a retired insurance industry executive and decorated World War II soldier, died Jan. 16 at Compassionate Care Hospice in Trenton.

He ended his career of more than 40 years with the Home Insurance Co. of New York in 1983 as its vice president, sales and marketing, for the Finance Division. Mr. Betz joined Home Insurance after he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1940. He spent 20 years in its Boston and Springfield, Mass., offices before he transferred to the home office in 1966.

In the wartime Army he was twice wounded in action with the 253rd Infantry Regiment of the 63rd Infantry Division in Europe. Mr. Betz was awarded the Croix de Guerre, the highest military award of France, plus the Combat Infantry Badge of the U.S. Army.

A past president of the Western Massachusetts Field Club, Mr. Betz served on the

Presidents' Council of the University of New Hampshire in 1990. The UNH football and baseball player was the director of the Old Guard of Westfield in 1992.

He also was a member of Tau Kappa Alpha honorary forensic society, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Bay State Club and the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

A native of Woodhaven, N.Y., Mr. Betz lived in Massachusetts and Westfield before moving to Voorhees.

His wife of 44 years, Jane Rose Flanary Betz, died in 1990.

Surviving are a son, Thomas C. and wife Donna of Haddon Heights and Charles H. III of Dublin, N.H.; and three grandchildren.

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

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society or Westfield Rescue Squad.

Celia K. Caplan

WESTFIELD — Celia L. Katzman Caplan, 90, died Jan. 18, 2002 at Sunrise Assisted Living. She was born in Detroit, and lived in New York State before moving to Westfield in 1998.

A homemaker, Mrs. Caplan was a volunteer with the Cerebral Palsy Association and a member of Hadassah.

Her husband, Alex, died in 1992. A brother, Isadore Katzman, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Howard of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Norman of Sparta; a daughter, Sandra Pack of Metuchen; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at Flynn & Son Funeral Home in Metuchen with Rabbi Gerald Zelig, spiritual leader of Temple Neve Shalom in Metuchen, officiating. Burial was in New Montefiore Cemetery, Pinelawn, N.Y.

Wilbur Hamm

WESTFIELD — Wilbur G. Hamm, 91, died Jan. 17, 2002 at Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A mechanical engineer, he retired in 1985 from the Manhattan-based architectural design firm D. Reddy.

He was born in Jersey City and had lived in Westfield since 1960.

Mr. Hamm was an engineer at Kearny Federal Ship Building & Dry Dock Co. when it built warships during World War II. He later worked for Celanese Corp. before joining D. Reddy.

He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the

Stevens Institute of Technology. Mr. Hamm was a member of Presbyterian Church.

A daughter, Carolyn, died in 1984.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Jean Millington Hamm; and a daughter, Joan McCloskey of Millington.

Services were held Sunday at Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, NJ 07061 or the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090.

Obituaries

Jean MacEachern

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jean M. MacEachern, 73, died Jan. 19, 2002 at her home. She had been a teacher's assistant for the past 15 years at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA.

A native of New York City, she lived in Flemington before moving to Scotch Plains in 1960.

Mrs. MacEachern earlier was a licensed practical nurse and for eight years a lunch aide in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system. She graduated from the Our Lady of Victory

Nursing School in Buffalo, N.Y.

Surviving are two sons, Kevin and William, both of Scotch Plains; two daughters, Mary Alice Davis of Harmony and Kathy Post of Fanwood; a sister, Eileen L. Kullman of the Bronx; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Agnes Morning

WESTFIELD — Agnes Specht Morning, 83, died Jan. 15, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She cared for more than 200 babies as a foster mother for the past 45 years, including the last 39 years with the Children's Aid and Adoption Society in Hackensack.

Mrs. Morning was born in Jersey City and had lived for many years in Westfield. She also was a volunteer in the soup kitchen of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth.

Her husband of 50 years,

Robert, died in 1987. Two sons are deceased, Jerome in 1993 and Carl as an infant.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth Bertini; and a grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. Entombment was in the Somerset Hills Mausoleum, Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home. Donations may be sent to Children's Aid and Adoption Society, 200 Robin Road, Paramus, NJ 07652 or Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Parker Nelson

WESTFIELD — Parker Nelson, 81, died Jan. 12, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a financial adviser since 1975 and a trustee of the Miller-Cory House Museum.

Mr. Nelson was born in Milwaukee, Wis. He lived in Yonkers, N.Y., and Pelham Manor, N.Y., before moving to Westfield in 1962.

He worked for Salomon Brothers in Manhattan for 14 years before opening his own

practice in 1975. Mr. Nelson earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Columbia University in 1943.

He was a member of the Westfield Historical Society, the Clark Historical Society and the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Thompson Nelson; a son, Martin Parker Nelson; a daughter, Susan Palma; and two grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home.

Helen Burger Shults

SCOTCH PLAINS — Helen Burger Shults, 86, died Jan. 20, 2002 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains all her life.

Mrs. Shults was a member of Ladies Auxiliary to Elks Lodge 1585 in Mountainside. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Fred, died Nov. 29, 2001.

Surviving are two brothers, Joseph Burger and Stanley Burger.

Services were held yesterday at Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Eleanor M. Dumont

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eleanor M. Reed Dumont died Sunday Jan. 20, 2002 in Cary, N.C.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Dumont lived in Livingston and Toms River before moving to North Carolina six years ago.

Surviving are her sons, Carl W. Jr., Robert and William; a daughter, Eleanor Borelli; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Arthritis Foundation.

James W. Ryan

SCOTCH PLAINS — James W. Ryan, 51, died Jan. 19, 2002 at Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice in Edison. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and had been an ironworker prior to his 1999 retirement.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Scotch Plains from 1950 until he moved to Piscataway in 1972.

Mr. Ryan graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1972 and was associated for more than 30 years with Ironworkers Union Local 11 in Newark. He was a member of American Legion Post 261 in Piscataway.

Surviving are his wife,

Marcella Budzinski Ryan; a son, Edward J. of Piscataway; two daughters, Jamie Bilotti and husband Frank of Houston and Jill Mejias and husband Orlando of South Plainfield; two brothers, Sal Dattilo and wife Kathy of Edison and Dennis and wife Eileen of Piscataway; two sisters, Bridget Ford and husband Eliot of Bradenton, Fla., and Patricia Jackson of Sarasota, Fla.; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were held yesterday at Rossi Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, 1 Roosevelt Drive, Edison, NJ 08837.

Sylvester Hadleyel

FANWOOD — Sylvester M. "Junie" Hadleyel, 73, died Jan. 19, 2002 at his home. He had been a lifelong Fanwood resident and for 10 years a school crossing guard in the borough.

Mr. Hadleyel also was a housekeeper from 1981-91 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, in Berkeley Heights. He earlier was a housekeeper for 10 years at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

For 30 years Mr. Hadleyel

was a member of First Baptist Church in Vaux Hall.

Surviving are three daughters, Pamela Broader of Landover, Md., Sonja Hadley of Hyattsville, Md., and Elizabeth Austin of South Plainfield; a sister, Mary Solomon of Fanwood; and four grandchildren.

Services will be 11 this morning at First Baptist Church, 5 Hilton Ave., Vaux Hall. Arrangements are by Juddkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

Ralph Lermond; art director in advertising

FANWOOD — Ralph Lermond, 91, an art director for a number of Manhattan-based advertising agencies, died Jan. 12 at Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

He spent many years on Madison Avenue until his retirement at age 78 from Wunderman, Ricotta & Kline. Mr. Lermond began his career teaching drawing and painting at Phillips Exeter Academy. In the midst of the Depression he drew the people of Virginia for a book about that state as part of the Works Progress Administration art project.

Mr. Lermond studied fine art at the Museum School of Fine Art in Boston, where he earned a two-year traveling scholarship to study art in Europe. After his retirement he studied at the Art Students League in Manhattan. He was a member of the Westfield Art Association and Summit Art Center.

In World War II he was a master gunner with the 158th Anti-Aircraft Artillery unit in the Pacific. He spent 3 1/2 years in the Army and held the rank of staff sergeant on his discharge.

Mr. Lermond was born in South Boise, Idaho. He lived in

Whitinsville, Mass., and Yonkers, N.Y., before moving to Fanwood in 1973.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Katherine Benaroch of Groton, Mass., Annette M. Ogden of Lampasas, Texas, and Deanna Turrano of Highland Park; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. tomorrow at Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield.

Arrangements are by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Donations may be sent to the Memorial Fund of the Congregational Church.

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Obituaries

Michael Walko Jr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Michael Walko Jr., 62, a Civil Air Patrol officer, college professor and corporate executive, died Dec. 23, 2001 at his home.

He was chairman of the dental technology program at the Union County Technical Institute and a consultant to a related program offered by Thomas Edison State College. A business professor at Union County College for 30 years, Mr. Walko was chief executive officer of the Shadow Lane Dental Laboratory in Scotch Plains and a partner in the Walko Fence Co. in Carteret.

His wife, Dr. M. Ann Walko, is a professor at Kean University.

Mr. Walko held a master of business administration degree from Monmouth University; a master's degree in education management from Kean College of New Jersey; a master's degree in student personnel services, also from Kean College; and a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

He was a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, which Mr. Walko joined in 1991. He most recently was deputy chief of staff for communications in the patrol's Northeast Region. His other assignments included co-director of the New Jersey Wing Conference and logistics officer for a cadet encampment at McGuire Air Force Base.

He began his military career in the Air Force with the 860th Medical Group from 1957-61. Mr. Walko was president of the Parents Auxiliary to the 821st Air

Force ROTC unit at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He attended the National Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

An Eagle Scout in his youth, Mr. Walko was the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 130 and the assistant scoutmaster of Cub Scout Pack 277. As an adviser to Explorer Post 22 he saw his son, Michael, achieve the rank of Eagle Scout as well. The father was a unit commissioner with the former Watchung Area Boy Scout Council.

Mr. Walko was a delegate to the Union County Education Association, secretary of the New Jersey Aviation Education Council and vice president of the Plainfields Chapter of UNICO. He was on the Scotch Plains Telecommunications Committee that oversees public access Channel 34 in the township.

He was a member of the Higher Education Committee of the New Jersey Education Association; the Research and Development Committee of Phi Delta Kappa; the American Association of University professors; Kappa Delta Pi; the Society of Educators and Scholars; and the American Association of Dental Schools.

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Walko is survived by a brother, Stephen.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Memorial donations for a scholarship in Mr. Walko's memory may be sent to Plainfields UNICO, Attn: Frank Licato, P.O. Box A, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-0509.

Frank Gilluce

WESTFIELD — Frank F. Gilluce, 66, died Jan. 21, 2002 at home in Clinton Township. He worked for Amoco Oil Co. (now BP Amoco) for 20 years, retiring in 1999 as an electronic technician in Alaska.

He was born in Garwood and lived in Westfield before moving to Clinton Township in 1982.

Mr. Gilluce received bachelor's and master's degrees from Alaska-Pacific University. A third-degree member of the Knights of

Columbus in Roselle, he served in the Marine Corps from 1954-56.

His parents, Ernest Gilluce and Esther Vitovic Gilluce, are deceased.

Surviving is his wife, Joan H. Hubiak Gilluce.

Mass was offered yesterday at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Annandale, of which Mr. Gilluce was a parishioner. Burial was private. Arrangements were by Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Pry marks found near Westfield door

WESTFIELD

William Bamber, 19, of Union was charged Jan. 15 on a Westfield Municipal Court warrant. Barber posted \$200 bail and was released.

Jeffrey Nemeth, 43, of Hanford Place was charged Jan. 15 on a Westfield Municipal Court warrant. Nemeth posted bail of \$175 and was released.

A Hillside Avenue resident reported Jan. 16 the unlawful entry of his garage and the theft of a chrome unicycle valued at \$250.

An Oneida Drive resident reported Jan. 16 theft by deception. The victim purchased a computer game system and the box contained a book but no unit.

A Downer Street resident reported Jan. 16 an attempted burglary after discovering pry marks around the front door.

Alfredo Montes, 34, of Piscataway was charged Jan. 16 under a Westfield warrant. Montes posted \$200 bail and was released.

An Effingham Place resident filed a report Jan. 16 of simple assault.

The GAP on East Broad Street reported Jan. 17 a theft by deception. An employee is suspected of shoplifting \$1,800 worth of merchandise. No arrest had been made at press time.

A Summit Avenue resident reported Jan. 20 that his vehicle was entered and items were taken.

Salvatore Anzalone, 39, of Downer Street, was charged Jan. 21 on an outstanding warrant out of the Westfield Municipal Court. Anzalone was held in lieu of \$750 bail.

A computer check picked up additional warrants out of Bloomfield, Garwood, Lodi, Fort Lee, and Saddle Brook. Anzalone was charged on all outstanding warrants and held

Police Log

in lieu of bail in the amount of \$3,747. He was taken to the Union County Jail.

A Byron Court resident reported Jan. 21 a theft by deception. The victim paid a contractor a 50 percent advance for services and the contractor took the money and never returned.

A Linden Avenue resident reported Jan. 21 the theft and burglary to a motor vehicle in the driveway.

Karen Harris, 31, of Stirling Place was charged Jan. 21 under a warrant out of Westfield. Harris was released on her own recognizance pur-

suant to the Garwood Court.

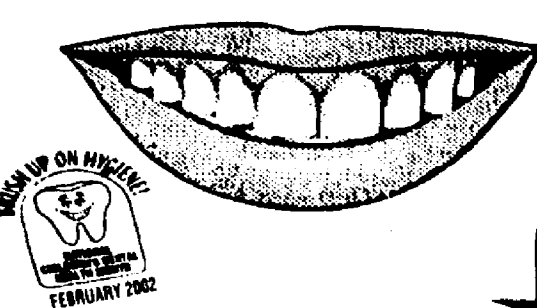
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A Willow Avenue resident reported Jan. 14 a burglary at the residence. Entry was gained sometime during the day through a rear window. Several rooms were ransacked and jewelry was taken.

A license plate was reported stolen during the day on Jan. 17 from a vehicle parked at Evergreen School on Evergreen Avenue.

A Rahway Avenue resident reported Jan. 16 vandalism to a decorative driveway light.

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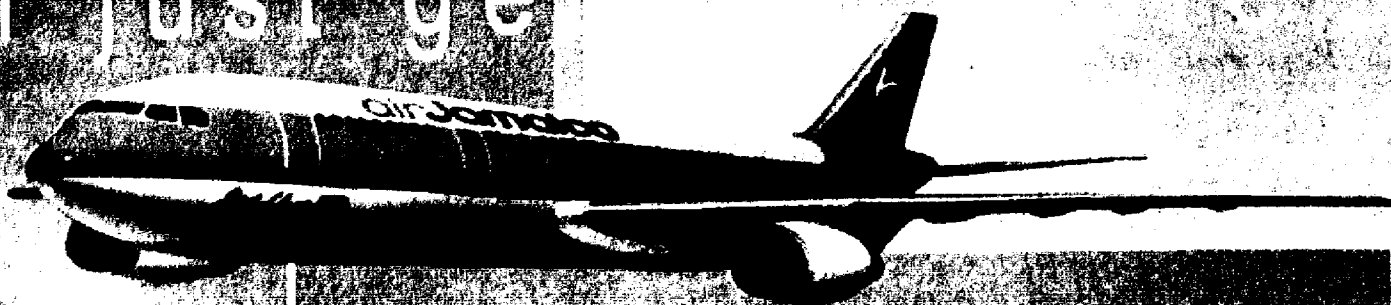
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Community Life

King tributes focus on love and unity

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Worshippers trekked through a snow squall from Bethel Baptist Church to the Presbyterian Church for the town's 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration service Monday.

The service was opened with a welcome from Rev. Dr. William Ross Forbes, senior pastor at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Rev. Kevin Clark, pastor at Bethel, set the tone for the service with his question "Where do we go from here?"

"How does life go on as usual after the events of Sept. 11...the most defining day in our history?" Clark asked, "We must find a way to get back to basics. Believe in God, family and community."

"Ignorance and racism are still there," Clark said. "Where do we go from here? We come together on one accord and learn to love each other."

Winners in the Martin Luther King Jr. essay, poetry and art awards contest were named at the service. This year's contest theme was "Peace on Earth."

The elementary school winners were: Dan Klizas, art; Dominique Gillyard, poetry; and Samantha Cruz, essay. The intermediate school winners were: Alison Siko, art; Anya Kaplan, poetry; and Alan Tso, essay. The high school winners were: Minae Cho, art; Kimberly Lam, poetry; and Ron Allen II, essay.

Intermediate and high school students based their entries on a line from King's Christmas Sermon on Peace, "Now let me suggest first that if we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our tribe, our class and our nation."

Allen interpreted the pas-



The procession of worshippers wound its way Monday through the snow from Bethel Baptist Church to the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

sage as a call for "... people (to) come together as one race — the human race."

"When we learn to get past our differences and become united as a human race we will be able to respect one another and join together in peace," Allen said.

Mayor Gregory McDermott pledged to create new partnerships in town that will make a difference, particularly to those in need.

He said the College Men's Club of Westfield, which has

provided college scholarships for high school seniors for more than 80 years, will enter a partnership with the Martin Luther King Jr. Association, to provide 15-20 scholarships for Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation courses.

SAT courses can improve scores and give students a competitive edge, McDermott said.

"The mayor has proven to me that he wants this town to be together," said the Rev. Leon Randall of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association.



Members of the congregation bow their heads in prayer during the invocation at Cranford's United Methodist Church tribute to Martin Luther King on Jan. 15.



Twins Danielle and Dominique Gillyard, 10, were honored for their poetry entries in the Martin Luther King Association contest. Here they sing along with the choir at the ecumenical tribute to the civil rights leader.



Russell Miller was recognized for his essay on Martin Luther King at the Cranford Clergy Council's tribute on Jan. 15.

Briefs

JCC offering aid for Israel trips

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey is accepting applications for the Past Presidents' Teen Israel Scholarship.

Teenagers who plan on spending this summer in Israel will be considered. All applicants must be JCC members as of Feb. 1. Scholarship forms and related paperwork must be returned by March 31.

For an application, phone Lisa Bieber at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 253 or visit the JCC at 1391 Martine Ave.

Temple to host Israeli Film Festival

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanu-El holds its sixth annual "Israeli Film Festival" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Feb. 13.

Both showings are in the synagogue at 756 E. Broad St. Admission is free and a discussion will follow.

"Kadosh" is on the program Wednesday. This movie is about two Orthodox sisters in Israel: One is married but loves another man, while the other is childless in a "family values" society.

"I Love You, Rosa" is on the program Feb. 13. At the end of the 19th century Rosa is a widow in Jerusalem surrounded by those in her family who blame her for the death of her husband. Under biblical law she can only marry her husband's brother — who happens to be 12 years old.

Both movies are in Hebrew with English subtitles. For more information, phone (908) 232-6770.

'Night Place' in on tonight

WESTFIELD — "Night Place" is open one Friday night a month for all pupils who attend intermediate school (Grades 6-8).

This month's "Night Place" is 7:30-9:30 p.m. tonight at Edison Intermediate School. A DJ, food, games, movies and dancing are planned. Cost is \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door.

For more information, visit www.westfieldnj.com/wrc or phone (908) 789-4080. "Night Place" is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department.

UNICO schedules 4th annual 'pig' roast

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of UNICO National holds its fourth annual 'pig roast' 7 p.m. Saturday at the Knights of Columbus hall, 37 South Ave., Garwood.

Bring your homemade wine for a wine-tasting competition. A plaque will be awarded to the first prize winner.

The pig roast menu includes antipasti, Italian bread, salad, roast pork with potatoes and applesauce. Dessert is Italian cookies and cake.

Cost is \$35 and seating is limited. For tickets, phone Charles Grillo at (908) 654-3717. Proceeds benefit the UNICO scholarship fund.

Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

APPEALING IDEAS

"Curb appeal" refers to how a house looks to potential buyers, who often form their opinions while driving by. Because curb appeal is one of the most important factors in selling a home, a number of exterior decorating trends have surfaced that attract buyers and increase the value. These include using natural products and colors, assorted textures, distinctive details, and bold accents. As the front of the house takes center stage, homeowners are turning to brick and stone, cedar shakes, and such natural accents as stone pillars and columns. There is also wider use of spindled porch railings, unconventional window grids, and frieze boards (an architectural detail that decorates the roofline). It pays to make a good first impression.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Concert to aid victims of attack

NEW BRUNSWICK — Philomusica, central New Jersey's premier auditioned concert choir, along with other musicians from the central New Jersey area, will present a benefit performance of Gabriel Faure's "Requiem".

The concert will be held at St. Peter's Church in New Brunswick at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26. The concert is being offered as a benefit to help raise money to support families of New Jersey Uniformed Services Personnel who were impacted by the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

There will be no admission charge for this performance. Instead, local police and fire personnel will collect a free will offering. Donations will be equally divided among police, fire and EMS organizations in New Brunswick and used to provide immediate assistance to families of Uniformed Services Personnel, and others, who freely offered themselves to help those in desperate need during the tragedy.

For more information, call (732)545-8434. For additional Philomusica concert and audition information visit the web-site at [Http://www.philomusic.org](http://www.philomusic.org).

Participants needed for May arts festival

NEW BRUNSWICK — VSA arts of New Jersey will hold the 19th Annual Statewide Partners in the Arts Festival May 15 at Middlesex County College in Edison from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Partners in the Arts fosters the integration of individuals with and without disabilities in the celebration of the arts. Children and adults, individuals and school groups are invited to this day of performances, arts workshops, exhibits and much more. Interested participants are also invited to register to present exhibits and performances for the festival audience. This event is offered free of charge.

The festival is one of the many projects of VSA arts of New Jersey, statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives and promoting the creative power of individuals with disabilities throughout New Jersey. Cosponsors for this event are the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and Middlesex County College.

Individuals, schools, and organizations are invited to participate in this event. Contact Karen Singer at VSA arts of New Jersey for registration materials at 703 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732)745-3885, 745-5935 or 745-3913 (TTY), info@vsan.org, fax: (732)745-4524.

Registration deadline is April 22.

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.



Grandma rocks!

Grandma (Barry Lubin), America's favorite senior citizen, has returned to the Big Apple Circus and will star in the all-new production of "Big Top Doo-Wop." The Big Apple Circus is returning for its annual visit to the Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater March 9-31.

Barbershop quartets deliver special Valentine messages

SOMERVILLE — It's Feb. 14. Your sweetheart is having a normal day at the office, when in walk four men, sharply dressed in black and silver tuxes. They hand a rose to your unsuspecting sweetheart, and, before she can say a word, the fabulous sound of four-part barbershop harmony fills the room. This is one Valentine's Day she'll never forget!

This year, The Somertones are once again bringing their magic to your neighborhood. Quartets from Somerset County's very own award-winning barbershop chorus will be delivering singing valentines on the evenings of Feb. 12 and 13, and all day on the 14. The \$45 package includes a single red rose, two songs performed by a real barbershop quartet, and a photo of the occasion. The quartet will also deliver any additional card or special gift you wish to give your sweetheart.

"The best place to surprise a lady is at work," says Gordon Getz, who is coordinating the program this year. "She might get a little misty-eyed as we

sing to her, and the entire office usually gathers 'round to watch."

Getz has delivered countless singing valentines over the last twenty years as a member of The Ol' Pals, one of the area's most popular quartets.

T.J. Barranger, director of the Somertones, has been in a valentine quartet every year since he joined the chorus in 1995. He's made deliveries in homes, restaurants, bars, and country clubs, and says he has one very special memory.

"I'll never forget this one woman who said we were the best gift her husband ever gave her. Can you think of a greater compliment? I can't."

The Somertones Barbershop Chorus is part of a worldwide non-profit fraternal organization, dedicated to preserving the American art form of barbershop harmony, and encouraging vocal music in the community. The group competes and performs in public regularly throughout the year.

If you would like a quartet to sing to your valentine, contact Gordon Getz at (732)545-3158.

Exhibition features work by instructor

BRANCHBURG — The Art Gallery of Raritan Valley Community College begins its Spring 2002 season Jan. 25 with a one-person exhibition by the artist, Virginia Fitzmartin Bruner.

Digital Odyssey, recent works by Bruner, will include some 20 large-scale digital images printed on archival paper with archival inks and on banner-sized fabric. The artist will give a talk on Friday, Jan. 25 from 5-6 p.m. in the gallery. A reception will follow from 6-8 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are 3-8 p.m. Monday, noon-3 p.m. Tuesday, 1-8 p.m. Wednesday, and noon-3 p.m. Thursday. The gallery is located in the Ground Level of the North Building at Raritan Valley Community College on Route 28. For more information call (908) 218-8876.

Bruner is adjunct instructor in the college's Fine and Performing Arts Department, teaching graphic design, illustration and typography. She has a Masters of Fine Art degree from Pratt Institute.

Digital Odyssey includes artwork produced in the last three years. In August, Bruner was awarded an arts and cultural exchange residency grant at

Druckwerkstatt, the printmaking division of Kulturwerk des BBK Berlin, a citywide multidisciplinary arts organization, located in Kunsterhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany. Built in 1845, Kunsterhaus Bethanien was originally a hospital and now houses several arts organizations. The experiences in Berlin provided a major source of imagery and inspiration for this exhibition.

The works in Digital Odyssey originated as technology permitted. Bruner to reinterpret Romanian Lace, a collograph developed and hand printed in Romania when Bruner was part of the exhibition, Graphic Arts USA sponsored by the State Department. The exhibit toured six cities in Romania and Poland. Other silk-screened works, first printed abroad, were integrated into imagery developed on the computer.

Each of Bruner's impressions is a moment in time, an experience to be shared. The transparent imagery reads as a layering of time, for the odyssey is about a journey through interactive time as space. In this case rhythm, rather than space, becomes the organizational principal of Bruner's work. Each work is a unique image or set, with no intention for mass reproduction.

Soap stars will bring drama to Dunellen Theatre

DUNELLEN — Jersey Central Theatre Company will present "One Life to Love," an exclusive Valentine's Day benefit performance of A.R. Gurney's classic romantic play *Love Letters* on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at the historic Dunellen Theater.

Making the evening extra special is the fact that the play will feature two of the stars of ABC-TV's *One Life To Live*, James and Kassie DePaiva.

In tandem with the evening's theme of love, the DePaivas not only portray married couple "Max" and "Blair" on the popular daytime drama, but they happened to have fallen in love on the show and married in real life as well.

DePaiva spent eight years performing as a professional musician before deciding to follow his first love: acting. After acting for several months with a repertory theatre in California, he soon appeared in a recurring role of the waiter who tried to romance "Holly Scorpio" on ABC's *General Hospital*, before landing his big break with *One Life To Live*.

One Life To Live also marks DePaiva's return to daytime television, having played good-girl Chelsea Reardon on *Guiding Light* from 1986-1991. Kassie was also seen as "Bobbie Joe" in the feature film, *Evil Dead II* and has guest-starred on such TV series as *Melrose Place*, *Baywatch* and *Timetrex*. A talented singer, she has performed at the legendary Grand Ole Opry, an International U.S.O. tour and as a back-up vocal-

ist for soul singer Bobby Womack. Last year marked the release of her first CD.

This performance of *Love Letters* will benefit the League for the Hard of Hearing, a charity dear to the two actors' hearts. For nearly a century, this organization has been helping infants, children and adults improve their quality of life and overcome challenges presented by hearing loss. The theatre is currently searching for a sign interpreter wishing to donate their services for the event.

Love Letters is a truly unique and imaginative theatre piece, which is comprised of letters exchanged over a lifetime between two people who grew up together, went their separate ways, but continued to share their confidences.

Jersey Central Theatre Company's Founding Artistic Director, Ken Schwarz, arranged the event and will direct the production.

Jersey Central Theatre Company is currently in residence at the Historic Dunellen Theater, located at 458 North Avenue (Rt. 28), at the corner of Madison Avenue in downtown Dunellen, NJ. Tickets for this event are \$25 per person and there will be no discounts, refunds or exchanges for this performance.

To make reservations, or for further information, please contact Jersey Central Theatre Company at (732) 968-9010, or online at www.jerseycentraltheatre.com.

Protein pictures on display at college

PISCATAWAY — "The Art of Science - Images from the Protein Data Bank," an exhibit of artwork based on molecular structures, opened Monday at The Gallery in the Busch Campus Center, 604 Bartholomew Road. The gallery is free and open to the public.

"The exhibit looks at the beauty inherent in the three-dimensional structures of proteins," said Christine Zardecki, research assistant at the Protein Data Bank (PDB) and curator of the exhibit. "While these structures are smaller than the wavelength of light, they have a very strong visual component."

The images presented are taken from the Protein Data Bank housed at Rutgers, one of the world's most critical resources for solving the mysteries of human disease and designing new pharmaceutical drugs as cures.

The PDB is an Internet-access-

sible atlas of 3-D models of biological structures determined by scientists using the most modern experimental methods and directed by Board of Governors Professor Helen Berman.

The PDB is managed by the Research Collaboratory for Structural Bioinformatics, a consortium comprised of Rutgers, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the San Diego Supercomputer Center at the University of California, San Diego.

The pictures of the protein molecules were taken from the PDB, including images created by David S. Goodsell, assistant professor of molecular biology at Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA, for the PDB's Molecule of the Month series.

The exhibit will be open weekdays from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4 p.m., and will run through Saturday, Feb. 9.



Shakespeare on ice

The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet returns to the State Theatre on Jan. 31, performing its rendition of the romantic classic *Romeo & Juliet*. This dynamic company, featuring some of Russia's foremost ice dancers brings the worlds of ice and ballet together to illustrate the drama surrounding Shakespeare's most famous lovers. Beautiful sets, exquisite costumes, and Prokofiev's enchanting score serve as the backdrop to the dancers who translate this heartbreaking tragedy into a beautiful evening of ice dancing. For more information, call (877) STATE-11.

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• "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.

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COMING UP

CHESTER THEATRE GROUP

Grove St., Chester
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• "A Perfect Ganesh," lesser-known drama by Terrence McNally. 8 p.m. Feb. 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. Admission \$15; seniors, students \$12 (discount Friday only).

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• "The Tempest," Shakespeare play as done by the Aquila Theatre Company of London. 3 p.m. Feb. 3. Admission \$16. Related lecture 2 p.m.; admission \$6.

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11 a.m. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 3, 9, 16, 23; Forum Theatre
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GOODNIGHT OPUS

1 and 4 p.m. Jan. 27
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org
• Opus the penguin (from the comic strip "Bloom County") goes off into the night. Admission \$14, \$12.

MEET THE PERCUSSION

2 and 3:15 p.m. Jan. 27
Burgdorf Hall, 570 Central Ave., New Providence
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• With the musicians of the New Jersey Youth Symphony. Admission \$5.

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Concerts

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5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3
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• Chamber choir based at Trinity Church in lower Manhattan. Admission \$10.

BBC ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Performing works of Sir Edward Elgar, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Robert Schumann and Antonin Dvorak. Admission \$50-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

JOSE CARREIRAS

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(800) 766-6048;
www.tickets.com
• Tenor sings works of Spanish and European composers with Lorenzo Bavaj, piano. Admission \$125-\$45.

DOO-WOP NIGHTS 1

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1
Union County Arts Center
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• Shirley Alston Reeves (of The Shirelles), Walt Maddox's Marcells (of "Blue Moon" fame), Diamond Dave Somerville (of The Diamonds). Admission \$28-\$20.

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3 and 8 p.m. Jan. 26
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Watchung Circle, Watchung
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THE IMPROVABLES

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25
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• Seven-member improvisation group. Admission \$6.

MASTERS: PAST AND PRESENT

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2
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• Works of George Walker, Felix Mendelssohn and Ludwig van Beethoven, performed by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$40-\$15; discounts available.

MUSIC FROM ANOTHER TIME

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27
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• Played by Electric Diamond (Stuart Diamond, synthesizer, and Don Slepian, keyboard). Admission \$8.

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7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26
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• "St. Petersburg in 1921," to March 10.

• "Art of the Baltics," to March 17.

• "Family, Friends and Neighbors: Picturing Relationships in Children's Books," to March 17.

• "In Context: Pattern in Contemporary Printmaking," to March 24.

• "Ben Shahn: In Dispute About Images," to March 24.

• "The Victor Weeps," photographs by Fazal Sheikh of Afghan refugees 1996-98, to

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• "Two Views Bridged" by Lilian, to March 22.

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• "Concepts" from Vadim Stain, to Jan. 29.

Valentine's Day

How to keep roses as fresh as your love

(NAPSI)-Roses have symbolized love, friendship and beauty-across cultures and throughout time.

It was not until the 1940s, however, that roses became so closely associated with Valentine's Day. Today, roses are the most requested flowers to send for this special holiday.

More than 100 million roses in more than a thousand different varieties are sold each year on Feb. 14.

Whether one's taste leans to the subtle, the flamboyant or the delicate, there is a rose to please. Red roses, however, are symbols of love, dedication and beauty, and continue to be the most popular color choice for Valentine's Day.

According to the floral experts at 1-800-

FLOWERS.COM, the following tips will help extend the life of your roses this Valentine's Day:

Keep the vase in a cool spot, away from direct sunlight, vents and appliances that give off heat.

To arrange the roses, fill a deep vase with lukewarm water, and mix in the floral preservative provided by the florist.

Remove any leaves that may fall below the waterline when placed in the vase.

Use shears to cut an inch from the bottom of the stem while holding it under water. This will prevent air from blocking the flow of water to

the head of the bud.

Place roses loosely, yet evenly spaced in the vase.

Keep the vase in a cool spot,

Add fresh water to the vase every day. Completely change the water every three to four days and re-cut the stems.

After a week, when the flowers have fully opened, cut each stem very short-four to five inches in length-and arrange in a smaller vase.

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Sports

Older Hammonds set an illustrious example

By DAVID LAZARUS

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Although he's a successful investment advisor, Reggie Hammonds is often torn whether to check the box scores or the stock tables when he wakes up.

"It depends what day it is, weekends are definitely sports," said Hammonds with his booming, infectious laugh. Although he still loves sports and "lives vicariously through (his younger brother) Jeff" it is in the investment arena that Reggie Hammonds excels these days.

Hammonds, a two time all-state baseball player while at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in the late 1970's, was one of four new inductees into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the Hot Stove League's 66th annual baseball dinner held at L'Affaire Restaurant Jan. 16. His younger brother Jeffrey, an outfielder with the Milwaukee

Brewers, was the keynote speaker and earlier in the evening gave his older brother's Hall of Fame introduction speech.

Also inducted were Alex "Blaze" Blazejewski, a baseball star in the late 1930's at Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth; Ernest J. Finizio, Jr., who starred in the late 1950's at Roselle Park and spent over 30 years as an umpire and George Gross who excelled at Summit in the early 1970's.

"This is what it's all about," said Jeffrey Hammonds of his first duty of the evening. "So much of what I've become as a player and a person is due to Reggie's guidance and it is a thrill to be able to give something back to him."

"He's always been 'Big Reg' to me. He set the bar so high, he made it easy for me," said Jeffrey, who recalled riding his bike to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School to watch Reggie play — and the older Hammonds was

quite an attraction and role model.

As a junior in 1979, Reggie hit .551 but true to his nature was not satisfied with that record setting average and improved upon it as a senior with a .595 mark. The Star Ledger selected him as one of the top 10 players of the '70's.

When a promising baseball career was cut short by an injured wrist, Hammonds was glad he had his solid college education from prestigious Northwestern University to fall back on, lessons not lost on Jeffrey, eight years his junior.

Although Jeffrey had opportunities to sign a major league contract straight out of high school he opted instead to accept a full scholarship to Stanford, "The Harvard of the West," a decision that he called "A no brainer."

"There was proof in our own house that accidents happen," said Jeffrey. "My parents always



Scotch Plains native Reggie Hammonds, second from left, was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame Jan. 16. Joining Hammonds are, from left, George Gross, Mike Myska, Ernest J. Finizio Jr. and Alex Blazejewski.

instilled in us that education came first."

Reggie's accident happened at a most inopportune time in his life. After successfully making the Northwestern football team's

traveling squad as a freshman, Reggie stopped home for winter break and proceeded to shatter his wrist playing a pickup basketball game.

"That was not a good thing,"

recalled Reggie. "Here I was on a football and baseball scholarship and I injure myself playing a sport I was not on scholarship for."

He managed to recover from (Continued on page B-6)

Raiders moving closer to the top

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

Starting off the season as the hunter, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team has now become the hunted.

Before falling to Union Saturday the Raiders had scooped off four straight, and with Tuesday's 57-21 win over Plainfield are off to a 12-2 start. Scotch Plains has solidified itself as the second best squad in Union County, a position no one expected back in December.

"I didn't think we'd be 11-2 at the start of the season," said Head Coach Brian Homm Monday night. "I didn't know how the younger kids would respond to the competition and the level of play. It's very nice to be 11-2 and ranked second in the county, but now we have to go out and respect the ranking and beat the teams we're supposed to beat."

"We fought hard to get to this level, now we have to go out there and continue to play at this level."

Scotch Plains nearly knocked off the one county team it's not supposed to beat Saturday, falling to Union 53-49. The Raiders dug themselves a huge hole, trailing by as many as 17 in the fourth quarter before responding with a 23-7 run, culminating in a hook shot by freshman center Hillary Klimowicz with 11 seconds left to close the gap to 50-49. But the Farmers took care of business at the free throw line in the final 10 seconds to put the game out of reach.

"Union is a very good team," said Homm. "They jumped on us early, got a 15 point lead, and it's tough to get back into the game. But I'm proud of the

way we did come back. It shows the kids have heart and are able to come back."

It's been the kids that have been lighting up the box scores for the Raiders this year, mainly Klimowicz and emerging three-point specialist freshman Maura Gillooly. Freshman Jenny Burke has played an impressive floor game as the starting point guard.

But Scotch Plains also couldn't be where it is without the leadership of its veterans. Seniors Erin Gillooly and Kellie LaForge and junior Lindsey Pennella have provided a solid foundation of leadership, and have adjusted their roles to fit the team's needs.

"They're stepping up as leaders," said Homm. "They lead by example in practice, they're fiery type players and they're giving us the leadership we've got to have. Erin realizes Hillary can score and she doesn't feel the pressure to score as much. We still look to her to score, but she's done a good job helping us out more on defense and rebounding. Kellie and Lindsay have been with the program and can get kids fired up."

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Swimming
Westfield at Elizabeth, 4
Scotch Plains at East Brunswick, 3:30

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

Boys Basketball
Westfield vs. Cranford, 7
Girls Basketball
Westfield at Cranford, 7
Scotch Plains vs. JP Stevens, 2
Ice Hockey
Westfield at West Essex, 4:15
South Mountain Arena

Wrestling

Scotch Plains at Watchung Hills/Hillsborough, 10 a.m.

Bowling

Westfield at Mid-Winter Classic, 4 p.m.
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MONDAY, JAN. 28

Girls Winter Track
Union County Individual Championships, 8
Dunn Center, Elizabeth
Ice Hockey
Westfield vs. Randolph, 3:45

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

Boys Basketball
Westfield at Linden, 4
Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 4
Girls Basketball
Westfield vs. Linden, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 4
Boys Swimming
Westfield vs. Christian Brothers Academy, 4

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

Wrestling
Westfield vs. Middlesex, 5:30
Scotch Plains at Union, 5
Ice Hockey
Westfield vs. West Essex, 8:30

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

Boys Basketball
Westfield vs. Watchung Hills, 4
Scotch Plains at Linden, 4
Girls Basketball
Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4
Ice Hockey
Westfield vs. Summit, 3:45

Miller, Reavis, MacNeil advance to MOC

The Westfield High indoor track team saw three runners and one relay team advance to the Meet of Champions at the Group 3 Championships Sunday at Jadwin Gym in Princeton.

Richard Miller placed fifth (52.69) and Diano Reavis was sixth (52.74) in the 400 meter run and the 4x400 relay team took fourth in 3:32.53 to secure seven points and a 17th place finish for the Blue Devils' boys squad.

Emily MacNeil was the one girl to advance to the Meet of Champions Feb. 3, finishing fourth in the 800 in 2:21.82.

The girls Union County championships will be Monday in Elizabeth, with the boys racing on Wednesday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield dropped to 3-10 after a 55-26 loss to Elizabeth Tuesday. Dana Passananti led the Devils with 11 points. Westfield will look to grab a feel-good victory over rival Cranford Saturday.

WESTFIELD SCORING

Cusimano 2-0-2-6, Passananti 4-1-0-11, Hutchinson 0-0-1-1, Venezia 2-0-0-4, O'Neill 0-0-2-2, Infantino 0-0-2-2. Totals: 8-1-7-26.

Elizabeth 17 15 12 11 - 55

Westfield 7 9 7 3 - 26

Kearny 68, Westfield 54

Jackie Cusimano continued her torrid scoring with 29 points, to go along with six assists and five steals, but it wasn't enough to lift Westfield past Kearny Saturday.

WESTFIELD SCORING

Cusimano 2-0-2-6, Passananti 2-0-0-4, Hutchinson 2-0-0-4, Venezia 3-0-2-8, Infantino 4-0-1-9. Totals: 20-3-5-54.

Kearny 16 13 14 25 - 69

Westfield 15 16 11 12 - 54

Westfield 52, East Side 50

Sue Ann Hutchinson sank a pair of free throws with nine seconds left to lift Westfield to a 52-50 win over East Side Jan. 18. Jackie Cusimano led Westfield with a career-high 33

points, scoring eight in the fourth quarter. Lisa Venezia grabbed 17 rebounds for the Devils.

WESTFIELD SCORING

Cusimano 9-1-12-33, Passananti 3-1-3-12, Hutchinson 0-0-4-4, O'Neill 1-0-0-2, Infantino 0-0-1-1, Venezia 0-0-0-0. Totals: 13-2-20-52.

Westfield 6 19 11 16 - 52

East Side 4 12 20 14 - 50

BOYS BASKETBALL

Similar to Westfield's loss to East Side, the Devils (10-3) hung tough with highly-ranked Elizabeth for three quarters, but couldn't hold on in the fourth, falling to Elizabeth 80-65 despite a career-high 38 points from Dan DeSerio.

WESTFIELD SCORING

DeSerio 14-0-10-38, McKeon 4-0-0-8, Turner 4-0-1-9, Mercer 3-0-2-8, Holt 1-0-0-2, Cook 0-0-0-0. Totals: 26-0-13-65.

Elizabeth 20 15 20 25 - 80

Westfield 19 16 15 15 - 65

Westfield 85, Kearny 43

The Devils pulled away with a 19-9 second quarter to keep Kearny winless and register their 10th win of the season. Dan DeSerio led all scorers with 20 points.

WESTFIELD SCORING

DeSerio 9-0-2-20, Cook 5-0-1-11, McKeon 0-2-1-7, Mercer 5-2-0-16, E. Turner 3-0-0-6, A. Turner 2-0-4-8, Jenkins 1-0-0-2, Will 2-0-4-8, Chazanow 0-1-1-4, Blackmon 1-0-1-3. Totals: 28-5-14-85.

Westfield 20 19 20 26 - 85

East Side 13 9 12 9 - 43

East Side 70, Westfield 50

The Devils hung right with the top team in the conference, and one of the best public schools in the state Jan. 17, before faltering late in the fourth quarter and falling to East Side 70-50.

Westfield was still in position to win the game midway through the final period but, after Dan DeSerio was called for his fifth foul, East Side turned up the defensive pressure to pull away down the stretch. DeSerio led Westfield with 17 points and Jim McKeon played solid defense limiting all-state guard Randy Foye to 18 points.

Westfield

High School Roundup



WESTFIELD SCORING

Cook 5-1-3-16, DeSerio 5-0-7-17, McKeon 2-2-1-11, Mercer 1-0-2-4, Turner 1-0-0-2, Schultz 0-0-0-0. Totals: 13-3-13-48.

East Side 12 20 13 25 - 70

Westfield 13 10 20 7 - 50

GIRLS SWIMMING

With superior depth Westfield defeated Shawnee 92-78 Jan. 17, winning just two individual events but two relays.

50 yard free: Barolin, S. 25.69
100 free: Barolin, S. 56.81
200 free: Gershach, S. 2:02.68
500 free: Gershach, S. 5:37.63
100 breast: Dickson, W. 1:12.73
100 fly: Makris, S. 1:03.57
100 back: Laputka, S. 1:03.00
200 IM: Dickson, W. 2:20.84
200 free relay: W (Vantovsky, Layton, Fowler, Feller), 1:46.86
400 free relay: W (Vantovsky, Layton, Simaika, Fowler), 3:55.08
200 medley relay: S (Laputka, Karn, Elmendorf, Barolin), 1:58.37

BOYS SWIMMING

Westfield dominated a strong Shawnee squad Jan. 17, winning seven of the events on its way to a 117.5 to 62.5 victory. Zack Coppa and Vincent Shen led the way winning two events each.
50 yard free: Coppa, W. 22.36
100 free: Coppa, W. 51.06
200 free: Logar, S. 1:52.19
500 free: Logar, S. 5:06.12
100 breast: Burger, S. 1:06.27
100 fly: Shen, W. 56.65
100 back: Shen, W. 57.92
200 IM: Chiesa, W. 2:10.06
200 free relay: W (Bartholomew, Chiesa, Power, Freundlich), 1:38.30
400 free relay: S (Logar, Derbin, Chinn, Burger), 3:44.7
200 medley relay: W (Shen, Gurdus, Coppa, Bartholomew), 1:45.73

WRESTLING

Westfield took advantage of pins by Gil Arbitman, Mike Barbieri,

Chris Gismondi, Jake Kramer and Tom Byrne to down Plainfield 54-22 Friday.

152: Arbitman, W. pinned Gonzales, 2:36
160: Sternbridge, P. pinned Johnson, 4:6
171: No match
189: M. Barbieri, W. pinned Walcott, 2:16
215: Gismondi, W. pinned J. Carter, 5:59.

HWT: Clervox, P. won by forfeit.
103: Mench, W. won by forfeit.
112: Hewitt, W. won by forfeit.
119: Tulu, P. won by forfeit.
125: O. Carter, P. dec. Gale, 14-6.
130: Kramer, W. pinned Robinson, 2:5
135: Ma Barbieri, won by forfeit.
140: Israelow, W. won by forfeit.
145: Byrne, W. pinned Seay, 1:07.



Adam Turner and the Blue Devils will host Cranford 7 p.m. Saturday, the third game this season between the two rivals.

Raiders closing in on state berth

Plainfield pulled away in the second quarter and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball team never recovered, falling to the Cardinals 86-56 Tuesday. Anwar Montgomery had 24 points for the Raiders.

Scotch Plains faced East Side yesterday, needing to win two of its final four games to qualify for the state tournament. The Raiders (7-7) travel to Shabazz Tuesday, Linden Thursday and Union Feb. 2 — the cutoff day for state qualifying.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING

Montgomery 8-1-5-24, Williams 4-0-2-10, Brennan 4-1-2-13, Adams 0-1-0-3, Bendik 0-0-4-4, Hughes 2-0-0-4, DeCataldo 0-1-1-4, Lockery 0-0-0-0. Totals: 13-4-18-56.

Scotch Plains 15

Irvington 16

B 5 14 - 43

Scotch Plains 62, Rahway 44

The Raiders inched above the .500 mark with a 62-44 win over Rahway Saturday behind 25 points from Anwar Montgomery.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING

Montgomery 4-4-5-25, Williams 4-0-2-10, Brennan 3-1-4-13, Adams 0-0-1-1, Bendik 3-0-2-8, DeCataldo 1-1-0-5. Totals: 15-6-14-62.

Scotch Plains 5 19 23 15 - 62

Rahway 16 7 10 11 - 44

Scotch Plains 56, Irvington 43

Anwar Montgomery scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to turn a six-point lead into a 13 point victory Jan. 17. Mike Brennan added 13 points and six blocks.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING

Scotch Plains

High School Roundup



145: DeNichilo, S. pinned Rendeus, 1:39.
152: Fernandez, L. dec. Stender, 12-5.
160: Colvin, L. dec. Bachi, 16-6.
171: Silber, S. won by forfeit.
189: Gary, L. dec. Fabiano, 4-2.

215: M. Loomis, S. won by DQ over Loperanza

HWT: A. Loomis, S. won by forfeit

Scotch Plains 46, Westfield 22

The Raiders dominated the upper weights to defeat arch rival Westfield Wednesday.
125: Kramer, W. dec. Ferrara, 11-4.
130: Dleduca, W. dec. Ferante, 9-0.
135: Powell, W. dec. Sprague, 13-8.
140: Francavilla, S. dec. Tomasso, 12-3.
145: DeNichilo, S. pinned Byrne, 22.
152: Arbitman, W. pinned Stender, 4:11.
160: Bachi, S. pinned Saggio, 26.
171: Silber, S. pinned Gismondi, 5:00.
189: Fabiano, S. pinned Barbieri, 4:00.
215: M. Loomis, S. won by forfeit.
HWT: A. Loomis, dec. Gismondi, 1-0 (2OT)
103: Mench, W. pinned Gines, 1:45.
112: Minnow, S. pinned Hewitt, 1:40.
119: Connolly, S. dec. Decampo, 2-0 OT.

SWIMMING

The Raiders' boys squad was narrowly edged by Public A powerhouse Bridgewater-Raritan Friday 88-82.

50 yard free: Roglieri, B. 23.23.
100 free: Roglieri, B. 50.56
200 free: Gallagher, B. 1:53.73.
500 free: Levin, B. 5:14.81.
100 breast: S. Swenson, S. 1:03.37.
100 fly: R. Hauptman, S. 57.35.
100 back: Gallagher, B. 57.96.
200 IM: Turbowitz, B. 2:07.50.
200 free relay: S (S. Swenson, E. Swenson, D. Hauptman, Shellfield), 1:35.01.
400 free relay: B (Levin, Wing, Turbowitz,

Gallagher), 3:37.85.

200 medley relay: S (R. Hauptman, B. Swenson, E. Swenson, D. Hauptman), 1:46.12.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Scotch Plains routed Plainfield 57-31 Tuesday, led by 13 points from Maura Gillyooly and 16 points from Hillary Klimowicz.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING

E. Gillyooly 3-0-0-6, LaForge 1-0-1-4, Pennella 1-0-2-4, Klimowicz 8-0-0-16, Burke 0-2-8, M. Gillyooly 2-3-0-13, Feeley 1-0-0-2, D. 0-0-1-1, DeCataldo 1-0-0-2, Russell 1-0-0-2. Totals: 21-3-6-57.

Scotch Plains 6 23 20 8 - 57

Plainfield 11 6 3 - 31

Union 53, Scotch Plains 48

The Raiders staged a furious comeback, going on a 23-7 run in the fourth quarter to draw within 50-49, but it was too late against the top ranked team in the county Saturday.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING

E. Gillyooly 2-0-0-4, LaForge 1-0-0-2, Pennella 5-0-2-12, Klimowicz 8-0-0-16, Burke 1-0-0-2, M. Gillyooly 0-3-0-9. Totals: 17-3-6-49.

Union 11 14 16 12 - 53

Scotch Plains 7 9 10 23 - 49

Scotch Plains 57, Irvington 31

The Raiders raced out to an 11-point lead and never looked back Jan. 17, beating Irvington 57-31. Hillary Klimowicz scored 16 points.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING

E. Gillyooly 2-0-0-4, LaForge 2-0-0-4, Pennella 2-0-2-6, Klimowicz 8-0-0-16, Burke 3-0-6-6, M. Gillyooly 0-3-2-11, Feeley 1-0-2-4, Russell 1-0-2-4. Totals: 19-3-10-57.

Scotch Plains 18 18 11 10 - 57

Irvington 7 6 7 11 - 31



RUTHANNE WAGNER/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT
Anwar Montgomery has averaged 22.3 points over the last three games as the Raiders make a push for the state tournament.

YOUTH SPORTS

St. Helen's CYO Hoops 4th grade boys

The St. Helen's 4th grade boys squad played its best all around game of the season Friday, dominating in all facets of the game to down St. John's the Apostle of Clark White team 21-6.

After getting off to a slow start, and leading just 6-2 at the half, St. Helen's exploded in the second half behind Bobby Oberlander and Joe Purchetta. Oberlander scored four of his team-high eight points in the half, and Purchetta scored all four of his points in the second half.

Anthony Purchetta finished with three points and Mike Sheehan, Stephen Greet and Matt Woods each had two points. Mike Fietkiewicz stopped St. John's top scoring threat and teamed with Anthony and

Joe Purchetta and Mike Sheehan to dominate the paint and the glass.

Justin Greet, Chris Dunstan and John Descalzi worked in tune with Oberlander, Stephen Greet and Woods to pressure the ball defensively, create turnovers and spark fast break opportunities.

5th/6th grade girls

The St. Helen's 5th and 6th grade girls won five of six games this weekend, losing only a hard fought overtime loss to Clark 35-31.

The Clark team was undefeated at the time and had won the IHM and Rahway tournaments. With ten seconds to go in the game Erin Miller hit her fifth three-pointer of the game to put St. Helen's ahead 30-28. But Clark tied the score with two seconds left to send it into overtime. Erin Miller led St.

Helen's with 18 points, hitting five of eight three point attempts and converting a three-point play. Stephanie Slodyska had 11 points and Danielle Infantino had two points and 11 rebounds. Alli MacDonald played a great defensive game and had 18 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Rose Driscoll had four assists and played a great floor game in leading the offense.

In the first game Saturday St. Helen's beat MMOG 46-8. Stephanie Slodyska had 18 points Cassie Simcox, the rapidly improving 5th grader, chipped in with six points to lead the way. In the second game Saturday, St. Helen's beat St. Joe's 20-3. Erin Miller had eight pints, Krissy Wendel had five rebounds and two points.

In the first game Sunday St. Helen's beat St. Teresa of

Summit 30-14. Kate Sheridan led the way defensively with three steals and two assists. Stephanie Slodyska led the scoring with 14 points. In the second game Sunday St. Helen's beat Clark B 24-10. Annie Depalmer and Nina Brownstone led a balanced scoring attack with four points each.

In the final game of the weekend St. Helen's beat IHM 6 27-17. Alli Macdonald played a great game grabbing 16 rebounds from her power forward position and even did a good job playing point guard for six minutes. St. Helen's record is now 28-6 with another tough six game schedule next weekend. When Coach Miller was asked why so many games he replied, "When you have three daughters at home you will understand."

game (8:15).

HOOPS CAMPS

The Kevin Boyle Basketball Camp 2002 will be held at A.L. Johnson High School in Clark. The camp is for boy sand girls ages 7-16 and runs from June 24-28, July 15-19, Aug. 5-9 and Aug. 12-16. The camp is from 9:3 p.m. with early drop off at 7:30 a.m. available. Session five to the camp will be held Aug. 19-23 at the RexPlex in Elizabeth, Exit 13A next to IKEA, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Kelly Boyle (732) 574-9733.

Hammonds honored

(Continued from page B-5)
that to twice make the all Big Ten baseball tournament team and was drafted after his junior year by the Seattle Mariners but turned it down to complete his studies. After graduation he was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates and moved up their organization, reaching the Double-A level and playing with the likes of Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla.

Another wrist injury ended his major league dreams in 1988 and Reggie headed for the investment world where he advises clients through the maelstrom of money and how best to invest it.

"We do a lot of work with asset allocation," said Reggie. "Many of our clients are athletes but it is not the core of our business." Reggie did not disclose how much advice he was giving to his younger brother who signed a three year \$21.75 million contract with the Brewers prior to the 2001 season.

The timing of Reggie's exit from professional baseball coincided with Jeffrey's high school graduation in 1989 and made his choice to go to college easier.

"Because of Reggie and my parents, I never looked at baseball as an option out of high school," said Jeffrey. "Stanford had just won the College World Series and I knew I would be facing excellent competition while getting a top education."

The injury bug has not escaped the younger Hammonds, who enters his second season as a

Milwaukee Brewer trying to come back from a torn cartilage in his right shoulder which prematurely ended his 2001 season.

Jeffrey has been rehabilitating his shoulder at the Milwaukee Brewers' spring training facility in Phoenix and proclaimed himself ready to go for Opening Day April 3.

And as Jeffrey heads back to Arizona, Reggie will flip open the paper to the business section and try to make sense of the latest down draft in the stock market and figure out how to best allocate his clients' portfolios.

Two recent Westfield High graduates took home the prestigious Union County Athlete of the Year awards. Victoria Nusse received the Joseph R. Lombardi Memorial Award for allowing just one goal last fall in 20 starts for College of New Jersey women's soccer team. The previous year she had led them to the national title, recording 21 shutouts. Her exploits enabled her to be one of only two Division III players invited to the Umbro Classic, a national all-star soccer game, February 10. She hopes a good performance will enable her to be picked in the women's pro soccer draft the following week.

Brian Ciemniecki, an all state baseball player as a Blue Devil, was cited for leading Rutgers to an NCAA tourney bid last spring. "It was a shock to me to win the (Chris Zuzi Memorial) award", said Ciemniecki, who is currently the junior varsity basketball coach at Westfield.

SPORTSCENE

CHARITY HOCKEY

The Cranford and Westfield High Ice Hockey teams will be facing off for charity 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at Warinanco Rink.

Proceeds from the event will be split between the two town's 9/11 funds. Ticket prices will be \$5 for students and \$7 for adults in advance and \$7 at the door. Both coaches are expecting a capacity crowd and an electric atmosphere. Cranford won the first meeting this season, with Westfield coming back to defeat the Cougars a week later and

both teams are anxious to settle the score and claim local bragging rights.

CHARITY HOOPS

For the eight year in a row some of the Northeast's best high school basketball teams will battle for ranking and improved conditions for local homeless people during the annual "Elizabeth Coalition to

Real Estate

2002 will bring real changes in the housing industry

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

This will be a year of major changes in the real estate industry. And each of those changes will impact the way consumers buy, sell, finance and refinance homes.

Many analysts are predicting precisely what those changes will be. Some will be right, some wrong. Here are few predictions that seem to be on firm and solid footing, and most analysts generally agree with them.

In mortgage lending, originations will be down from last year. But the market will remain healthy and robust.

"We expect originations to be down by about 25 percent this year, but it will still be a strong market," said Joe Drum, executive vice president of Fidelity National Financial. "We antici-

pate this year will resemble the market of year 2000 which, I might add, was a very good one."

Drum traces the downturn turn in the number of loan originations to a slowdown in the economy, uncertainty following the 9/11 terrorist event, and a lapse in consumer confidence that first showed up in October. He also cites an all-time high rate of unemployment and worries about the impact of the Enron collapse on both the financial markets and the cost of energy.

"Real estate dislikes uncertainty," he noted.

Refinance transactions will drive the mortgage industry this year to a greater extent than last year. Typically, refinances comprise about 30 percent of mortgage loan originations. But this year they are expected to top 50 percent.

Even though mortgage inter-

est rates have been edging up in recent weeks, they are still close to record lows. The slowly rising rates will motivate even more homeowners to take action if they are interested in refinancing.

There will be an increase in "bundled services" by loan providers this year. Competitive pressures will move lenders to increase their offering of integrated services to control costs and speed closings.

"Lenders want to make the process as smooth as possible, both for their customers and themselves," said Donald Cole with FNS. "To do that, lenders will look for and work with one vendor that can supply a variety of services, from title work and surveys to appraisals and tax searches. They will not want to deal with a lot of individuals in the process."

There will undoubtedly be

major changes in the title industry. New programs and concepts were budding last year that can save a lot of money for consumers this year. And lenders will likely be looking to title firms for information services, including ways to expedite transaction closings.

During this year, there will probably be more acquisitions of related or ancillary real estate service providers, such as automated appraisal services and other modes of e-commerce to maintain their competitive edge in the marketplace.

This year's title insurance policies will cover more risks than in the past.

"Previously, owners did not get the extensive coverage in title policies that lenders had," Cole noted.

"This year, that could change as title companies introduce products that cover survey matters,

policy encroachments, building permit violations and property line encroachments. We're now dealing with a much more savvy consumer who is demanding these changes."

A major move toward electronic documents will also emerge to a higher level in the real estate business. The groundwork was made last year when the Mortgage Bankers Association and Federal National Mortgage Association announced they had created a committee to come up with standards for electronic documents. These are expected to include standards for formatting, transmission and security.

Uniformity is the engine that will make things move forward with the development of fully electronic documents. We don't have that yet, but this year should see substantial progress in that area.

Association of Realtors:

"Existing home sales have been consistently stronger than expected in 2001. We're so close to setting a new record, we really won't know until the final December data is available."

Q. What's the deal with the big lawsuit against Homestore.com?

A. A class-action lawsuit has been filed against Homestore.com on behalf of purchasers of Homestore.com, Inc. common stock. This is the Thousand Oaks, Calif.-based site that operates several major real estate related Web sites, including Realtor.com, the official site of NAR.

The complaint charges Homestore and its Chairman/Chief Executive Officer Stuart Wolff (and others) with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As part of their effort to boost the price of Homestore stock, the defendants allegedly misrepresented Homestore's true prospects in an effort to conceal Homestore's improper acts until they were able to sell their own Homestore stock, according to attorneys for the plaintiffs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

FANWOOD

14 Lois Place from Harold C. Wilson Jr. to Richard C. Wilson for \$145,000.

SCOTCH PLAINS

519 Rolling Peaks Way from Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. to Edward McNeill Jr. et al. for \$325,000.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS

5 Berkeley Square from Verna S. Seibert to Ying Zhang for \$308,500.

16 Bristol Court from Guenther & Desi Krueger to Stephen G. & Deborah Stamler for \$545,000.

23 Castle Drive from John P. McKinnell et al. to Kenneth & Eve Mandel for \$301,500.

17 Gallinson Drive from Lawrence V. & Margaret Stefamile to Mario A. Coronado et al. for \$485,000.

11 Heather Court from Gary & Sandra N. Berger to Larry D. & Nancy K. Warshawsky for \$610,000.

37 Rogers Place from Richard & Stefanie Vuernick to Robert V.

Ortiz et al. for \$420,000.

168 Washington St. from Michael Mondelli Jr. & Flora Mondelli to Dominick & Helen Cardillo for \$225,000.

280 Washington St. from Stephen G. & Deborah Stamler to George Coiro et al. for \$549,000.

11 Wren Court from Leonardo & Jennifer Pietrantonio to Christine Groves for \$58,321.

NEW PROVIDENCE

15 Acorn Drive from Salem Masonry Co. Inc. et al. to Joseph C. & Susan C. Pick for \$690,000.

119 Division Ave. from Robert J. & Geraldine Corbliss to Joseph Del Monte et al. for \$425,000.

3 Eggers Court from John DeSimone Inc. to Robert J. & Maureen K. Burke for \$820,000.

23 Osborne Ave. from Janice L. Peterson to Robert F. Holtz Jr. et al. for \$287,000.

25 Primrose Drive from Thomas G. & Magdalena Hudson to Bernardo &

Barbara K. Estupinan for \$325,000.

SUMMIT

3 Dunnder Drive from Kenneth R. & Judith A. Cills to Mark J. & Jennifer P. Hills for \$600,000.

30F Elm St. from Anthony P. & Elisabeth Caputo to Sally Schoenfeld for \$452,000.

19 Essex Road from Paul A. & Jayne A. Becker to Robert J. & Kathleen M. Hugin for \$3.9 million.

37 Gloucester Road from David C. Benson et al. to Mark Murphy et al. for \$1,335,000.

62 Linden Place from Katherine M. Rauch to Steven G. & Melissa J. Knez for \$557,000.

65 Linden Place from Richard W. & Wendy Haenssler to David & Jennifer Merola for \$650,000.

32 Miele Place from Joseph G. Zaccagna et al. to Lisa Colgan for \$245,000.

67-69 Park Ave. from Nicholas Allocco et al. to Ademur Amador for \$265,000.

14 Passaic Ave. from Thomas M. & Dorothy Kopezynski to Paul & Andrea P. Sullivan for \$385,000.

14 Russell Place from Josephine Pannella et al. to Vito Infante et al. for \$170,400.

28 Baden Ave. from V. Dixon Peer III & Diane L. Peer to Thomas & Ann Vinci for \$1.75 million.

71 Fernwood Road from Menza, Beissel & Cohen Inc. to William A. & J. MacGillivray for \$1,795,000.

22F Orchard St. from Summit Orchard Corp. to William P. & Shannon Epstein for \$132,500.

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Commonwealth Bank						Liberty Mortgage						National Future Mortgage					
30 YR FIXED	6.875	0.00	6.879	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.875	0.00	6.875	10%	45 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.375	0.00	6.480	5%	60 DAY
15 YR FIXED	6.250	0.00	6.254	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.250	0.00	6.250	10%	45 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.875	0.00	5.960	5%	60 DAY
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(ARA) - How many times have you taken a road trip in a vehicle with only a radio, scanning radio station after station as you enter new cities?

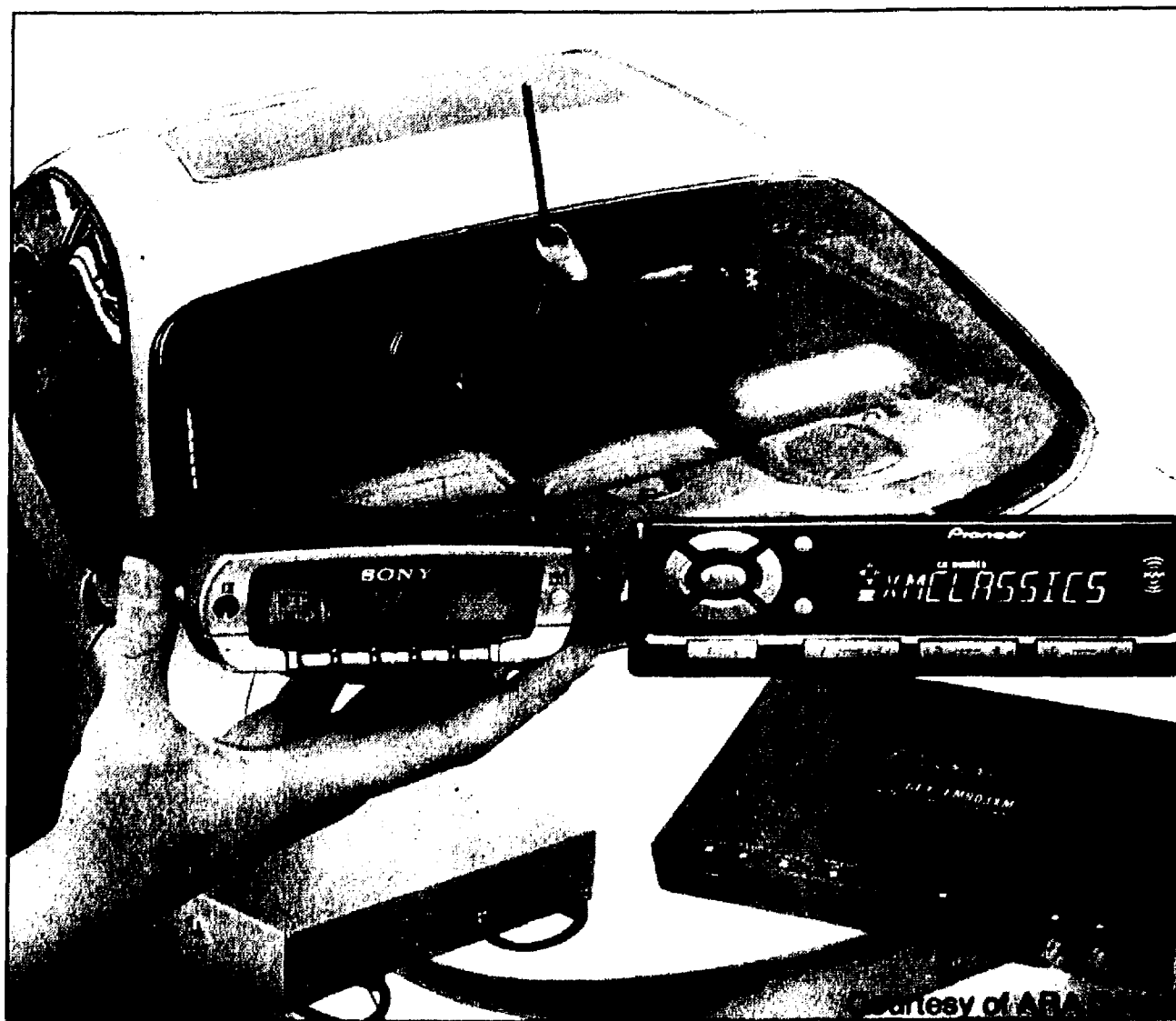
Most of us bring a music collection on road trips, sometimes spending hours at home compiling tapes or CDs of music we enjoy. And even if we stay at home, many of us prefer the sound quality of our CD collection to the weak reception or extensive commercials on the radio. But with the debut of satellite radio this fall, radio is about to enter the digital age. Billed as the biggest advance in radio since FM, satellite radio presents consumers with a stunning array of choices, all with sound quality that equals digital CDs, which will make our strain and static a thing of the past.

Satellite radio is a subscription-based service that will be offered initially by XM Satellite Radio, a company that will beam its signal from orbiting satellites. A second company, Sirius Satellite Radio, also is preparing to enter the market.

XM plans to broadcast 100 channels of music, talk, sports and entertainment — many of them free of commercials — as it rolls out its service this fall. In addition to popular formats, listeners will be able to tune in to "niche" formats ranging from showtunes, reggae, classical and NASCAR, to a trucker's channel. That means listeners will have access to more extensive libraries of music for all formats, compared to limited playlists that often have caused them to scan stations repeatedly in search of more choices. A network of terrestrial repeaters means an eventual end to radio "dead zones," and the sharp, clean sound is an impressive advancement from traditional radio.

To receive XM satellite radio signals, consumers need an XM-compatible receiver, a tuner module, an antenna and a monthly subscription.

The Pioneer GEX-1500XM tuner



Major electronics firms are getting into the satellite radio business.

module (\$199.95) connects to an XM-compatible receiver just like a CD changer. It also works with more than 3 million Pioneer receivers sold since 1995, and can be used in conjunction with Pioneer CD changers, as well. It requires a separate antenna.

Keep your factory or aftermarket radio and still get high-quality XM radio with the Pioneer GEX-1500XM (\$249.95). This FM modulator works with any FM radio by sending the XM signal to an unused FM frequency. You then control station selection through a separate

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The Pioneer DEH-P3370XM (\$399.95) includes an XM-compatible receiver and tuner (antenna not included) for users who want to replace their factory or other in-dash radio in favor of a satellite radio package.

Take great XM sound from car to car or even your home with Sony's removable XM01C package (\$299.95). It has a tuner, antenna, remote control and cassette adapter. Add XM to a vehicle with a cassette receiver using the cassette adapter.

Or, if your CD, MiniDisc or cassette receiver has an auxiliary input, you can connect the tuner's line output. Used with the XM01HK accessory home kit (\$149.95), you can even listen to satellite radio through a home receiver.

The XM01R FM modulator from Sony (\$399.95) also brings XM satellite radio to any vehicle with an FM tuner. It includes a hiddenway FM modulator that broadcasts through your FM receiver. The XM01R works with Sony's accessory home kit so you can hear your favorite channels in the car or in the den.



Wrapping the holiday gifts are Gabrielle Flaum, Drew Vreeland, Jenna Vreeland, Danielle Flaum, Emma Goldberg, Sydney Giordano and (in back) Stephen Giordano.

Maplecrest Lincoln-Mercury gives gifts to homeless shelter

UNION — Maplecrest Lincoln-Mercury, 2800 Springfield Avenue in Union, purchased toys and gifts for women and children residing at the homeless shelter sponsored by the Hopewell Baptist Church of Newark.

The gifts included many needed items such as gloves and clothing, as well as toys, books and arts and crafts items.

Nancy Flaum, a social worker and friend of the Giordano's, the family that owns the dealership, coordinated the purchasing and wrapping of the gifts. Many friends and neighbors donated their own wrapping paper as well so that all the money donated by Maplecrest could go towards the gifts.

Nancy adds, "It was particularly gratifying for the children who participated in the wrapping of the toys and gifts. They all really got caught up in the spirit of giving too."

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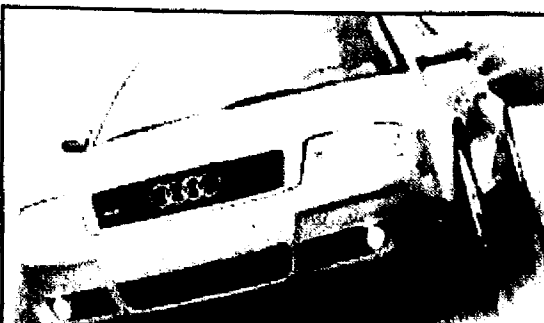
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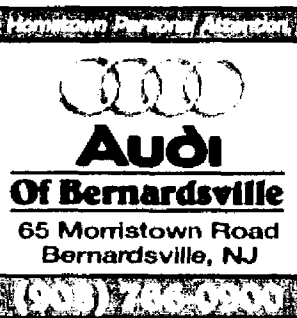
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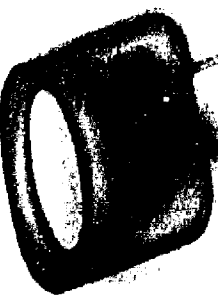
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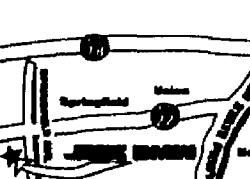


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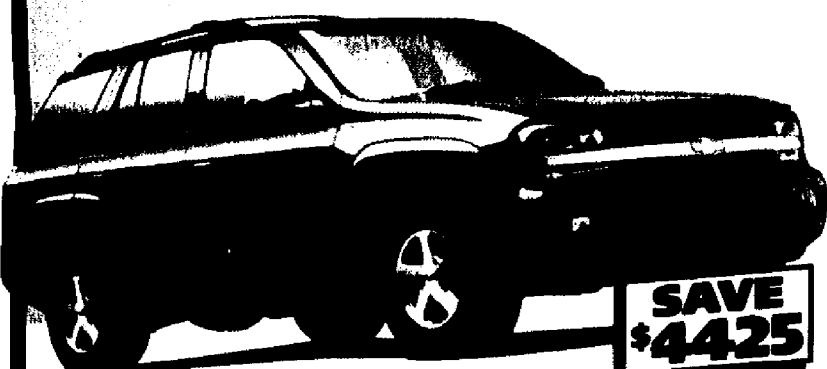
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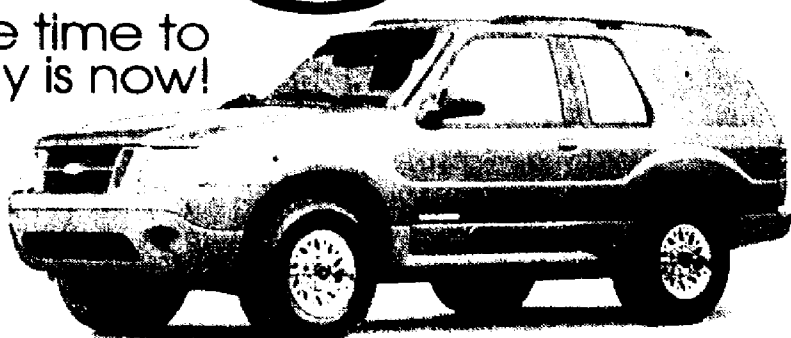
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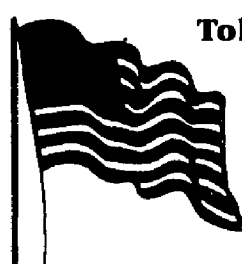
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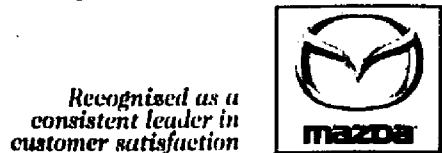
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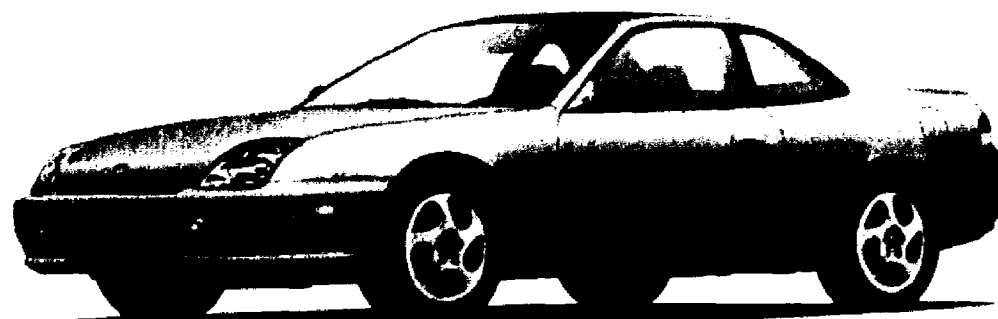


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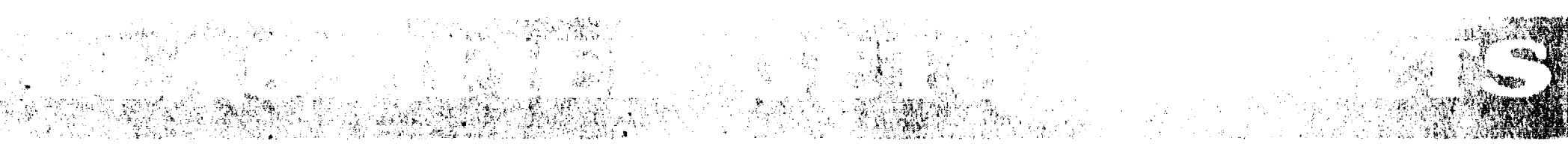
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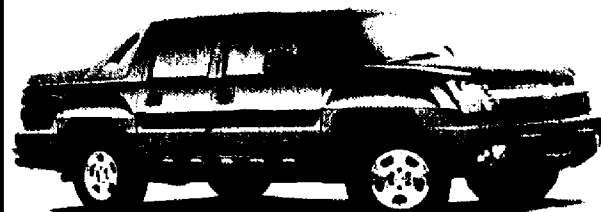
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