

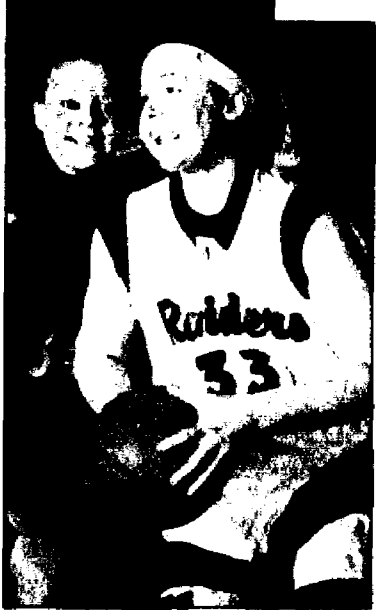
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## Around Town



### Shooting hoops

Lindsey Pennella scored 12 points as the Raiders knocked off Governor Livingston 55-27 in the first round of the Union County Tournament. See story on C-1.

### Schwarz will head the DWC

WESTFIELD — Doug Schwarz has been reappointed chairman of the Downtown Westfield Corp. Also reappointed were Joe Spector as vice chairman and Dave Martone as treasurer.

Beverly Caldora, the newest appointment to the board of directors as a business operator, was elected secretary. She fills a previous unexpired business operator position as the owner/operator of The Classic Basket.

Tom Fuccillo was appointed mayor's liaison.

### Tickets remaining for theatre series

WESTFIELD — Westfield Community Players Membership Director Letty Hudak announced that memberships for the remaining two shows are now available for \$20. She noted that this represents a savings of \$7 over purchasing tickets individually for the two shows.

The final shows of the current season are the musical "Jerry's Girls," featuring the music of Broadway composer Jerry Herman, and the Ray Cooney British Farce "It Runs in the Family."

To purchase individual memberships for \$20 each, make your check payable to Westfield Community Players and send it to Letty Hudak at 409 Harrison Avenue, Westfield NJ 07090. Tickets to WCP events are a great entertainment value while supporting one of the oldest non-profit theaters in the state of New Jersey.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934 is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in New Jersey and has brought to life over 180 comedies, dramas and musicals in its own 150-seat theater in Westfield.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, and through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage affairs.

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## Temple, residents at odds over lot

### Temple wants a new parking lot, neighbors fear traffic, expansion

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD PRESS

#### WESTFIELD

Representatives of Temple Emanu-El set forth their plans to expand the parking use of the temple site and gave assurances to skeptical residents of their desire to be a "good neighbor."

The 1.8 acres of land at 750 E.

Broad St. would be used as a parking lot to provide an additional 130 spaces on site. The Temple currently has the site, a residential home, under contract.

The meeting set between Temple Emanu-El and UNITE (United Neighbors Against Temple Expansion) was held Sunday night at the Westfield Community Room. Second Ward

Councilman Matt Albano moderated the discussion.

In an opening statement, Albano said UNITE fears the Temple will eventually use the lot for expansion purposes in the future.

"We believe either use will have a significant impact on our quality of life and on the economic value of our homes," said

Albano. "...We believe that the lack of a parking lot does not impose a burden on the temple's exercise of religion."

Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff said the temple needs more off street parking for its members, but is concerned with what can be done to make this easier on its neighbors.

He noted the congregation was

getting older and because of the hazardous conditions of parking along East Broad Street, it was becoming more difficult for members to fulfill their religious responsibilities.

More contiguous parking is needed so people can attend services and educational activities

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### Ash Wednesday

Father Masiello of Westfield's Holy Trinity Church administers ritual ashes to the forehead of a parishioner Wednesday morning.

## Council may cut the hours of town planner

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The town council weighed the need for a full-time versus a part-time town planner in 2002 in the face of growing municipal needs.

However, budget constraints will likely give way to a part-time planner with more stepped-up and specific duties likely.

The town has no planning department at present, but has been working with the idea more over the past few years. The 2002 budget provides a position for a full-time town planner and staff person, for \$90,000.

Planning matters, as they are handled currently, are done on a part-time basis with a consultant planner. Planner Blaise Brancheau has worked on a number of projects including the 2001 master plan update for the town. The council considered whether the responsibilities of a part-time planner duties reached far enough to cover the town's needs.

Since the departure of Michael LaPlace from the Downtown Westfield Corp. there has been no volunteer planner to report to the council. There is a growing sense

on council that reporting planning matters should be a full-time job.

Town Attorney Robert Cockren told council the planning professional, whether full-time or part-time, should review every application that comes before the board of adjustment or the planning board and act as a neutral professional to provide input to the council.

Though it has been considered, folding the cost of a town planner into the redevelopment process of the parking deck plans may not be practical, he said. The duties of the planning professional for the redevelopment would be too specific for the towns purposes, said Cockren.

Councilman Carl Salisbury noted that money allocated for a part-time planner in 2001 was budgeted at \$14,000 and only partially drawn down last year.

Beefing up the current part-time planner's budget from \$14,000 to 18,000 (or \$1500 per month) and giving the planner direction and a set of duties with increased expectations to review all applications and attend all board meetings would give the

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## School construction pushes back school calendar

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The 2002-2003 school year will likely start a week after Labor Day on Sept. 9, 2002 to accommodate the completion of school renovations.

The Board of Education approved on first reading the 2002-03 school calendar that, based on the architect's recommendation, adopts a late start for the first week of school to give the district a few days to finalize the issuance of a certificate of occu-

pancy for the high school renovations.

To make up for those days, the board will reduce the number of days off for the President's birthday's from two to one (Monday, Feb. 17, 2003). The last day of school will be extended to June 24, which will also be high school graduation.

The school calendar has customarily included three "snow days". If the winter season ends with one or more unused snow days in 2003, school could close on June 23 or possibly June 22. Due to arrangements that must be made in

advance, graduation will remain scheduled for June 24, 2003.

Spring vacation, tentatively scheduled for April 17-25, 2003, will include Passover on April 17 and Good Friday on April 18 and a full five days following the week.

The school budget vote/election is scheduled for April 15. The majority of the board was reluctant to close school the entire week that includes the school election day, but wanted to be sensitive to the religious holidays that week.

The proposed calendar would give fam-

ilies an entire uninterrupted week for spring vacation following Easter, allow for religious holidays and keep schools open for the school election.

The 2002-03 school calendar is being proposed after considerable deliberation by a school board members. The proposed calendar will be up for a second reading and passage on March 5.

Comments and/or suggestions may be communicated to the board or the superintendent's office at wfoley@westfieldnj.com.

## Students take over township council

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — DECA students took over the reigns of township government Tuesday night.

They ran a regular meeting, reading proclamations, passing resolutions and seeing first hand how township government works.

Councilman Guy Celentano said they "...show they can lead now and in the future."

"This is the norm of our Scotch Plains youth, what we expect and what we get," said Mayor Martin Marks. "We'll see them again in some capacity in the future of the town, the state and the country."

Sitting on council were Andrew Pavoni, Robert Mattar, David Baumwell (as mayor), Joshua Finkelstein and Brian Kopickni. Jay Cordes sat as town manager, Jack Egan as town attorney and Sara Finkelstein as clerk.

The business of the council included reading the manager's report which in part disclosed that the 2002 Municipal budget

was \$18.5 million, 2.36 percent increase over last year. Decreases in revenue from investment income was attributed to the budget increase, which is still under review.

The "mayor" announced that the 2002 Memorial Day Parade would be held on 10 a.m. May 27 on the village green. The DECA students discount card for Scotch Plains businesses was also mentioned. Purchase of the card for \$2 entitles the holder to discounts at participating businesses.

An ordinance to approve \$120,000 for the top course paving of West Broad Street to Martine Avenue was passed and the council also voted to release two performance bonds held respectively by K. Hovnanian and Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club.

A bond sale of \$6.35 million was approved for capital projects and township debt restructuring. There was a resolution passed by council supporting A-624 and S-906 which would exempt insur-

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### Winners of Achiever Awards

The 4th annual Westfield "Y" Black Achievers Awards and Recognition Banquet was held Feb 7 at The Westwood. The award winners are nominated by their employers or community organizations based on outstanding individual accomplishments and community involvement. Receiving Black Achiever awards for 2001-2002 were Hassan Abdul Haqq, Westfield Department of Public Works, Gail McMickens, Special Education Teacher at Westfield High School, Levar Harris, English Teacher at the Westfield High School, and Barron Chambliss, Detective with the Westfield Police Department.

# Despite state aid freeze, flood project moves ahead

By GREG MARX

RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD — Despite Gov. James E. McGreevey's decision Monday to freeze \$3.25 million in state aid for Cranford's flood control project, the Township Committee moved forward with the project Tuesday night, unanimously authorizing Killam Associates to complete final design work of Phase I and seeking a proposal for design work on the remaining phases

of the project.

The move falls well short of final approval of the project, and left some supporters in the audience frustrated.

But the authorization is the first significant step on flood control since one year ago, when residents' concerns prompted numerous reviews of Killam's conceptual plan.

Phase I of the project includes a swale in the woods behind Herning Avenue and an express sewer from the swale to

the river, which will run near the foundation of several houses on Riverside Drive and Brookdale Avenue. Both the swale and the sewer have drawn vocal resistance from affected residents.

The committee's decision marks its strongest support yet for the swale and the express sewer. And Deputy Mayor Phil Morin, who last year was a skeptic of Killam's plan, said he is also prepared to authorize design work on Phase II of the

project — a pumping station on Riverside Drive.

"This project is coming, and we've taken the first step tonight," Morin said.

The committee could not authorize design work on Phase II Tuesday night, because no contract has been drafted. But Township Engineer Jeff Sias was directed to get a proposal from Killam on final design work on the pumping station and preliminary design work on Phases III, IV, and V, which

include dike and sewer improvements and a second pumping station.

But some questions remain, including the precise route of the express sewer.

Killam will design both an original plan and an alternative that would eliminate two easements by moving the express sewer to the other side of two of the affected houses. The change would be technically feasible, Sias said, and would cost about another \$50,000 in construction.

And Mayor Barbara Bilger, who won election partly on her opposition to Killam's proposal, said that despite her approval Tuesday night, she still has concerns about the swale and sewer.

"(The affected residents) still have questions that haven't been answered," Bilger said. "I want to make sure in my mind we have done everything I promised them we would do."

Bilger's running mate Jerry Dobbins, who narrowly lost election, interrupted the workshop to challenge Bilger's decision.

"We campaign on one thing, Barbara, and then you're dismissing it," Dobbins said.

One planned response to questions about the sewer is a written guarantee against damage to house foundations. Township Attorney Al Stender will draft a document based in part on recommendations made last May by resident Ed Trush.

Trush had suggested township funds be held in escrow to repair any damage to those homes, and the township provide a written guarantee of its responsibility "for 99 years or in perpetuity."

While the committee is nearing consensus on project design, it now faces deep challenges to the project's funding. Monday, McGreevey announced the state contribution to the project is part of \$900 million in unexpended funds he is freezing and plans to cut from the 2002 budget. The funds have appeared annually in the state budget since late 2000.

The governor's decision, part of his attempts to close the state budget gap, also heightened concerns about \$2.45 million in county money for the project. Like the state money, that money has been authorized, but township officials said Tuesday they have not

received formal notice the funds have been appropriated.

The full five-phase project and all associated costs is now estimated at over \$9 million.

"I have a problem with \$9 or 10 million (from the township)," said Bilger. "I want to know how we're going to pay for it."

Township officials, though, have not given up on the state funds.

"It's not over till it's over," said Dan Aschenbach.

The committee passed a resolution Tuesday urging McGreevey to restore the funds, and the township's legislative delegation also issued a statement supporting the grant.

But McGreevey has thus far shown a willingness to make unpopular cuts. He also cut several million dollars in flood-related aid to Bound Brook and Manville Monday, which those municipalities had already included as operating revenue in their budgets.

In the absence of firm state and county commitments, the township will have to bond the full cost of the project itself and hope the funding is restored, bond counsel Steven Rogut told the committee. The township could also bond the project in phases, he said, but that suggestion drew little support from the committee.

One funding option, Rogut said, is a loan application to the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund, which makes loans at half the market rate.

The trust fund's guidelines would force the township to delay construction until 2003. But with design work for Phase II expected to take six to nine months once a contract is signed and a subsequent wait for regulatory approvals, a 2002 starting date is unlikely in any case, said Administrator Marlena Schmid.

Another way to fund the project, Morin said, would be to levy assessments against homeowners who will benefit from the local improvements.

But the proposal met a swift rebuke from the other commissioners and residents in attendance, and Morin said he would not press the issue.

"I put up a trial balloon... I think it was headed," he said.

The committee will discuss the bonding question again at its Feb. 26 meeting and will introduce a bond ordinance no earlier than March.

## Temple, residents at odds over lot

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on Friday and Saturday according to Kroloff.

"We seek nothing more," he said.

Kroloff said there would be no future building in the lot the temple is acquiring, there was no intention of expanding the rule or size of the facility, that it would be used for parking and only for parking.

The resident's contend a parking lot places a substantial burden on the economic value, quality of life, public health and safety of the neighborhood. An addition-

al lot would exacerbate what they call a serious drainage, lighting and noise problems already existing in the neighborhood. And it would allow for the expansion of a non-religious use of the buildings that would encourage others to destroy the neighborhood, they claim.

"The lot would have an environmental impact on 1.8 acres of land that is mostly wooded and cause serious traffic problems off one of the busiest thoroughfares in town and have a substantial impact on our safety," Albano said.

Stephen Rosenberg, President of the Temple Board of Directors, said evening events in 2001 numbered 18 and only 10 events were scheduled in 2002. Parties at the temple rarely went past midnight, except for one recent event sponsored by the town. The temple is "not a catering establishment," said Rosenberg.

Rosenberg confirmed a contract for the adjacent lot had been signed. Albano asked if the terms of the contract limited use of the property for anything but a parking lot. But Rosenberg said he wasn't able to commit to that without first going before his board.

The engineer engaged by the Temple would meet with some UNITE members or some other group of residents to discuss their plan before going before town officials, said Rosenberg.

In addition, he proposed a committee comprised of temple representatives and residents should have regular discussions about this or any other issue. A drainage problem at the rear of the property, for instance, was unknown to them, Rosenberg claimed, but it will be addressed.

Resident Mike Snizek said there was an outstanding list of items that the Temple had

promised to do, going back to 1964, from reducing truck noise to putting up shields on Dumpster sites.

"Resolve those items that have been around for 36 years," said Snizek. "It takes a long time to get your attention and it shouldn't be that way."

"What we say tonight reflects not only our positions now but also reflects the position of our new senior rabbi, our next president and our board of trustees," said Kroloff. "Even though the faces may change I want you to know you can count on continuity in what we say, what we agree to, will be adhered to in the months and years ahead."

Rosenberg said there was no other need to expand the Temple facilities to accommodate the 1180 families that make up the temple membership. The temple had been experiencing a flat period of growth that would extend into the future.

## Students take over township council

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ance expenses from the municipal CAP regulation and also permit the funding of health insurance deficits up to a period of three years.

The final business of the DECA Council was to issue

proclamation for Black History Month and for DECA week.

At the end of the meeting a resolution was introduced by councilwoman Geri Samuel giving all action of the DECA Council the same weight as the regular council. Each DECA student

was presented with a Township of Scotch Plains lapel pin for their work that evening.

Councilwoman Paulette Coronato applauded their efforts.

"These are the best students," she said. "They were very professional and serious."

## Town debates need for planner

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council a basis to decide if a full-time planner is needed.

Before further action is taken this week, a small group headed by Town Administrator James Gilden, and including Town Engineer Ken Marsh and Cockren will meet to further define the planning function and need going into 2002.

The parameters they will con-

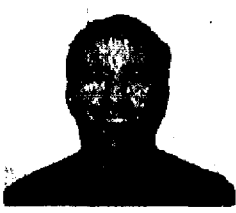
sider include housing, economic development, historic preservation, architectural style and design, affordable housing, traffic slowing, and facilities manager, and looking at the downtown central business district for long management among others.

In holding off on a full-time planner in 2002, the council may cut up to \$56,000 from the budget.

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## Wesley Hall School opens registration

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Wesley Hall is entering its 50th year of providing programs for the preschool child. It offers

morning and afternoon sessions for children two-and-a-half to five years. Lunch and enrichment classes are available. The school also has spacious indoor and outdoor play areas.

For further information or to schedule a tour, contact Mary Pembroke, director, at (908) 233-9570. The school is located in the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., Westfield.

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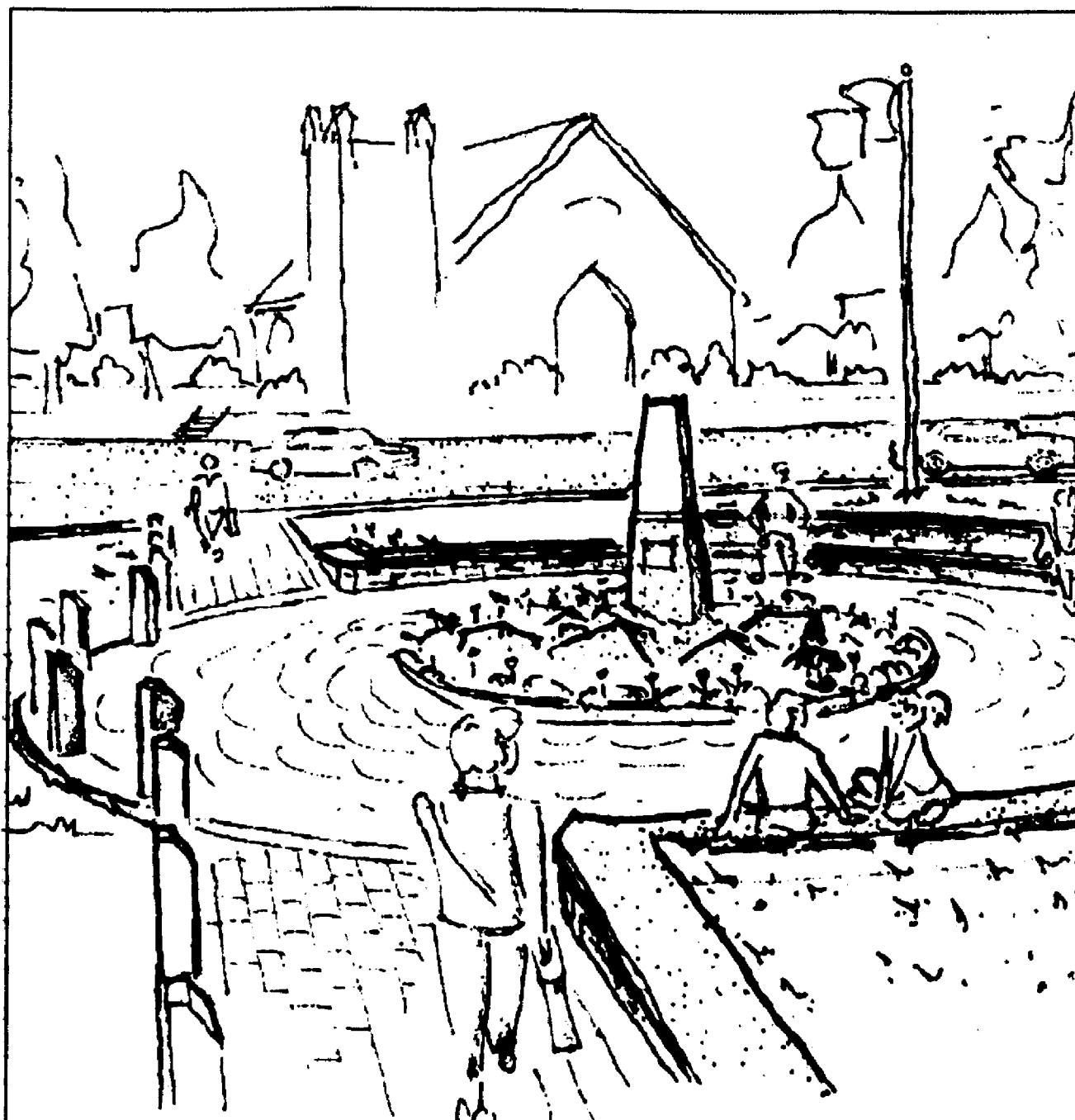
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A rough architectural rendering of the proposed Westfield memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

## Plans under way to build memorial victims of attack

WESTFIELD — Plans are underway for a memorial in downtown Westfield to honor town residents who lost their lives in the World Trade Center attack.

The town has designated property on the corner of East Broad Street and North Avenue for the memorial and a local committee has been formed to create a design for the site.

The memorial committee is headed by former Councilwoman Janis Weinstein, who first proposed the memorial last year following the Sept. 11 tragedy the lives of several current and former Westfield residents.

Other members include Andrea McDermott, wife of Mayor Gregory S. McDermott,

Jane Sentivan, president of the Westfield Rotary Club, Sherry Cronin, executive director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, and Barbara Ball, former Trustee of the Westfield Foundation. The committee has established a non-profit organization status.

"There is a great deal of interest in the community in creating a lasting and appropriate memorial for the many friends and neighbors we lost on that tragic day," said Weinstein.

Andrea McDermott, who also serves on the United Fund September 11th Committee, added, "The Westfield families who lost their loved ones are extremely supportive of creating a memorial that will help everyone in the community heal from this terrible event."

Committee members Mark Fischbach, a local architect, and Craig Stock, a local landscape architect, have produced an architectural rendering for the site which consists of a granite and glass sculpture surrounded by a stone bench wall and landscaped paths.

The next steps, according to Weinstein, are to determine project costs and begin a fundraising campaign. The committee will be seeking private donations, both monetary and materials, to cover the cost of the memorial.

Those interested in contributing to the memorial should contact Janis Weinstein at 908-233-0189 or make checks payable to "The September 11th Memorial Park Committee", P. O. Box 712, Westfield, NJ, 07091.

## DWC is helping downtown businesses get a new look

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) wants to expand its Facade Renovation Incentive Grant program to help downtown business owners brighten and improve their storefronts.

The project, which has been ongoing for a number of years, will be seeking new funds for 2002 through the DWC budget to continue the limited matching grant program. The program can reimburse up to a maximum of one half the project cost or up to \$2,000 for tenants and property owners to improve their facades within the downtown special improvement district.

"We should be able to budget enough funds for 10 facade renovations in 2002," said DWC Executive Director, Sherry Cronin.

Using historic photos and architectural details Cronin and the DWC Design Committee recently helped in refitting the storefront of Westfield Vacuum and Allergy Relief on East Broad Street. Old store photo's from 1920 showed a facade with a striped awning, said Cronin.

The committee recommended a grant be issued and that the town issue a sign variance so owner Gerry Rubin could put up an awning with a sign above.

"Working with the DWC was a pleasure," said Rubin. "They really went the extra mile in making this project happen. It's going to be great for business."

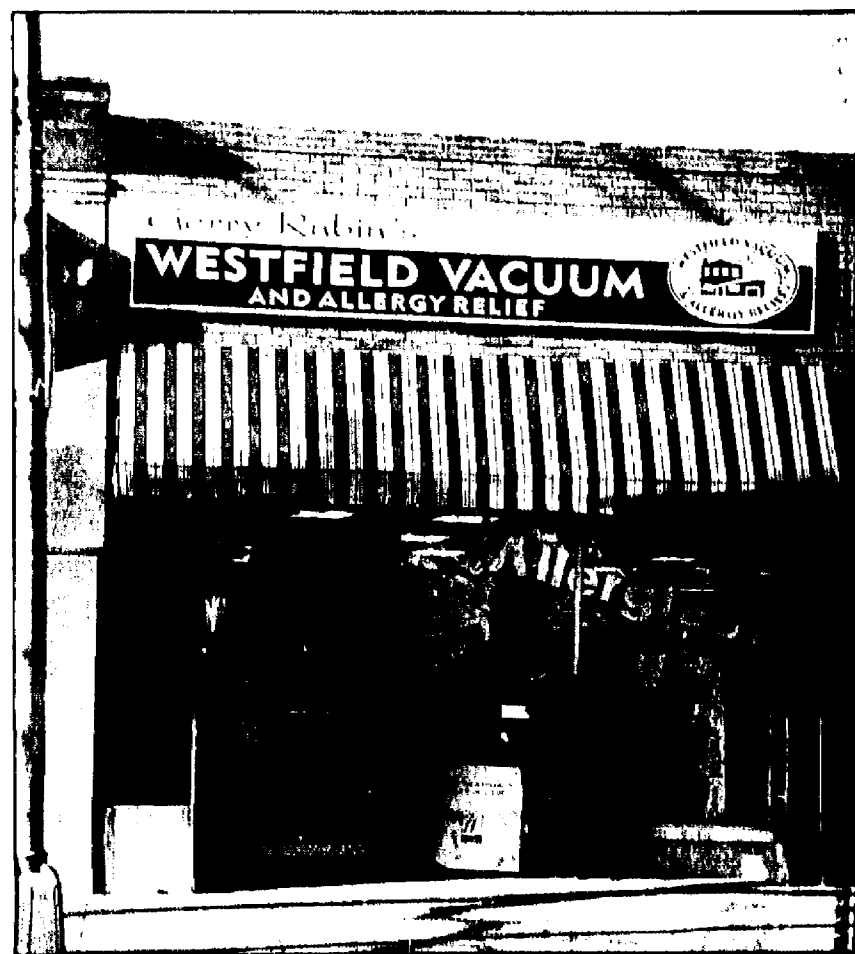
Other facade renovation successes include restoring the original look to Randall's Shoes and the Arcanum Building. The committee studied early photos of each location before deciding on which concept to adopt.

"The facade on Randall's was painted beige and washed out the architectural detail of the building," said Cronin. "We tried to bring out that detail in the new look."

Projects in 2002 could include a new look for Dezots on Elm Street, Pro Tour Cycles on South Avenue, Café Java on Elm Street, and Anthology on Quimby Street, said Cronin.



Westfield Vacuum before the facade improvement.



Westfield Vacuum after the facade improvement.

## Freeholders seek nominees for awards

ELIZABETH — The Board of Chosen Freeholders is accepting nominations to honor local volunteers for their services.

The Volunteer of the Month awards are "expected to encourage and reward outstanding volunteers for their service to the many organizations and agencies within Union County," according to a county press release announcing the program.

"We realize the significant efforts volunteers make to help others in all our communities," Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said.

"This is our way to thank volunteers in Union County who have demonstrated an unusual level of commitment," said Mary Ruotolo, vice chairman of the freeholder board.

"When we offer our most sincere appreciation for the time they make spending our county a better place, we hope it will encourage others to volunteer, too," Ruotolo said.

For more information, phone Susan Pepper at (908) 527-4200.

## Pingry honor pupils

WESTFIELD — Gordon Peeler and Adrienne Spiegel, both of this town, were named to the honor roll for the second marking period of the 2001-02 school year at the Pingry School.

Both students attend the Pingry upper school campus in Bernards Township.

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# Commentary

## The budget ax has fallen

We all knew this budget year was going to be tough for New Jersey. But we had no idea how tough it was until we heard Gov. James E. McGreevey deliver his budget address on Monday.

Give McGreevey credit — he kept his campaign promise not to raise taxes. Instead, he outlined a series of harsh fiscal measures that will cause serious and painful reverberations throughout the state.

The pain is going to be most acute at the local level. By freezing state aid to municipalities and school districts, McGreevey is forcing officials to take drastic measures. And even if major budget cuts are made, property taxes — the most unfair tax in the state — will rise dramatically.

The most pain will be felt in towns like Manville and Bound Brook. Additional state aid was earmarked for these boroughs still recovering from Hurricane Floyd; because of their property tax bases that rely mostly on middle class homes, property taxes are already staggeringly high in these towns. With McGreevey wielding his budget ax, that additional state aid is gone and the pain will be felt in the pocketbooks of those Manville and Bound Brook residents who are still struggling to deal with the aftermath of this disaster. What will happen to the senior citizens in these boroughs who have worked hard through the decades to own their homes and now have to pay much higher property taxes, along with higher health care and drug costs?

McGreevey has taken a hard line toward this year's budget and he should be congratulated for it. He's gambling the state's economy will improve in the next 12 months by dipping into numerous accounts, including the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. He's also eliminated about 1,000 state jobs and slashed a variety of state programs. And he correctly told legislators that if they want a favorite program or project funded, they would have to find a balancing cut somewhere in the budget.

But while McGreevey is instituting long overdue discipline on the state budget, he should also be aware of the real pain he may be causing with the increase in property taxes. While most municipalities and school districts will grumble about their forced austerity, chances are they will be able to find the fat in their budgets and eliminate it. But for Manville and Bound Brook, victims of extraordinary circumstances, there is no fat; they deserve the state's help.

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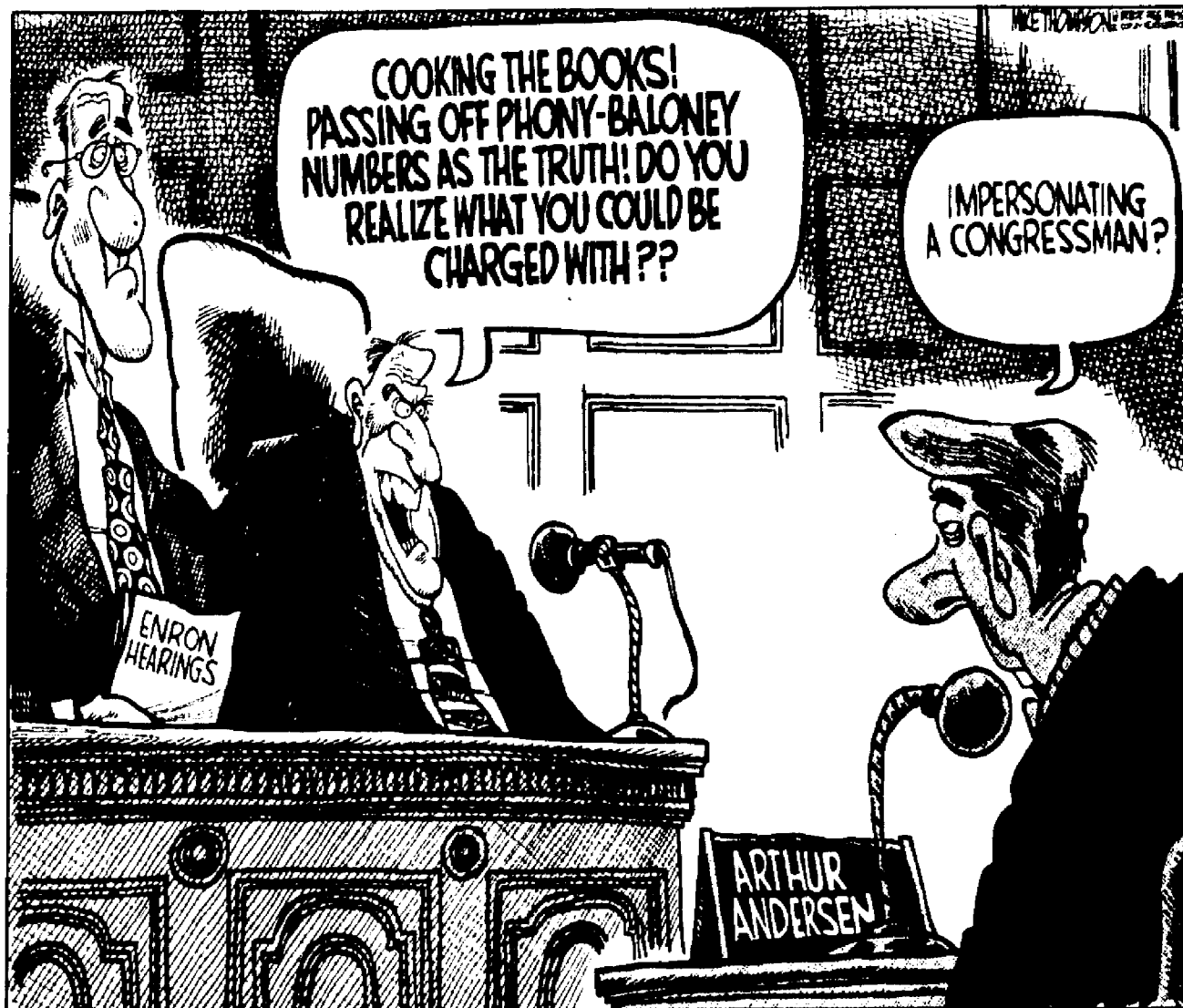
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Send letters to the above addresses or fax number.



## Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## The joys of being a bachelor

To write this Valentine's Day column about the joys of bachelorhood, I reloaded my pipe, donned my silk smoking jacket, speared a second olive in my martini and switched the hot tub to rinse cycle.

At the age of 45 I drift about mellow middle-aged bachelorhood. No longer do I howl at an unsympathetic moon about my plight; nor do I settle for endless Ovaltine nights watching World War II being fought over and over again on The History Channel. I've accepted the balance between emotional independence and dependence. If I want to, I can go out and enjoy good company, good food and good entertainment. And, if I want to, I can stay at home and enjoy a good book, a good nap on the couch and good silences.

Of course there are drawbacks. There are questions, spoken and unspoken, which do not deserve an answer. There are the times when you want to share an unexpected revelation or the infinite pleasure of a soft spring evening. And it's difficult, when traveling by yourself, to eat alone in a restaurant when the laughter glistens like freshly washed champagne glasses. But all that is balanced by the independence that allows you to continue along the endless voyage of self-discovery. It is, I'm ashamed to admit, a selfish joy.

Nevertheless, today I am will be wearing a black armband to honor all those with broken hearts. Just as we have funerals and wakes to bring closure with deceased loved ones, so should we have a day we can bury the failed romances and exorcise the bitterness from the poisonous tip of Cupid's arrow. Valentine's Day is the perfect time to tote these lingering and insidious doubts, regrets and heartaches to the ash heap and incinerate them with the eternal flame of hope. (The words come easy when dunking a third olive in a martini.)

Being single on Valentine's Day is like being Jewish on Christmas; you reassure yourself about the purity of your faith in bachelorhood and you order an extra egg roll for your Chinese take-out dinner. It is a day to avoid the mailbox and e-mail queue; you stay home by the warm hearth of the television and wait for the guardians of sleep to open the doors of slumber for the pleasant ride through dreamy darkness to a beautiful morning that's 364 days until the next Valentine's Day.

Being a devout bachelor means you don't have to endure the ritualistic minefield of Valentine's Day. There are no gifts to fret about and no cards that have to be minutely examined for sensitivity. For those involved in long and steady relationships, Valentine's Day confirms the constant comfort in their lives; the extravagance of emotions and/or gifts may be more suspicious than reaffirming. But for those who still feel the incendiary tingle of passion's flame, Valentine's Day is a celebration of all those wonderful impulses that make the heart sweat in gloe. But it's a dangerous day for those who are still in the budding stage of a relationship; every action is scoured for a clue to real emotions. What happens on this Valentine's Day fraught with peril can tip the balance. And you are in danger of doing too little or too much, too crass or too subtle.

Because I'm a bachelor, I can observe all this with a certain detachment, like the Stage Manager in *Our Town* or Maurice Chevalier in *Gigi*. I will be just a bemused spectator today, chuckling at the fumbles of the amateurs and applauding the inventiveness of the pros. I will offer sage and seasoned advice — what better gift than a teddy bear with a single rose in its furry mouth — and I will sympathize with those who, like me, are wearing either literal or metaphorical black armbands. And, if I'm lucky, I will recognize that moment when it's time to don the smoking jacket and soak the fourth olive in the second martini, before the sudden and ultimately dangerous urge to leap from the stands, like a crazed Honduran soccer fan, and join the romantic fray on the playing field of the heart gets the better of me.

## Letters to the editor

## Store isn't a good corporate citizen

### To The Record-Press:

Americans had an unspeakable wake up call on September 11, and as a result many critical issues we had ignored in our complacency are being scrutinized and changed. It is unfortunate that so often we need to lose so much before we recognize dangers that could have and should have been addressed. Our teenagers are drinking, getting pregnant, taking drugs, and vandalizing their neighborhoods. Parents often allow parties in the home where this behavior is permitted. Last month, a 13-year-old child was kidnapped by other children and brutally raped. WAKE UP, America!

It is long past time we took off the blinders and took a long, objective look at the messages we are sending to our children.

To the great dismay of many Westfield residents, a Victoria's Secrets store opened in our town. I could write pages on how objectification of women is not only wrong, but also dangerous. I could quote statistics on how it contributes to violence, oppression, and discrimination of women. I could talk about the damage it does to the self-esteem and self-respect of girls and women and how it teaches men to deny the basic humanness of women. Is there anyone who is a thinking person who doesn't already know this, in the privacy of their hearts, with no one listening to their admissions? I believe the only people who refute this are those that are so insecure in their beliefs that they cannot risk questioning their comfort zone. In the 60's many people actually promoted the correctness of "separate but equal." Now we all know how unforgivable that was. Will the day ever come when we can see how demeaning and debasing women and teaching our children that it's OK to think of them as crotches and breasts and one-dimensional passive beings available to fulfill male fantasies is a crime against all of our souls?

I called Victoria's Secrets corporate office before the holiday season and expressed the anger, disgust, and concern of a great many Westfield residents and shoppers about their window displays. They had headless mannequins in the front window at eye level of a small child in red lace see-through underwear and push-up bras. I don't know how anyone cannot understand that this is age inappropriate. Porno rooms are off limits to children. Televisions have v-chips. Movies are rated. Cable TV filters out age sensitive material. There is a reason for this. It's bad enough that this store chose a family oriented community where we value decency, respect of others and property, and honest living. But they added insult to injury by occupying a store right next door to a toy store, where all the little children shop.

I tell my children that grownups are not supposed to show children their private parts. My son

doesn't understand why it's OK to put women in their underwear in the window. The fact that one is made of flesh and the other plastic is a distinction lost in a young child's mind. How many little girls must be dragged through the woods and raped before we figure out that our children are getting the wrong message?

Victoria's Secrets responded to my outrage by telling me they wanted to be good corporate citizens and the good will of our residents was important to them. They cleaned up their window by putting bathrobes on the mannequins, although it was, at best, a compromise. It just made "peeking" that much more tantalizing. They left the red lace bikini clad headless mannequins in the back window, by the way, where the parking lot is. Now, however, their window is full of lace corsets, garter belts, and sheer tiny black bikini underwear. No more compromise. I guess they think we are so complacent that we wouldn't notice they threw us a very small carrot. Well, I notice and I urge you to get mad and tell them to clean up our town. It looks like a red light district, rather than a small town with ice cream parlors and traffic cops. I for one do not want my child growing up with semi-clad proactive and objectifying age-inappropriate material rammed down his throat every time we attend our local movie theater.

Victoria's Secrets obviously doesn't know the meaning of good corporate citizenship. They lied, appeased, and then reversed their stance in favor of profits. Lots of dangerous things are profitable. Heroine is. How many dead bodies does it take to make the point that it is expensive to the victims and profitable to the marketers? Visit a rape crisis center. Look into the eyes of a woman who was groped 20 years ago and notice how they still fill with tears when she thinks about it. Do you want your child to be the poor kid with handcuffs on him because he only did what he was taught? Or, perhaps you will end up in the emergency room rocking your daughter who doesn't understand why boys would hurt her. Demand that every store respect the common sense guidelines for what should be visible on a town street to pedestrians. Call Michael Bender at Victoria's Secrets and tell him we will not stand for their disrespect and interference. His number is (614) 577-7000. We have laws that restrict the gaudiness of store signs. Surely, window contents that are insulting and dangerous deserve no less. Mr. Bender doesn't even return my phone calls now. This is the man that claims that his company is just a bunch of regular folks who want to do right. I know a line when I hear it. I fell for it once.

Not this time.

Don't you fall for it, either.

TERI GERSON  
Westfield

## District is grateful for foundation

### To The Record-Press:

Earlier this month, the Education Fund of Westfield presented the Board of Education with a check in the amount of \$16,571 for teacher grants.

More than 10 teachers will receive amounts ranging from \$300 to \$2,700 to support classroom activities such as interactive science demonstrations by Franklin Institute for elementary school children, PC equipment for an intermediate school journalism class, and a program relating to health and social issues performed for our high

school students.

The Board of Education is very grateful for the fund-raising efforts and the resulting grant donations made by the Education Fund. Westfield students are benefiting from innovative teachers who apply for the grants, dedicated Ed Fund volunteers who look for ways to raise funds outside of the regular school budget, and a community that continues to support education.

WILLIAM J. FOLEY  
Superintendent of Schools  
Westfield

## Teach sons respect for women

### To The Record-Press:

In reference to the horrendous event in Scotch Plains:

Rape will not end until we teach our sons respect for women.

Rape will not end until we teach our sons to be civilized human beings, not barbarians enslaved by

their impulses.

Rape will not end until our society makes it a capital crime punishable by death.

Because rape is nothing less than murder — the murder of a human soul.

LISA QUACKENBUSH  
Westfield



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## Police Log

### Westfield

A South Avenue resident reported Feb. 6 a case of ATM card fraud at Town Bank of Westfield. Missing from the account over a five-day period was \$6,948 in cash.

A Stirling Place resident reported Feb. 5 a burglary and theft from a motor vehicle. The glove box was entered and reported missing were the driver's license, registration, and insurance card.

A Forest Avenue resident reported a residential break-in Feb. 5. Nothing was reported missing.

The Thomas Lincoln Mercury on South Avenue reported Feb. 6 the theft of a set of license plates from a 2001 Lincoln Town car. The plates have been entered into a police tracking system.

Gail R. Dietz, 44, of Westfield Avenue was charged Feb. 6 with driving while intoxicated following an accident at Clover Street and Pinegrove Avenue. No one was injured during the accident.

Dietz was transported to Westfield Police headquarters where tests were performed and a summons was issued. She was later released on her own recognizance.

Amilcar Berrios, 27, of New York, New York was charged Feb. 7 with driving while intox-

icated. Berrios was released to responsible adult.

In connection with the Berrios arrest, Dennis Ahle, 48 of Roselle Park was charged with allowing an intoxicated person to operate a motor vehicle.

Ahle allowed Berrios to drive his car while Berrios was intoxicated. Ahle was released on his own recognizance to a responsible party.

Kevin Daly, Jr. 25 of Normandy Drive was arrested Feb. 7 on an outstanding warrant out of Westfield. Daly posted \$50 and was released.

Daniel McGovern, 25, of Scotch Plains was arrested Feb. 8 on an active warrant issued by the Municipal Court of Lacey Township. McGovern was released on his own recognizance after processing.

Larissa Luciano, 18, of Mountainside and David Yatezyszyn, 18, John Harrington, 19, and Kelon Doyle, 19, of Westfield, were charged Feb. 8 on underage possession of alcohol after being pulled over for having a headlight out.

Luciano was additionally charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance believed to be marijuana (under 50 grams).

All subjects were processed and released on their own recognizance.

An Edgar Road resident reported Feb. 8 the theft of \$950 in assorted jewelry from an upstairs bedroom during Christmas Day.

A Summit Avenue resident reported Feb. 9 the theft of \$450 cash from a master bedroom.

Robert J. Bainhart, Jr. of Myrtle Avenue, Garwood was arrested on a warrant issued by the Municipal Court of Westfield. Bainhart posted \$90 bail and was released.

A Broad Street resident reported Feb. 10 the theft of a bicycle.

A Springfield Avenue resident reported Feb. 11 the theft of a wallet containing \$50 cash and credit cards.

### Scotch Plains

Michael Lasez, 41, of Union Road, in Roselle Park was charged Feb. 4 with driving while intoxicated. Lasez was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Coles Avenue at approximately 11 p.m.

A Route 22 business reported Feb. 4 the theft of \$600 sometime over the weekend. No forced entry was reported.

The Terrill Middle School filed a report Feb. 5 of a window broken overnight.

Four hubcaps were reported stolen Feb. 5 off a parked vehicle on Front Street overnight.

A Meadowview Road resi-

dent reported Feb. 5 that his identity had been used to secure a credit card that was then used to make fraudulent purchases.

An Elizabeth Avenue resident reported Feb. 6 that someone attempted to open a credit card account using the resident's personal information. No fraudulent charges were reported.

The theft of a cellular phone was reported Feb. 6 from McDonald's restaurant on Route 22.

A Woodside Road resident reported Feb. 8 receiving harassing phone calls.

There was a report Feb. 8 of a simple assault at the Union County Vocational School on Dec. 29. There were no injuries, but one victim is considering filing charges.

A North Plainfield resident reported Feb. 9 a stolen credit card was used at two convenience stores in Scotch Plains over the weekend.

A Beverly Avenue resident reported Feb. 9 his vehicle was approached at Terrill Road and Front Street by another irate driver who attempted to assault him at approximately 3:30 p.m. The victim drove away without further incident.

A cellular phone was reported stolen Feb. 10 from an employee of the library over the weekend. The phone was then used to make unauthorized calls.



## Language class

David Parker teaches Mike Tarnofsky and Andrew Weiss, fifth-graders at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield how to use sign language to communicate their names. Sign language is the third most used language in the nation. He taught them the signs for many words and in a short time they were greeting each other and signing songs.

# Health & Fitness

## Firm helps community throughout the year

CRANFORD — Advanced Physical Therapy Associates once again joins Cranford Family Care Association in support of the families in need in the community.

The last Friday of each month, the employees of APTA had the option of "dressing down" for the chosen charity of the period. During the past five months, APTA's donations have gone to support the families directly affected by the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Cranford Family Care supplied the names of the families in

greatest need at this time, and the staff of APTA presented a total check of \$840 to be divided among those families.

As 2002 begins, APTA begins to collect "dress down" donations for a new charity, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey based in Hillside. For the next six months, all dress down day donations made by the Advanced Physical Therapy staff will be collected for the Food Bank and a check will be presented to them at the end of June.

Anyone interested in partici-

pating in some of the more than 50,000 hours donated to the Food Bank can call (908) 355-0270.

APTA's employees and friends also joined Jersey Cares for a second year in the annual coat drive. Due to the generosity of everyone at APTA, 140 coats were donated to the cause.

This is a nearly 50 percent increase in participation over last year. APTA is helping Jersey Cares reach its goal of distributing 18,000 gently used coats to men, women and children in need this winter. Look for the decorat-

ed box for the annual coat drive in the office lobby next November and December.

APTA supports the local communities throughout the year by participating in several charities and events, including the MS Walk in Cranford, blood drives, Avon Breast Cancer walks, donations to Cranford Family Care and local families directly affected by the Sept. 11 tragedy. The participation of area residents along with APTA helps give back to the communities in the best possible way.

## Breakfast may be the key to losing weight

(NAPSI)-A study published in the journal Obesity Research shows that eating breakfast every single day is a key behavior among people who average a 60 pound weight loss and have kept it off for six years. The study cites cereal as a favorite choice for breakfast.

Researchers who monitor the 3,000 participants of the National Weight Control Registry-an ongoing study of successful maintainers of significant weight loss in the United States-have discovered that nearly 80 percent eat breakfast everyday as part of their routine to stay slender.

Of the study participants who eat breakfast, 60 percent said they "always" or "usually" eat a bowl of cereal.

"It is striking that such a high proportion report eating breakfast every day of the week," said the study's lead researcher, Dr. Jim Hill of the University of Colorado, who is co-director of the National Weight Control Registry (NWCRI).

To qualify for the National Weight Control Registry, a person must have lost at least 30 pounds and maintained that weight loss for more than one year; however, the 3,000 registry participants average a 60 pound weight loss and have kept it off for an average of six years.

Data from Nielsen's National Eating Trends Survey, presented at the annual conference of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity, show that women who are frequent cereal eaters (those who eat cereal more than seven times in a two-week period) weigh about 8 pounds less on average than women who eat cereal infrequently or not at all.

Those who do not eat cereal frequently are more likely to be overweight or obese. Among women, infrequent cereal eaters are 16 percent more likely to be overweight than frequent cereal eaters, and male infrequent cereal eaters are 12 percent more likely to be overweight or obese.

Researchers involved with the NWCRI study say the possible reasons regular breakfast eating may be an essential behavior for weight loss maintenance are: 1) eating breakfast may reduce hunger later in the day that leads to overeating; 2) breakfast eaters are able to better resist

fatty and high caloric foods throughout the day; 3) nutrients consumed at breakfast may help people be more physically active.

A typical strategy for people who want to lose weight is to skip breakfast, which, along with obe-

sity, is significantly increasing as a trend in the United States, according to the study.

Twenty-five percent of Americans now skip breakfast, and overweight and obesity rates have nearly doubled over the

past decade.

"When I skip breakfast, I get so hungry that by lunch time I've either eaten junk food or I overeat," said Janet Wilson of Fort Myers, Fla., who says she is a typical "yo-yo" dieter.

## GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Founder David Van Brunt and Timothy O'Kay, Clinical Director along with pediatric program coordinator Eleanor Campbell announce the expansion of its well-established pediatric therapy services to now include the treatment of children who have been diagnosed with sensory integrative and sensory motor disorders.

What is Sensory Integrative Dysfunction? Some signs that your child may have S.I.D. can include: Over sensitivity or under-reactivity to touch, movement, sights, or sounds; distracted; social and/or emotional problems; physical clumsiness or apparent carelessness; impulsivity; lacking self-control; poor self-concept; inability to unwind or calm self; delays in speech, language, or motor skills; delays in academic achievement.

This unique approach will be headed by Robert Dearey, Occupational Therapist. Robert has been working with children to promote increased function in all aspects of life. Using a sensory integration approach along with other complimentary approaches, Robert has had great success helping children who have difficulty registering, processing, and modulating sensory information due to integrative dysfunction.

Robert, a graduate of Dominican College, is involved in numerous pediatric special interest groups throughout the state. He offers workshops for parents and teachers. He also supervises and mentors graduate students and fellow professionals. His expertise will add another dimension of treatment for our community's children.

Therapists like Robert Dearey are responsible for our reputation as one of the finest practices in the state.



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There are many types of equipment and therapy modalities your physical therapist may use to design the appropriate rehabilitation program for a client. Working in conjunction with your referring physician or surgeon, your physical therapist will tailor your therapy to help you regain strength, range of motion and agility at a pace that works for you. For appointment, insurance, or referral information, phone BELL 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 our specialty, and we will submit your bills for compensation. No fault & Medicare.

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The United Fund Board of Trustees welcomed Prevention Links at a recent meeting. Pictured here are (seated) Diane Litterer, Executive Director of Prevention Links; Dorothy Teller, Prevention Links board member; Mary Brautigam, president of the United Fund of Westfield; (standing) Ed Gottko, Admissions Committee member of the United Fund of Westfield; an Albert Hein, Susan Brandt McCrea, and Ronald Allen, Prevention Links board members.

## Prevention Links joins United Fund of Westfield

WESTFIELD — Prevention Links, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse, has become the 22nd member agency of the United Fund of Westfield.

"Upon reviewing their application for membership, the Admissions Committee realized Prevention Links' special role in

the prevention of substance abuse through their educational programs," committee Chairman Donnell Carr said.

"They provide a service that complements well the United Fund family of agencies," he said. "By having them as part of our family, we enhance their capacity to serve the citizens of our town."

Prevention Links is the lead

agency for the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. In this capacity they assist individuals and organizations, collaborate with similar programs in the county and educate the community.

Among the Prevention Links programs are Babes, a "primary prevention" program for Grades 3-4, and "Forest Friends," a

developmental puppet program for kindergarten-Grade 2. "Forest Friends" is being offered in the Westfield public school system.

"Prevention Links has been serving the Westfield community for 25 years," said Linda Maggio, the United Fund executive director. "We are pleased to welcome them as a member agency."

## Westfield Bach Festival will open on Feb. 22

WESTFIELD — For the second year the Westfield Bach Festival concentrates on the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

All programs are open to the public. The schedule:

**Friday, Feb. 22** — "Coffeehouse Cantatas" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., 7:30 p.m. This is a semi-staged reading of the "Coffee Cantata" and "Peasant Cantata." Soloists are Laura Heimes, soprano; Elem Eley, baritone; and Timothy Fallon, tenor.

**Saturday, Feb. 23** — "Signs, Symbols and Pictures," symposium at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., 11 a.m. Panelists are Henry Wyatt, moderator; Barbara Thomson,

organist/music director of the First Congregational Church; Paul Somers, director of the Classical New Jersey Society; and Philip Dietterich, former director of the Westfield Oratorio Society.

**Saturday, Feb. 23** — "Pulling Out All the Stops," marathon of the "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor" at First Congregational Church, 2 p.m. Organists are Rives Cassel, organist/music director of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church; Trent Johnson, director of music and arts at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield; Donald Sutherland, organ professor at the Peabody Conservatory; and Thomson.

**Sunday, Feb. 24** — Gala concert at Holy Trinity Church,

315 First St., 7:30 p.m. Featured are the Orchestra Suite in D, the Harpsichord Concerto in C minor, Cantata No. 56 and Cantata No. 19. Soloists are Edward Brewer and Thomson, harpsichord; Heimes, soprano; Frederick Urrey, tenor; and Eley, baritone. Dietterich is the conductor. A lecture precedes this concert 6:30 p.m.

Admission to the "Coffeehouse Cantatas" and organ marathon is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. Admission to the gala concert is \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$15 for stu-

dents. Package seating covering all concerts is \$55 for adults, \$40 for seniors and \$25 for students. The symposium is free.

Advance tickets are available at the First Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Church, the Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Church, Betty Gallagher Antiques, The Classic Basket, Lancaster Ltd. and Periwinkle's Fine Gifts.

For more information, visit [www.westfieldnj.com/bach](http://www.westfieldnj.com/bach). Funding for the Bach Festival is provided in part by a grant from the Westfield Foundation.

## Eloise Gardner

WESTFIELD — Eloise Gardner, 80, died Feb. 7, 2002 at her home. She was born in Camden, S.C., and had lived in Westfield since 1957.

Miss Gardner was a member of the Mothers Club at the Westfield Community Center. She taught Sunday school classes at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are a son, Albert; an aunt, Hattie Alexander; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at St. John's Baptist Church with Rev. Kelmo C. Porter, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth. Arrangements were by the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### Dorothy Mueller

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy H. Hofmann Mueller, 84, died Feb. 6, 2002 at the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison. She retired in 1982 after 15 years as a customer service representative with Mine Safety Appliances in Mountainside.

Mrs. Mueller was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1956. She was an elder and a deacon of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Carl W., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Robert C. of East Brunswick; and a brother, Bruce Hofmann of Philadelphia.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood.

Arrangements are by the J.C. Prall Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Deacon's Fund of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

### Joseph Caserta

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph Caserta, 86, died Feb. 12, 2002 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. He retired in 1985 after 40 years as a landscaper with his own firm.

Mr. Caserta was born in Westfield and lived in that town before moving to Scotch Plains in 1955. A member of the Italian-American Social Club in North Plainfield, he was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Ciacciulli Caserta; a son, Joseph R. of Covington, La.; a daughter, Nancy Siegriest of Shawnee, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be 8:45 a.m. today at the Scarpa Funeral Home, 22 Craig Place, North Plainfield. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

### Frances Cully

SCOTCH PLAINS — Frances E. Cully, 81, died Feb. 6, 2002 at Rahway Hospital. She was a lieutenant in the Canadian army during World War II and a registered nurse in civilian life.

A native of Alberta, Canada, she lived in Queens and Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1995.

Mrs. Cully was on the nursing staff of Catholic Medical Center in Queens for 30 years prior to her retirement. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from McGill University in Montreal,

Quebec, Canada.

She was a longtime member of the McGill University Alumni Association.

Her husband, John J., died in 1969.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris F.; a son-in-law, Vincent Racaniello; four brothers, four sisters and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Westfield, following services at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

### William A. Feick

WESTFIELD — William A. Feick, 78, died Feb. 9, 2002 at his home. He retired in 1985 after 25 years as a foam operator with the Clark Door Co. in Cranford.

A lifelong Westfield resident, Mr. Feick earlier was a maintenance engineer with General Motors Corp. at its training center in Union. He received a degree in drafting from the Drake Business School.

He was a member of the

Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

His wife, Jean, died in January 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa Ann of Westfield and Melanie Miles of Easton, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday in the chapel at the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by the Gray Funeral Home.

### Katherine Harring

SCOTCH PLAINS — Katherine Harring, 84, died Feb. 6, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she lived in Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains in 1947.

Mrs. Harring is survived by her husband of 61 1/2 years, Charles; two sons, Robert and Dennis; two daughters, Charlotte Teese and Barbara Kirschmann; a brother, William Sine; two sis-

ters, Gertrude Sine and Helen Sabasion; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. tomorrow at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 229 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

### Dorothy Gage

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy G. Gage, 87, died Feb. 10, 2002 at her home in Waretown. A bridge player and registered nurse, she retired in 1980 as the school nurse at Roosevelt School in Rahway.

Mrs. Gage was born in Kingston, N.Y. She lived in Rahway and Scotch Plains before moving to Waretown in 1980.

She graduated in 1935 from the nursing school at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Mrs. Gage was a member of the Skipperettes, the Waretown United Methodist Church and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Waretown First Aid Squad.

Her husband, Herbert W., died in 1988.

Surviving are a son, Herbert W. Jr. of South Plainfield; three daughters, Virginia Battilla of Lanoka Harbor, Judith Stavitz of Toms River and Joanne Ganjoir of Brick; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Layton's Home for Funerals in Forked River. Burial was in Rahway Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Waretown United Methodist Church or the Van Dyke Hospice at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

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# Sometimes you just can't hurry true love

Sweethearts finally tie the knot  
52 years after meeting in school

By GREG MARK  
RECORD PRESS

LEBANON BOROUGH — Sometimes, true love really does have to wait.

In 1939, 16-year-old Frank Clark moved to Cranford with his family. Soon, he had struck up a relationship with Colleen Bussey, a pretty girl who lived a block away.

Fifty-two years later, on Oct. 9, 1992, they were married.

As members of the Cranford High School Class of 1941, Frank and Colleen were high school sweethearts.

"I just moved into town, and she caught my eye the very next day," says Frank.

"Frank was my first boyfriend," Colleen remembers.

But upon graduation, they faced a world torn by war.

In 1943, Frank began a tour in an infantry division in Europe. After a decorated military career and an 11-month stay in a military hospital — he was injured in the Battle of the Bulge — Frank returned home.

But he and Colleen had drifted out of touch.

"During the war, it was hard for mail to get through," says Colleen. Frank, serving in a fast-moving infantry division, rarely received her letters.

He later attended Seton Hall University and built a career in sales; she went to work as a secretary and then, building on her work for the *Chronicle* as a teenager, a journalist. They each married other people and raised families in New Jersey. She had four children, he had eight.

Frank and Colleen did not meet again until 1990, when they were asked to serve on the organizing committee for their 50th high school reunion.

By that time, they had both been widowed for several years. But amidst their fellow classmates, there were few opportunities to talk.

"I was trying to get a couple quiet words with her, but I couldn't," Frank says. "Every night (Colleen and her friend) would dash out and speed back (home)."

Then, on the night of the reunion dinner, in August 1991, Frank finally learned Colleen was single. His reaction?

"Oh wow... I had to see how I was going to get this nice girl to even give me a second look — and when was I going to get up the nerve to approach her?"

It took almost a year to work up that nerve.

And though Frank was in his late-60s at the time, the plan he came up with is similar to one he might have used at 16, when he and Colleen first met.

He knew Colleen lived in Whitehouse Station, near his favorite fishing spot at Round Valley Reservoir. So he drove through the area looking for her house, until he spotted her one summer day in 1992 mowing the lawn. When she waved to him, he says, "I said, 'So you speak to strangers, huh?'"

"It was a hot summer day, so I asked him if he wanted some iced tea, and we sat on the porch," Colleen says.

"It was almost going to take... a machine gun to get me off that porch," Frank says.

He was so happy about the meeting he began "arranging" more, showing up near the post office and other places Colleen frequented.

As for Colleen, "I was pleased to see him, and the more often I saw him, the more pleased I was," she says.

After that first summer meeting, it was a whirlwind courtship — "we couldn't waste much time," Frank jokes. He proposed in August, and they were married that fall in Whitehouse Station. Colleen's high school girlfriend Helen Shewman (née Higbie) was the matron-of-honor, and Frank purchased the wedding ring at a Westfield jewelry store owned by another classmate, Rose Apriceno (née DiBattista).

They have since moved to this Hunterdon County hamlet, where they spend their time fishing, reading, and visiting with their 23 grandchildren.

"That keeps us busy," Colleen says.

"Sometimes it seems there's only two days in the week, it goes so fast," Frank agrees.

Tonight, they will celebrate Valentine's Day — and nearly 10 years of marriage — with dinner at an Italian restaurant.

"We're living happily ever after," says Frank.



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## 'Survivor' contestant visits Westfield school

Edison Intermediate School students gather around Ramona Gray, a contestant in the first "Survivor" on CBS, after her presentation on the theme of the month "I'm a Survivor" as part of Edison's three part program for Black History Month.

## Scotch Plains honors retiring police chief

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Retiring Police Chief Thomas O'Brien was recognized by the council Tuesday night for his 38 years of dedicated service to the community.

"We're saying goodbye to an employee," said Mayor Martin Marks of O'Brien, who retires on March 1. "We're not saying goodbye to a friend."

O'Brien's tenure from 1964 to 2002 was "more than 38 years on the job," said Marks, who presented O'Brien with a plaque from the township.

"You've done much more, you've made an impact on people's lives, your colleagues and the municipal government," Marks said.

Noted for his sense of humor, his fairness and strong leadership, O'Brien rose through the police ranks from sergeant to

become chief of police in 1996. O'Brien attended the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He was also instrumental in youth programs like DARE and Adopt a Cop.

Town Manager Thomas Atkins, who first met O'Brien in July 1980, recalled that in the late 1980s former Chief of Police Bob Luce pegged O'Brien as having the potential to someday head the department. He is, according to

Atkins, modest, honest, head-on, works well with others, encourages, and gives credit to others — all attributes of a leader.

O'Brien remained self-effacing to the end.

"Basically I'm just a cop who happened to be lucky enough to make chief," said O'Brien, who gives the credit for his success to members of the department, family and employees. "They make me look good."

## Applications available for deLeeuw Scholarships

PLAINFIELD — High school seniors wishing to apply for Adele deLeeuw Scholarships should obtain applications now from their school guidance offices. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Deadline for submission of applications is March 13.

Previous winners already in college are also eligible to apply. They must submit complete official transcripts of college grades with new applications.

This is the seventh year the scholarships have been offered. Last year's winners shared \$50,000 from the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund, a fund of the Plainfield

Foundation. The awards are made in accordance with the terms of a bequest from deLeeuw, author of 75 books, journalist and arts activist.

The Plainfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation, headed by John Wood Goldsack, acts as selectors for the scholarships. Four area Rotary Club assist in the process. Only students from high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung, Edison, Scotch Plains and Fanwood are eligible. Location of high school, not student's residence, is the qualifying factor. The student must also be accepted by an accredited college or university.

Applicants must plan to major in one of the following areas of study: art, engineering, writing, journalism or poetry. They must demonstrate the scholastic aptitude and interest to pursue study in one of these specified areas. They must also

prove financial need.

Interested students should consult their guidance counselors to obtain the necessary application form. Questions may be directed to Sally Young, scholarship administrator, at (732)381-6269.

## Burger King is robbed

SCOTCH PLAINS — Two men robbed the Burger King on Route 22 at gun point last Thursday night getting away with \$1,600 in cash.

The suspects entered the restaurant around 9:50 a.m. There were no patrons on hand and only two or three employees according to Sgt. Det. Brian Mahoney of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

One of the suspects produced a handgun, a small automatic, and

ordered the employees to turn over the cash.

The suspects fled the scene on foot, going over a fence in the back of the property, with approximately \$1,600 in cash. No injuries were reported.

Police have been checking with surrounding communities for similar patterns of activity, said Mahoney.

## Quartet will perform in church

WESTFIELD — The Metropolitan Saxophone Quartet performs at noon Wednesday in a "Mid-Day Musicales" of the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St.

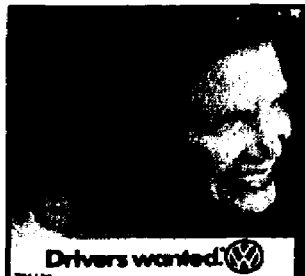
Their program includes swing music from Glenn Miller, symphonic works by George Gershwin, show tunes and jazz. Bill Shadel, Richie Radice, Bud Berlinger and Rick Summers

form the quartet.

Admission is free. A soup-and-sandwich lunch in the church social hall is \$5 extra. For more information, phone (908) 233-2494.

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### SATURDAY

**FEB. 16**

**PHOTOS FIT** — in genealogy, related by Susan Fogg Eisdorfer, Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m. Free. (908) 233-4972.

**MARKET PLACE 2002** — annual event for Woman's Guild of St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (908) 232-6972.

**'MEET GEN. SLOCUM'** — Civil War lecture by Glenn Kaplinsky, Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 1 p.m. Free. (908) 232-5524.

**BEER & WINE** — tasting, BYOB event for Newcomers Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. Directions: (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

**'COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE'** — Bob Malone, singer-songwriter. First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. \$10. (908) 232-8723.

### SUNDAY

**FEB. 17**

**INTERFAITH SINGLES** — for single adults over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Feb. 17, 24. \$2. (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

**BRENTANO STRING QUARTET** — playing works of Beethoven, Haydn and other composers. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 4 p.m. Adults \$18; seniors \$15. Tickets: (908) 232-1116.

**MOSTLY MUSIC** — sextet plays works of Setzer, Faure and Mozart. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20; seniors \$18; students \$10. (973) 762-0108.

### WEDNESDAY

**FEB. 20**

**MID-DAY MUSICALES** — Metropolitan Saxophone Quartet. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon. Music free; lunch \$5 extra. (908) 233-2494.

### THURSDAY

**FEB. 21**

**FIRST AID BASICS** — taught at Red Cross office, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 6-10 p.m. Registration: (908) 232-7090.

**NEW MEMBER TEA** — for recent (up to 1 year) members in Newcomers Club of Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

**WELCOME TEA** — annual event of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers' Club, 8 p.m. Reservations: (908) 928-1095 or (908) 889-6035.

### FRIDAY

**FEB. 22**

**DINNER THEATER** — "Butterflies Are Free" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Bus leaves Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood, 10 a.m. \$52. Reservations: (908) 322-7892 or (908) 322-4772.

**COFFEEHOUSE CANTATAS** — semi-staged readings of two J.S. Bach cantatas. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20; seniors

\$15; students \$10. (908) 233-4996.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK** — "The Family Man," Nicolas Cage vehicle from late 2000. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

### SATURDAY

**FEB. 23**

**SYMPOSIUM** — on the symbolism in J.S. Bach music. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, 11 a.m. Free. (908) 233-4996.

**ORGAN MARATHON** — at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$20; seniors \$15; students \$10. (908) 233-4996.

### SUNDAY

**FEB. 24**

**LIFE LONG AGO** — "On the Home Front: Life During the American Revolution." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

**CURRENT EVENTS** — Fred Lazin on the current Middle East situation. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Free. (908) 232-6770.

**FESTIVAL CHORUS** — with soloists and orchestra. Holy Trinity Church, 315 First St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$30; seniors \$25; students \$15. Related lecture 6:30 p.m. (908) 233-4996.

### COMING UP

**OPEN GYM** — for children up to kindergarten age. Robin's Nest, 361 South Ave. East, Westfield, 11 a.m.-noon Feb. 25. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

**CARD GAMES** — with Monday Afternoon Bridge Group. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 25. All levels welcome. (908) 889-1620.

**BUSINESS SEMINAR** — "Accounting Solutions" for local businessmen. LPS Consulting Co., 313 South Ave., Fanwood, 9 a.m. Feb. 27. Free. Registration: (908) 889-6300, Ext. 104.

**JEWISH LECTURE** — Esther Jungreis, author/educator. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27. \$10. (908) 889-8800, Ext. 205.

**RECIPE EXCHANGE** — for Newcomers Club of Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Bring an appetizer or dessert (for tasting) plus recipes. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

**ENVIRO TALKS** — first of four-part series with Rabbi Lawrence Troster. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Free. (908) 232-6770.

**'CHILDREN OF EDEN'** — winter musical of Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, Westfield, 8 p.m. Feb. 28, March 1, 2. \$8/advance, \$10/door. Tickets: (908) 789-4549.

**PURIM CARNIVAL** — at Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, noon-4 p.m. March 3. \$5. (908) 889-8800, Ext. 218.

**MORE THAN A LION** — all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 10. Adults \$5; under 6 free. (908) 753-8218.

**GREEN DANCE** — St. Patrick's dance for disabled people. Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 3 p.m. March 10. \$7. Registration required: (908) 527-4096.



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## A celebration of the rich African-American heritage

A member of Poetic License, a poetry group based in Plainfield, came to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Saturday as part of the community's celebration of Black History Month. The group is well known for its telling of Griot stories, which portrays the struggles of African Americans throughout history.

## King contest winners announced

**WESTFIELD** — Winners of the Essay, Poetry and Art Contest sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield were announced at the commemorative service held Jan. 21 at the Presbyterian Church.

According to Elizabeth Wolf, Contest Committee Chair, more than 1,000 essays, poems and works of art were submitted by Westfield students at the elementary, intermediate and high school levels.

Approximately 400 people attended the commemorative service at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where first place essays and poems were read. Winning art work was also displayed.

In his first place essay, Westfield High School junior Ron Allen II referred to the influence Dr. King's Christmas Sermon on Peace had on him. "I've learned that no matter what we may think, we are all connected and we all need one another," Allen wrote. He summarized his essay by writing, "The world labels people, and that's the problem. Labels allow our differences to separate us into little groups. For the world to unite in peace, we all have to transcend the labels and become one group."

Allen's essay earned the grand prize award of a new computer and printer. Other prizes, totaling approximately \$1,000 in savings bonds or books, were presented to the other award recipients.

The full list of winners follows:  
**Westfield High School**

**Essays:**  
First Place: Ron Allen II, 11th grade  
Second Place: Charlie Hely, 11th grade  
Third Place: Tara Behr, 12th grade  
**Honorable Mention:** Katherine Rose Goenber, 10th grade

**Poetry:**  
Winner: Kimberly Lan, 10th grade  
**Honorable Mention:** Katie Okamoto, 9th grade  
**Art:**  
Winner: Minae Cho, 11th grade  
**Honorable Mention:** Ashley Curry, 10th grade

### Intermediate Schools

**Essay:**  
First Place - Alan Tso, 8th grade, Edison Intermediate School  
Second Place - Yuchen Zhang, 8th grade, Roosevelt Intermediate School  
Third Place - Neha Limaye, 7th grade, Edison Intermediate School  
**Honorable Mention -** Maurice Blackmon, 8th grade, Edison Intermediate School; Gianna Pafumi, 8th grade, Edison Intermediate School

**Poetry:**  
Winner - Anya Kaplan, 7th grade, Roosevelt Intermediate School  
**Honorable Mention -** Kate Kovalenko, 7th grade, Roosevelt Intermediate School;

Brittany Shaykevich, 7th grade, Roosevelt Intermediate School

**Art:**  
Winner - Alison Siko, 8th grade, Roosevelt Intermediate School  
**Honorable Mention -** Katie LaVecchia, 6th grade, Edison Intermediate School; Anny Wu, 8th grade, Roosevelt Intermediate School

### Elementary Schools

**Essay:**  
First Place - Samantha Cruz, 4th grade, McKinley  
Second Place - Nick Matthews, 3rd grade, Franklin  
Third Place - Matt Isabella, 5th grade, McKinley  
**Honorable Mention -** Ryan A. Brown, 5th grade, Washington; Josh Solomon, 4th grade, Franklin;

**Poetry:**  
Winner - Dominique Gillyard, 5th grade, McKinley  
**Honorable Mention -** Amanda Chang, 5th grade, Franklin; Danielle Gillyard, 5th grade, McKinley

**Art:**  
Winner - Dan Klizas - 5th grade, Franklin  
**Honorable Mention -** Courtney Beall, 5th grade, Franklin; Joe Kania, 5th grade, Franklin; Rachel Rickles, 3rd grade, Franklin



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## They take the cake

The winners in the Edison School Cake Contest show off their winning creations — Casey Ackermann, Annie Peyton, Jillian Hobson, Gianni Pafumi and Jessica Graham. The contest was held as part of Spirit Week at the school.

## Civil War lecture tomorrow at library

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Among the familiar names of Civil War history are Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson.

"There were literally hundreds of generals — most of whom no one has ever really heard about," said Glenn Kaplinsky, an instructor at Union County College in Cranford.

Kaplinsky will speak about one of those generals, Henry Warner Slocum, in a lecture 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle

Avenue. Admission is free and the public is invited.

"Slocum had a full career in the Civil War, commanding the 12th Corps at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and later with the Army of Georgia during Sherman's 'March to the Sea,'" Kaplinsky said.

The speaker is a candidate for a doctorate in history from Drew University in Madison.

For more information, phone Ted Czarnomski at (908) 232-5524. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

## Church has announced Lenten rites

**WESTFIELD** — The Presbyterian Church in Westfield launched its Lenten season with two services on Ash Wednesday, and will offer numerous activities in the coming weeks.

Lenten soup and bread luncheons will be served in the Assembly Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services on Feb. 17 and 24 and March 3, 10 and 17.

Evening prayer services, with Holy Community provided, will be held in the Chapel on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

There will be an All Church Lenten Program on March 13, in the Assembly Hall. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., following by two workshops, each lasting 45 minutes. They will be repeated so that those attending can take advantage of both programs.

Dr. William Ross Forbes, senior pastor of the church, will discuss his recent sabbatical study of Celtic Spirituality at one workshop. In the other session, Norma Hockenjos, a Deacon and certified Christian educator in the United Methodist Church, will lead participants in a labyrinth that affords them an opportunity to explore their feelings, questions and reflections while taking part in an activity that involves both body and mind.

During the workshops, other programs will be available for children in preschool through fifth grade. Reservations are required.

## Malone to play at coffeehouse

**WESTFIELD** — Bob Malone performs 8 p.m. tomorrow at the First United Methodist Church on East Broad Street as part of the "Coffee with Conscience" concert series.

The New Jersey-based singer-songwriter has appeared throughout the country. Admission is \$10. For more information, visit [www.coffeewithconscience.com](http://www.coffeewithconscience.com) or phone (908) 232-8723.

Funding for the "Coffee with Conscience" series is by a Heart Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Proceeds benefit New Jersey charities.

## Theater

## NOW PLAYING

**CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB**  
78 Winans Ave., Cranford  
(908) 276-7611  
• "I Hate Hamlet," comedy by Paul Rudnick. 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23. Admission \$15.  
**ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE**  
1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth  
(908) 355-0077  
• "An Enemy of the People," drama by Henrik Ibsen. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15, 16; 2 p.m. Feb. 17. Adults \$8; students, seniors \$6.  
**GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE**  
9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(732) 243-7717;  
www.georgestreetplayhouse.org  
• "The Sisters Rosensweig," drama by Wendy Wasserstein. To March 10. Admission \$45-\$30; discounts available. Call for showtimes.  
**SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS**  
Route 514, Hillsborough  
(908) 369-5110;  
www.svptheatre.org  
• "The Odd Couple," local production of Neil Simon standard. 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23, March 1, 2; 3 p.m. Feb. 17, 24, March 3. Adults \$13; seniors, students \$12 (no discount Saturday).  
**VILLAGERS THEATRE**  
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset  
(732) 873-2710;  
www.villagerstheatre.com  
• "Fuddy Meers," comedy by David Lindsay-Abaire. 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23, March 1, 2; 2 p.m. Feb. 17. Admission \$10.

## COMING UP

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE**  
Brookside Dr., Millburn  
(973) 376-4343;  
www.papermill.org  
• "I'm Not Rappaport," New Jersey version of 80's Broadway play. Feb. 20-March 24. Admission \$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

## Dance

**COMPANIA ESPAÑOLA de ANTONIO MARQUEZ**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatre.nj.org  
• Ensemble from Spain. Admission \$32-\$20. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

## Sky Shows

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Route 28, Branchburg  
(908) 231-8805;  
www.raritanval.edu/planetarium

• "The Winter Skies," 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$4.50; package deal with "Rhythm and Beams" \$8.50.  
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**TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER**  
462 New Providence Rd., Mountainside  
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• An "Astronomy Primer," 2 and 3:30 p.m. Feb. 17, 24. Adults and children \$3.25, seniors \$2.80; children under 6 not admitted.

## For Kids

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(609) 258-3788  
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• "Horses West and East," Feb. 16.

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11 a.m. Feb. 16, 23  
Forum Theatre  
314 Main St., Metuchen  
(732) 548-0582  
• Musical adaptation of the E.B. White book. Admission \$10; group rates available.

**PETER PAN**  
1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16  
Union County Arts Center  
1601 Irving St., Rahway  
(732) 499-8226;  
www.uacac.org  
• Live on stage in the weekend he "Returns to Neverland." Admission \$9.  
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• SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND PICTURES  
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First Congregational Church  
125 Elmer St., Westfield  
(908) 233-4996;  
www.westfieldnj.com/bach  
• Symposium related to the Bach Festival (see below). Free admission.

## Concerts

**BILL BELLAMY**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatre.nj.org  
• Comedian from movies and TV. Admission \$34, \$26.  
**WAYNE BRADY**  
2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24  
Union County Arts Center  
1601 Irving St., Rahway  
(732) 499-8226;  
www.uacac.org  
• Comedian on the 90's sitcom "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" Admission \$62, \$38.

**GEORGE CARLIN**  
7 and 9:30 p.m. Feb. 16  
Union County Arts Center  
(732) 499-8226;  
www.uacac.org  
• Comedian who made it big in the Nixon years. Admission \$58-\$38.

**COFFEEHOUSE CANTATAS**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
414 E. Broad St., Westfield  
(908) 233-4996;  
www.westfieldnj.com/bach  
• The "Coffee Cantata" and the "Peasant Cantata," both done coffeehouse-style. Adults \$20; seniors \$15; students \$10.

**BILL COSBY**  
3 and 8 p.m. Feb. 23  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatre.nj.org  
• Comedian, actor, sitcom star, Jell-O pitchman and "Fat Albert" creator. Admission \$60-\$25.

**JOHN FORSTER**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190  
• Folk guitarist and sometimes humorist. Admission \$12.

**BOB MALONE**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16  
First United Methodist Church  
1 E. Broad St., Westfield  
(908) 232-8723  
• Singer-songwriter from New Jersey. Admission \$10.

**METROPOLITAN SAXOPHONE QUARTET**  
Noon Wednesday, Feb. 20  
First Congregational Church  
125 Elmer St., Westfield  
(908) 233-2494  
• Big band jazz and show tunes in a church hall. Music free; lunch \$5 extra.

**MOSTLY MUSIC**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17  
Temple Emanuel-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield  
(973) 762-0108  
• Sextet performs works of Setzer, Faure and Mozart. Adults \$20; seniors \$18; students \$10.  
**ANNE MURRAY**

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatre.nj.org  
• Canadian singer who had her most recent hits in the Reagan years. Admission \$50-\$20.

**PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS**  
2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23  
First Congregational Church  
125 Elmer St., Westfield  
(908) 233-4996;  
www.westfieldnj.com/bach  
• Johann Sebastian Bach compositions played by four church organists. Adults \$20; seniors \$15; students \$10.

**TOM ROBERTS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190  
• Jazz piano man plays compositions of Luckey Roberts (no relation). Admission \$12.

**SAFAM**  
2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(732) 545-2407  
• Annual concert of the Jewish-American band. Adults \$30; students \$15.

**LE TRIOMPHE de L'AMOUR**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23  
Unitarian Church  
Route 206, Princeton  
(609) 730-8796  
• Quintet performs works of Louis-Nicolas Clerambault, Mondoville, Leclair, Couperin and Rebel with Laura Heimes, soprano. Adults \$14; seniors \$10; students \$5.  
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**ORCHESTRA COLOGNE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatre.nj.org  
• German symphony performs works of Takemitsu, Lutoslavski and Shostakovich. Admission \$50-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

**WESTFIELD BACH FESTIVAL**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24  
Holy Trinity Church  
315 First St., Westfield  
(908) 233-4996;  
www.westfieldnj.com/bach  
• End concert with his Orchestral Suite in D, Harpsichord Concerto in C minor and two cantatas. Adults \$30; seniors \$25; students \$15.

## Events

**NEW JERSEY FLOWER & PATIO SHOW**  
Garden State Exhibit Center  
1-287 Exit 10, Somerset  
(800) 215-1700;  
www.hsiashows.com  
• Annual pre-spring event, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Feb. 21-23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 24. Admission \$10 each day.

## Museums

**CRANE-PHILLIPS HOUSE MUSEUM**  
124 N. Union Ave., Cranford  
(908) 276-0082  
Open 2-4 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Free admission.  
• "Restoring a 19th Century Kitchen," to June.  
• "Cranford's Prehistoric Past," to June.  
• Exhibit marking "100 Years of

Cranford High School," to June.  
**EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE**  
Johnson Park  
1050 River Rd., Piscataway  
(732) 745-3030  
Re-creation of village from the Colonial-era port of Raritan Landing. Open to the public 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Guided tours 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. Group tours by appointment.  
**METLAR-BODINE HOUSE MUSEUM**  
1281 River Rd., Piscataway  
(732) 463-8363  
Artifacts of Lenni-Lenape Indians and other peoples from the land now known as Piscataway. Open noon-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Adults \$2; children \$1. Registration required for programs.

**MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM**  
614 Mountain Ave., Westfield  
(908) 232-1776  
Open 2-4 p.m. every other Sunday in January and February.

Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free.

**JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM**  
Rutgers University, 71 Hamilton St., New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7237;  
www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu

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• "St. Petersburg in 1921," to March 10.  
• "Art of the Baltics," to March 17.  
• "Family, Friends and 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.

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# 'Dude, it's like a saw blade'

## Campus notes

### Sixth-graders get a lesson in real life jobs

By GREG MARX  
RECORD PRESS

GARWOOD — Sixth-graders at the Lincoln/Franklin School got a lesson in the nuts and bolts of the hardware business Monday with a tour of Villagers Hardware on South Avenue.

The 13 students — one of three groups of sixth-graders to make the trip to Villagers this month — were at the store to experience a workplace environment first hand.

So while they learned about cellular blinds and power sanders, stared at ceiling fans ("Dude, it's like a saw blade! That thing is dangerous," said Joe Del Conte about one particularly-menacing fan), and practiced using the price checking machine, the most important lessons were about what it takes to hold a job.

"When I came here the other day with my dad to get tools, I thought (the workers) were just here to sell nails," said Shannon Syciarz.

But after the tour with Villagers employees Omar Rivera and Steve Saintvil, she said, "I understand more how they help their customers."

"I really didn't think it involved this much training," agreed John Murphy. "Everybody really knew what they were talking about."

Earlier, Rivera had explained to the students what the job entails.

"You never stay in the same department, (because) you have to learn about the different departments," he said. "Then you move up in rank and become a manager."

When a customer requested a shade of green paint not carried by the store, the students also had a



Garwood resident Toni Miccio, 11, learns how to use the register at Villagers Hardware.

chance to learn about technology in the workplace.

They watched as paint department employees scanned the requested color through a computer, which then calculated a formula to make the color from paints the store did carry.

"I thought it was interesting how the computer did it all," said Tarra Kruper.

"It was interesting how you would take all the different colors that you didn't think would make that color, but they did," agreed Shannon.

The students had some hands-on experience, too. They donned blue Villagers aprons to build birdhouses and also manned the cash register.

"I liked using the cash register — I always wanted to use one myself," said Toni Miccio.

The students returned to their classrooms at the end of the day,



Omar Rivera of Villagers Hardware helps sixth-grade students build birdhouses at the store.

but at least one of them hoped to be back at the store.

"Sooner or later we're going to have to get a job," said Meghan

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Howlett. "It would be nice to work here and help out."

## Westfield High School students rehearsing 'Children of Eden'

WESTFIELD — Joseph Nierle, chairman of the Westfield High School (WHS) Drama Department is currently in rehearsal with the cast of the upcoming spring musical production of "Children of Eden."

With a book by John Caird, the show features music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, who also wrote the long-running Broadway hits "Godspell" and "Pippin."

The show dates are Feb. 28-March 2 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium with all seats reserved.

"Children of Eden" is a musical version of the timeless story of the fall from grace and the promise of redemption. The first act presents the biblical tale of Adam and Eve from creation through expulsion from the Garden of Eden, as they are doomed to wander in the wasteland. The tale of Noah and the Flood is the theme of the second act, completing the message of hope and redemption promised by the Creator.

Using a range of song styles and

poetic lyrics, Stephen Schwartz has written rousing numbers such as "Spark of Creation" and "Generations of Adam," as well as moving ballads such as "The Hardest Part of Love" and "Children of Eden."

Returning to assist Nierle are Bill Mathews, High School Choral Director for the vocal and musical direction, and Lorinda Haver of the Broadway Dance Theatre for choreography. Haver and Mathews both assisted with last year's acclaimed production of "42nd Street."

Seniors in the cast are Dania Agüero as Mama Noah, Erica Cenci as Eve, Josh Lieberman as Japheth and Dan Spafford as Shem. Other seniors in the cast include Chris Freisen, Katherine Hild, Katie Miller, Rosanne Palatucci, Andrew Pidkameny, Marion Pomann, Jen Rosenblum, Chad Tortorello and Tom Weingarten.

Other characters are J.D. Hyman as Father, Ryan Leonard as Adam, Christine McGrath as young Cain and Monica Harris as young Abel. Jason Mesches "heads" the Snake. Tyler Patla is the older Cain, Josh Lerner is the older Abel, David Eisenberg is Noah, Betsy Paynter is Yonah, Kim Lam is Aysa, Elliott Johnson is Ham, and Emily Greenberg is Apha.

Completing the cast are Ciara Austin, Vivian Futran, Samantha Hooper-Hammersley, Colleen Kirk, Sam Leib, Chris Lynn, Kristina Luccarelli, Katie-Rae Mulvey, Katherine Nicol, Christine Pirat, Mike Sherry, Lindsay Rose Sinclair and Martha Strickland.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$8 by calling the high school music and drama departments at (908) 789-4549. On show nights, tickets will be available for \$10 at the door.

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# Real Estate

## Home warranty coverage can help ease stress

BY JAMES M. WOODARD  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The proportion of home-sale transactions that include home warranty coverage continues to increase. One reason is probably tied to our unsettled times. Because so many people turn to litigation if problems arise after a home is sold, a warranty contract helps ease those concerns.

Nationwide, about half of all home-sale transactions include a warranty agreement. In California that proportion is 86 percent. By far, the highest number of warranty contract sales are in California, Texas, Arizona and Florida. But use of home warranty coverage is increasing nationwide.

The primary reason for the growing use of warranty contracts is probably because homes listed for sale with this coverage are more salable than those listed without. One warranty company claims covered homes sell 50 percent faster and for prices 3 percent higher. That may be a bit biased, but warranty coverage undoubtedly has a positive effect on marketing.

Another incentive is to avoid after-sale hassles with the home-buyer. Those problems can quickly evolve into legal action, which can be costly and frustrating. Of course, the broker wants to avoid being in the middle of those hassles, so he or she strongly recommends warranty coverage.

Most of today's home warranty contracts cover the major operating systems in the home for one year after the sale closes. Items covered usually include plumbing, heating and electrical systems. They also cover most built-in appliances and water heaters. Some warranty companies provide coverage for other items, such as garage-door openers, washers, dryers and refrigerators.

The cost of coverage has been creeping up in recent years. It's about \$300 in California, but more in other regions. Nationwide, a one-year warranty coverage contract averages between \$360 and \$390. The cost per service call (the deductible amount) is typically between \$35 and \$50.

A current trend is for homeowners to renew their warranty coverage for subsequent years. About 40 percent of homeowners renew the contract when it expires after the first year. Among those who renewed the coverage once, 60 percent continued to renew it.

Some of the above information was supplied by Art Ansorian, a spokesman for the Home Warranty Association of California.

The HWAC recently provided tips to minimize problems with a home's operating systems — steps that could be useful in any area of the country. Mid-winter is a good

time to take such steps.

Ensuring that your furnace filters are clean is one effective step, the report stated. A dirty filter can interfere with the free flow of air, leading to higher fuel costs, overheating and eventual shutdown. New filters cost between \$3 and \$6 and are a very good investment.

Also, be sure registers for central heating are open in all rooms. Many warranty companies report they consistently receive calls from homeowners complaining that some rooms are not getting warm air. Open the vents and be sure they are not blocked by drapes, curtain or furniture.

Check to see if there are gaps or holes in ducting. This could result in energy waste. A symptom of this is cold air constantly blowing into a room.

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Q. How did housing fare last year in the light of so many negative factors?

A. Surprisingly, housing outperformed the expectations of many analysts during in 2001, according to David Lereah, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors. Both existing- and new-home markets set records, and near-record levels of activity are expected in 2002, Lereah said.

"With the exception of the uncertainty cast by the fallout of Sept. 11, our outlook for the housing market grew brighter as the year progressed," he said.

Here are the numbers: Last year there were 5.25 million existing home sales and 902,000 new home sales. There were 1.6 million new housing construction starts, a boost of 1.7 percent over 2000. Nationally, the median existing-home price was \$171,200 in 2001, a hike of 5.5 percent.

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This may be another record year for new home construction. Here's a view expressed by Bruce Smith, president of the National Association of Home Builders:

"Our recent surveys have revealed increasing optimism among single-family home builders on the strength of solid market fundamentals, such as continuing low interest rates, increases in house values and improving consumer confidence," he said. "Housing has been one of the few bright spots in the

economy all last year, and the prospects for this year are very positive.

"The substantial gain in builder optimism we've recently seen, coming on the heels of an eight-point rise in

December, indicates that builders' confidence in the single-family home market has fully rebounded in the wake of Sept. 11 and the signs of economic weakness that were emerging at that time," Smith said.



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## How to clean your sidewalk

BY GENE GARY  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. In spite of being professionally sealed, the color of the four-year-old brick walk to my front door is pale. The cause is the use of cat litter on icy steps/walk during winter months. After noticing the results, we stopped using it and tried to wash the residue from the bricks to no avail. We tried vinegar and brick cleaner, but neither worked. The problem hasn't gone away with time. We need your advice. What can we use to return the original bright color to the bricks?

A. Most likely your problem stems from the application of the sealer when the brick walk was installed. The Brick Industry Association does not recommend sealing exterior brick paving. This simply introduces a maintenance problem in the future. Your best bet is removal of the sealer and as much residue as possible. This can be difficult on a porous brick surface.

If possible, contact the professional who sealed the brick originally to identify the brand and type of sealer used. This will help in identifying the chemical required for removal. If you are unable to do this, most sealants use either mineral spirits or alcohol as a carrier. You can check with a masonry supply outlet for samples, and test them in an inconspicuous area for results.

When you find an effective removal product, treat the entire area. You may want to re-seal the steps with the same sealant product (it will be compatible with any chemical residue remaining in your brick) to restore the color and sheen desired. Another option could be the application of a brick stain to colorize the brick and give it a richer shade. This would not restore sheen to the brick. It would however, last longer and be less likely to fade, assuming that the stain chemicals are compatible with any residue of the original sealer remaining within the brick.

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# Automotive/Classified

## BMW's 525i is not your ordinary European station wagon

BY JERRY GARRETT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Driving down the Autoroute in France, we were making pretty good time, even though it was raining. Suddenly, a pair of headlights was blinking at us to move out of the fast lane.

We quickly pulled over, first of all, to observe proper European road etiquette, but secondly, to see what kind of supercar was making this kind of speed in these conditions. We were shocked when it turned out to be a BMW 5-Series wagon — pulling a pop-up camper.

We were barely done commenting, "That guy is nuts!" when we were buzzed by another Bimmer wagon blazing along — with two matching silver F650CSs on a trailer. A few miles later, a 525i wagon towing a boat scorched past.

We concluded that BMW wagon owners speed around like scalded cats because A.) they can, and B.) they feel safe doing it.

When driving one, you're constantly wondering if the speedometer is accurate: "I can't possibly be going this fast!" you say, as you tap on the instrument panel Plexiglas. Nope, the needle stays where it is.

This subject comes up surprisingly often — particularly around corners, on winding roads and during hand-brake turns on two-lane bridges. (OK, I made that last one up.)

But, truth is, the combination of BMW power, transmission and suspension create a real lobo in ovine raiment. Europeans understand this, but it's not clear whether Americans do.

Europeans love their station wagons and view them as acceptably elitist transportation; they just don't understand Americans' acceptance of minivans, sport utility vehicles or those positively proletarian pickup trucks.

Detroit automakers designed out the cool factor in station wagons after 1967 (for more informa-



BMW's 525i is one reason why Europeans still love station wagons.

tion on this subject, look up "Nomad, Chevrolet").

A few Americans seem to understand the combination of styling, performance and utility offered by European wagons — because some are being sold over here. But it seems most American buyers still puzzle over the conundrum: "If you can afford a BMW, why would you buy a station wagon?"

A good question — though not one that is quite in the \$64,000 question category. But close. The base price of 525i wagon is \$37,770 — a few thousand more

than the 528i wagon it replaces but the tab climbs quickly toward sexagenarian territory, with the options most pilots will prefer.

The 525i wagon we spent a week with topped \$40K — comparable to the Audi A6 Avant, Volvo V70 2.4T and Saab 9-5, but well below the Mercedes E320.

BMW's wagons, however, are all rear-drivers while the competition offers all-wheel drive standard or as options. The principal differences between the 525i and the 540i wagon are engine size, standard equipment and price (the 540i is about \$15K more).

The 525i interior is darkly handsome, in the austere Teutonic manner. The usual unrelenting black, however, is tempered with attractive aluminum and chrome accents. Wood trim and leather seats were options, not standard.

Other missing "standard" luxury appointments were front passenger electric seat controls, automatic climate control, auto-dimming rearview mirror and an acceptable "infotainment" system.

The infotainment system in our test model was definitely "early adopter" technology, which

meant the rear cargo area CD loader, CD-based navigation system and shared stereo/nav system controls are already obsolete.

Worse, the nav system didn't recognize a lot of territory (including nearly the entire Olympic Peninsula of Washington State) and all too often gave us incorrect directions.

And don't even get us started on the cryptic ergonomic controls throughout the cabin. Suffice it to say, there was scarcely one single control we were able to figure out intuitively, without the owner's manual.

The cabin overall was a tight fit. Two adults in front and two teen-agers in back were comfortably accommodated, but even a nine-year-old in the middle seat was cause for consternation.

Cargo room was just 32.7 cubic feet with the rear seats up (the Mercedes holds 43 cu. ft.; rear seats down the space grows to 65.2 cu. ft. — somewhat impressive, compared to, say, the X5's 54 cu. ft.).

Critiques aside, it was easy to fall in love with this wagon and the experience of driving it. Steering and handling are pure sport sedan — quick and precise — with excellent standard four-wheel antilock braking system.

Our test model was upgraded from the standard 225/55HR16 tires and 16x7 wheels with 17x wheels, aggressive 235/45WR16 tires and self-leveling sport suspension (a \$1,975 option).

The 2.5-liter in-line six delivered smooth, seemingly limitless power, with 25 mpg fuel economy at just about any highway speed. The 184-horsepower rating is slightly less than the old 528i motor, but still a strong runner with a top speed somewhere north of 125 mph.

The 525i wagon comes standard with a five-speed manual transmission, which we reckon we would have liked more than the optional \$1,275 Steptronic five-speed automatic we drove.

Throttle response — from the time our right foot mashed the gas, to the moment when the engine roared, the automatic tranny kicked in and the wheels started to turn faster — was so slow we occasionally forgot we had asked for more power by the time it finally arrived.

Zero-to-60 times with the manual transmission reportedly are a full second quicker than the leisurely 9.2 seconds with the automatic.

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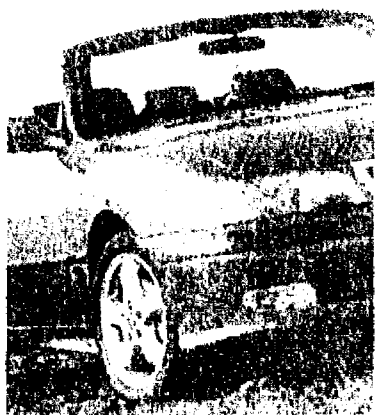
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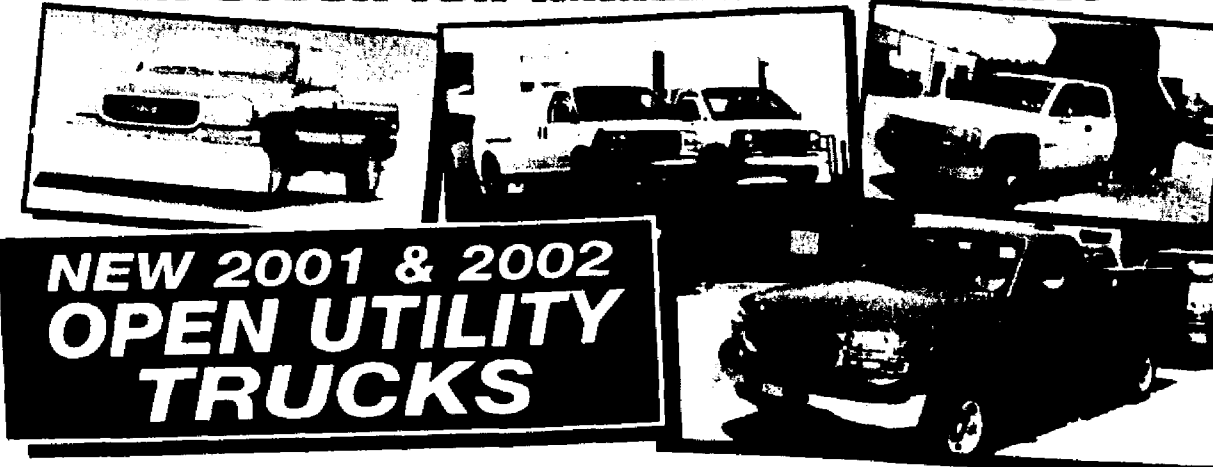
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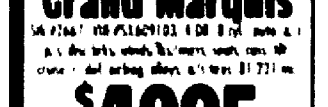
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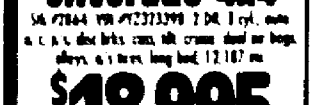
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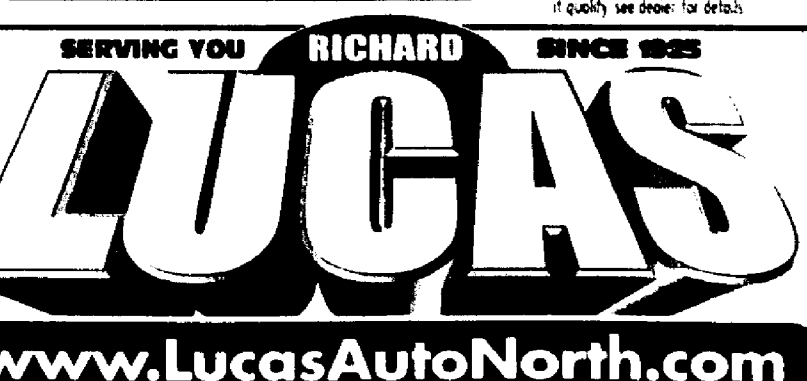
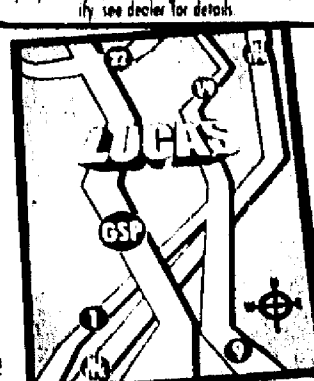


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# Sports

## Blue Devils looking for championship sweep

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

What a week it was for the Westfield High bowling team.

Receiving strong contributions from all of the top guns, the Blue Devils captured the North Jersey Section 2 title Saturday, two days after winning the Union County Tournament championship.

It was the sixth sectional title in the past seven years for Westfield, but just the first county title since 1993 and the first ever sweep of the two tournaments. Westfield, also winners of the Watchung Conference title, will try to complete its first ever sweep of all four championships and win

its first state title since 1993 tomorrow at Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick.

"Wow, it's so exciting," said Head Coach Mike Tirone. "We took the first step by winning the conference, the second step was the county, the third step was winning the North 2 Sectional championship and the fourth step would be a state championship. We took the first three, hopefully we'll take the fourth come Saturday."

Matt Rothstein led Westfield at the Union County Tournament Feb. 7, rolling a tournament-high 682 series as the Blue Devils rallied back from 64-pin deficit after the first game. Westfield finished with a 1,092 third game to clinch

the victory as Rothstein totaled 237, followed by Willy Masket's 225, Andrew Royston's 221, Brian Sanders 205 and Scott Villa's 204.

Royston finished with the third best series of the day, with a 666 total. Masket finished with a 632 series, Sanders a 633 and Villa a 564. The Devils finished with a 3,177 total, with Landen (3,097) second and Roselle Catholic (2,989) third.

Villa may have had the team's low series at the county tourn-

### Bowling



ing with the high series of 671 to give the Blue Devils a 3,037-2,959 edge over second place Roselle Catholic.

Royston finished fifth overall with a 624 series and Willy Masket took eighth overall with a 613 series. Rothstein added a 570 series and Sanders finished with a 559.

"It seems like the chemistry is

really starting to come together," said Tirone, who's been the coach since the team's inception in 1979. "That's been the main thing that has made us been successful. They're really pulling for each other. They know what they need to do at each position."

"I can say for sure this is the best team Westfield has had. There are no weak spots. We have eight solid bowlers."

Westfield came out of the gates slowly, totaling just 878 in the first game, but quickly rallied back. In the second game Masket led the way with a 244 as the Devils totaled 1,075. Royston rolled the tournament's high game of 257 to lead Westfield to a 1,084 finale and

the championship.

"The lanes were terribly oily (Saturday) and in the first game we didn't have a shot," said Tirone. "We were really struggling. After the seventh frame I figured out the best we could do was an 880 to 900. I told them if we do that I guarantee we'll be in this. We made some adjustments and things started to work for us."

Making adjustments to the lane conditions and making them quickly will be the key to the Blue Devils taking the final step on their championship journey.

"We need to find a shot early, find where we have an area," said Tirone. "If we can do that we have a good shot."

## Raiders romp in UCT opener

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team took its first step towards a Union County Tournament championship Monday night — and it was an easy one.

The Raiders routed Governor Livingston, turning on the defensive pressure early and shooting well on the offensive end to hand the Highlanders a 55-27 defeat.

Second-seeded Scotch Plains put the game away early, racing out to a 14-6 lead after the first quarter and holding a 33-11 advantage at the half. Hillary Klimowicz finished with 16 points, while Lindsey Pennella tallied 12, Kellie LaForge 10 and Erin Gillooly eight points.

"We came out and played well early which was good to see," said Head Coach Brian Homm. "We wanted to make a statement by coming out and playing well and the kids did a great job."

Scotch Plains took on seventh-seeded Roselle yesterday in the quarterfinal round. The semifinals are slated for 6:30 and 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth, with the final set for 1 p.m. Feb. 23.

The Raiders mixed a full-court press with a half-court man-to-man to pressure G-L into turnovers and take away easy looks at the hoop. LaForge was able to turn steals

into transition points, while Pennella knocked down jumpers in the half court set and Klimowicz and Gillooly scored inside.

"We shot well from the outside early which helped free up (Klimowicz)," said Homm. "They didn't have a lot of size inside. That was big that we were able to get off to a good start shooting-wise. We did a good job defensively, we got a lot of steals and were able to turn those into points."

With three freshman playing a prominent role on the team, Homm has concerns about them being able to handle the pressure of the UCT atmosphere. But the veterans on the team — Pennella, LaForge and Erin Gillooly — stepped up admirably, scoring a combined 30 points and provided the calming leadership the Raiders need to make a run at the title.

"They've gone through it before and they know what it takes," said Homm of his three veterans. "They talk to the younger kids and let them know what it takes to get through it. Their leadership and play is important for us."

Scotch Plains (55)  
E. Gillooly 4-0-8 LaForge 5-0-10  
Pennella 3-1-12 Klimowicz 8-0-16 Burke 0-0-0  
M. Gillooly 0-1-4 DeCatala 2-0-4 Freely 0-0-0  
Di 0-0-0 Doyle 0-0-0 Redington 0-0-0  
Russell 0-0-0 Totals: 22-5-55

Gov. Livingston (27)  
Dixie 1-1-4 Goodspeed 4-0-8 Drexler 1-0-2  
Moore 1-0-1 LaRue 1-0-2 Hammond 1-0-2  
Tillot 1-0-2 Totals: 10-1-4-27  
Scotch Plains 14-19-10-12-55  
Gov. Livingston 6-5-6-10-27



Lindsey Pennella scored 12 points for Scotch Plains in the Raiders 55-27 win over Governor Livingston in the first round of the Union County Tournament Monday.

## Williams sets state record

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains senior and All-American Ray Williams set the New Jersey indoor 400 meter record Monday night at the Varsity Classic Track and Field Invitational at the 168th Street Armory in Manhattan.

The record of 48.27 was set just days earlier by Jade Smith of Camden at the Adidas Midwest Classic in Lincoln, Neb. and Williams made sure it didn't hold up for long, finishing in 47.7 to smash the mark. The 47.7 finish was just two-tenths behind Barry Jones of Glen Mills, Pa., who set a meet record to win the race.

Williams didn't leave without gold however, winning the 200 meter dash in 21.6 to tie a one-year old meet record.

Bob Wallden of Scotch Plains also turned in an impressive performance, finishing second in the two-mile in 9:48.1, just one second behind Matt Klypka of Indian Hills.

Chris Feighner was the third Raider to place Monday, finishing fourth in the shot put at 50 feet 11 inches.

Adam Wendell of Westfield was the lone Blue Devil to place, tying for fifth in the high jump at 6-4.

## Hammonds on a mission to silence his critics

By DAVID LAZARUS  
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Jeffrey Hammonds heard the question, rolled his eyes, smiled and with the quickness in which he attacks a Randy Johnson fastball and answered in a way that quickly moved the conversation onto gentler topics.

"The shoulder feels great," said Hammonds before inducting his older brother Reggie into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame Jan. 16. "I may not be ready to play yet, but the season doesn't start tomorrow, so I'm not worried. I will be ready to go April 3 (opening day)."

While the questions from a small group of reporters in the interview room before the induction dinner went back to the "What does it mean to induct Reggie" genre the subject of Jeffrey's health will encircle him until the season starts.

The Brewers, clearly one of baseball's low budget teams, broke the bank for Hammonds after his breakthrough 2000 season with the Colorado Rockies when he hit .335, finishing fourth in the league in batting. In the surrealistic world of baseball, \$21.75 million for three years barely registers on the Richter scale, but Milwaukee should not

be confused with the TV revenue rich Yankees or Mets.

The contract included a \$1.5 million signing bonus and salaries of \$6 million in 2001, \$7 million in 2002 and \$7.25 million in 2003 making him the highest paid player in team history. There was a cacophony of criticism for the signing taking into account the facts that Hammonds had never played more than 123 games in a season and he had hit 126 points higher at hitter-friendly Coors Field in his great 2000 season.

In 2001 Hammonds did nothing to satisfy his critics, actually emboldening them when his season ended on June 6 with a separated shoulder against one of his former teams, Cincinnati. His final totals of 49 games played, six home runs, 21 runs batted in and a .247 batting average clearly were not what either the Brewers or Hammonds had in mind.

The unpredictability of injuries that resulted in Reggie's premature exit from the pros and has also plagued Jeffrey colored the younger Hammonds' decision to postpone professional opportunities to play three years at Stanford.

"I never looked at professional baseball as an option out of high school," said Hammonds. "I knew Reggie had built himself a safety

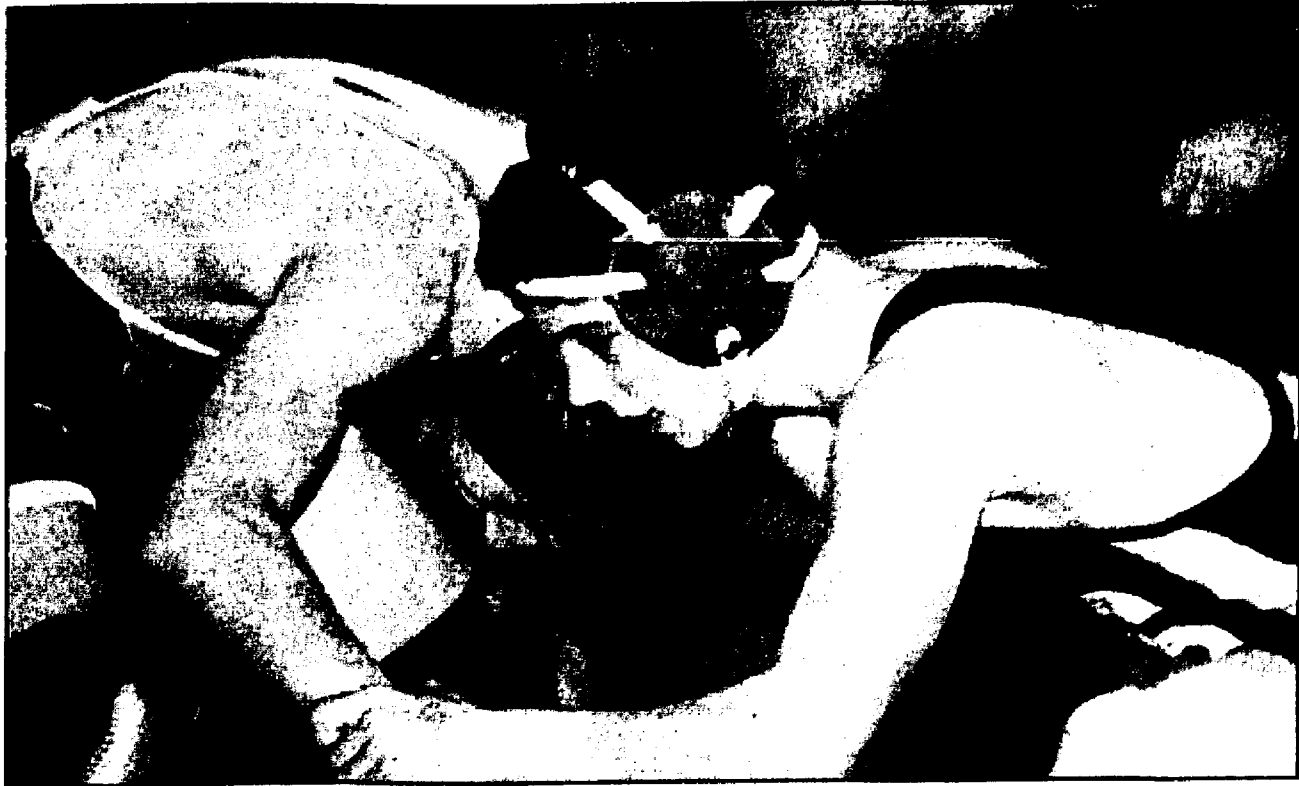
net. Stanford was a great experience but after three years it was time to move on."

The experience included playing in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona and playing for the 1991 Pan American team as well as making the College All-American team three times, which resulted in the Baltimore Orioles making him their top pick in the 1992 draft.

During his nascent professional baseball career Jeffrey Hammonds was fortunate in playing with baseball's "Iron Man" Cal Ripken, who mentored him during those first few years. He credited Ripken with helping him come back from his first major injury, a torn anterior cruciate ligament in 1996.

"Rip told me you got to get better. Injuries are part of the game," said Hammonds, who was also a teammate of Eric Davis who overcame colon cancer to hit .320 the year after. "Eric said 'Don't feel sorry for me, I'll be back,' and he was."

As he concluded his keynote speech which covered his entire life from the little boy on the bicycle riding to the high school to watch his big brother play to the rich successful pro athlete who enters the season with a lot to prove, Hammonds appeared poised to silence his critics.



Stephen Mineo won by technical fall to give Scotch Plains an early 9-0 lead, but Mendham took control late to down Scotch Plains 34-30 Tuesday.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

## Mendham rallies late to knock SP-F out of states

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High wrestling team dropped a close 34-30 decision to Mendham in the opening round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament Tuesday.

Derek Francavilla and Stephen Mineo opened the match with wins to put the Raiders up 9-0, and a decision by Chris Sprague, a pin by Lucas Francavilla and a forfeit win by Matt DeNichilo put the Raiders ahead 24-10 after eight bouts before Mendham rallied back with five straight wins.

103: D. Francavilla, S. dec. Hall, 10-0  
112: Mineo, S. dec. Crozier, 15-0 (TF 3:51)  
119: Adamczyk, M. dec. Connolly, 7-4  
125: Freda, M. dec. Ferrara, 7-2  
130: Button, M. dec. Bruno, 14-3  
135: Sprague, S. dec. Coleman, 6-3  
140: L. Francavilla, S. pinned Thathcer, 5:19  
145: DeNichilo, S. won by forfeit  
152: Pacifico, M. pinned Stender, 3:21  
160: Button, M. dec. Bachi, 6-3.

### Scotch Plains High School Roundup

171: Overbruch, M. dec. Silber, 6-4  
189: Craig, M. pinned Fabiano, 4:41  
215: Dargatzis, M. pinned M. Loomis, 4:29  
HWT: A. Loomis, S. won by forfeit  
Hanover Park 46, Scotch Plains 24 — Matt Loomis, Derek Francavilla and Stephen Mineo registered pins but the Raiders fell to Hanover Park 46-24 in regular season action Saturday.  
160: Procopio, H. pinned Au. Silber, 1:01  
171: An. Silber, S. dec. Nichols, 5-4  
189: George, H. pinned Fabiano, 1:15  
215: M. Loomis, S. pinned Eldassony, 1:30  
HWT: Yeskel, H. pinned A. Loomis, 1:42  
103: D. Francavilla, S. pinned Crusden, 1:33  
112: Mineo, S. pinned Troise, 3:52  
119: Connolly, S. dec. LaVelle, 7-6.

125: Totiello, H. pinned Ferrara, 2:26  
130: Leo, H. dec. Bruno, 9-3  
135: Gosiewski, H. dec. Sprague, 21-7  
140: Polk, H. dec. L. Francavilla, 7-3  
145: Figliuolo, H. won by forfeit  
152: Finelli, H. pinned Stender, 3:33.

### SWIMMING

Scotch Plains defeated Kittatinny 92-73 in the opening round of the North Jersey Public B Tournament Tuesday. Scotch Plains took on Caldwell yesterday in the sectional semifinals with the sectional finals slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday in Bayonne.

50 yard free: E. Swenson, 24.63  
100 free: H. Wosha, K. 55.11  
200 free: D. Hauptman, S. 1:59.91  
500 free: S. Swenson, S. 5:19.91  
100 breast: Hauptman, S. 1:10.88  
100 fly: Sheffield, S. 1:01.53  
100 back: B. Swenson, 1:05.21  
200 IM: R. Hauptman, S. 2:16.94  
200 free relay: S. (E. Swenson, Sheffield, Middleton, R. Hauptman), 1:42.09.  
400 free relay: K. 3:55.84.

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## WRESTLING

Westfield defeated Linden 47-19 in the final dual meet of the season Friday, finishing with a 10-5 record.

WT: Orr, L. won by forfeit.

130: Mench, W. won by forfeit.

145: S. Kramer, W. dec. Radhawa, 7-5.

160: DeCampo, W. dec. F. Monterrosa, 24-8 (TF 4:44).

175: K. Kramer, W. pinned Parks, 5:48.

190: DelDuca, W. dec. Principato, 9-2.

220: Gale, W. pinned J. Monterrosa, 1:56.

285: Isrealow, W. pinned Mizell, 3:48.

300: Byrne, W. won by forfeit.

330: Fernandez, L. dec. MacDonald, 10-4.

350: Colvin, L. won by forfeit.

370: J. L. dec. Artsmann, 18-2 (TF, 5:24).

400: Barbieri, W. won by forfeit.

440: Allen, L. dec. Gismundo, 9-5.

**Westfield (27)**  
Cusimano 2-2-4-14, Passananti 2-1-0-7,  
ntanlino 2-0-0-4, Rock 1-0-0-2, Venezia 0-0-0-0.  
Totals: 7-3-4-27.

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**Westfield 5 5 8 9 - 27**

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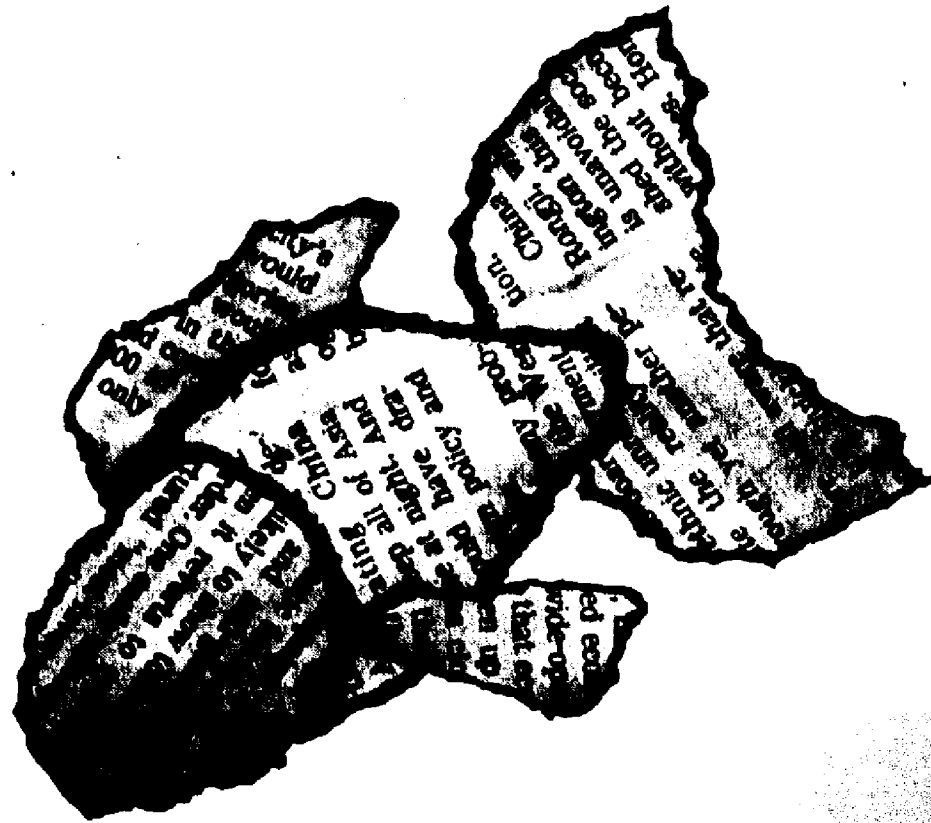
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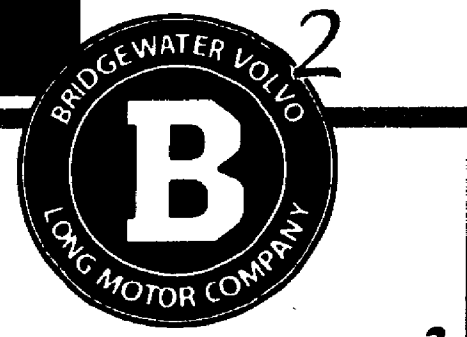
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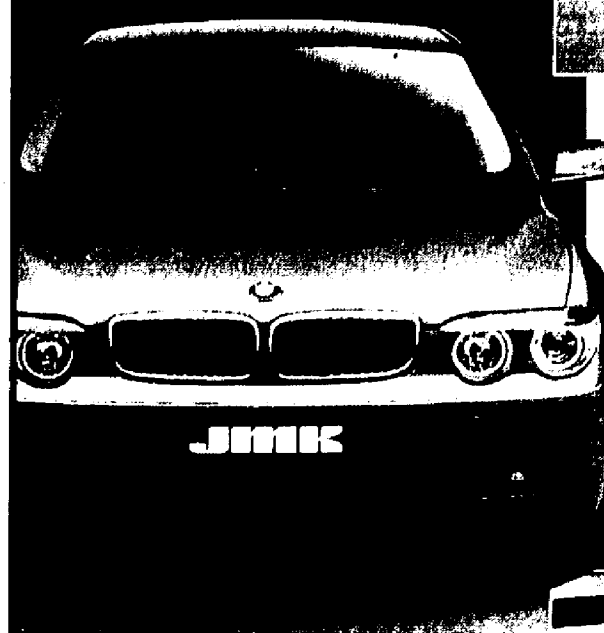


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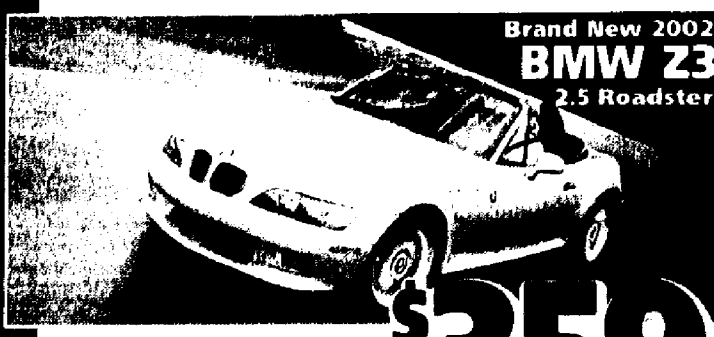
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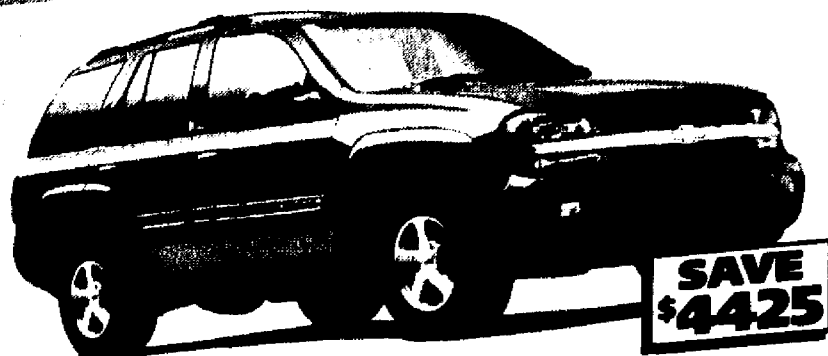
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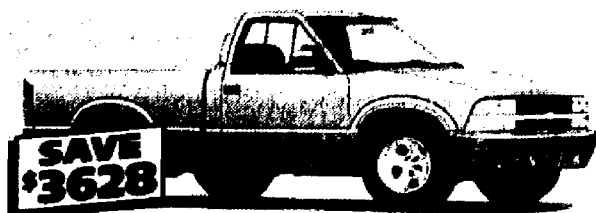


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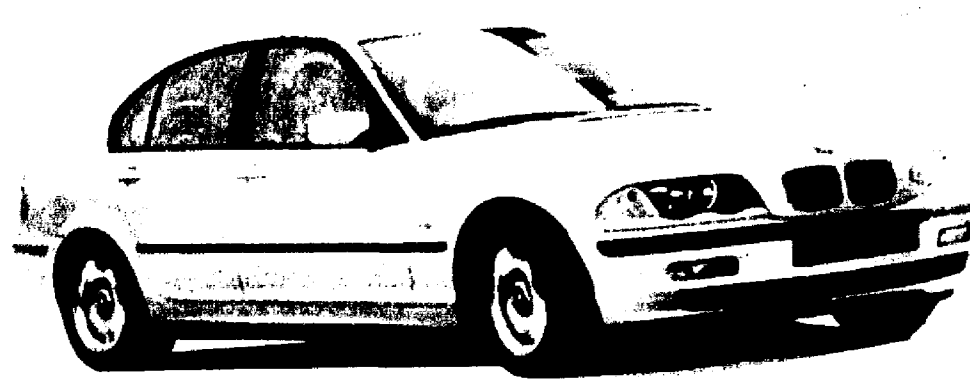
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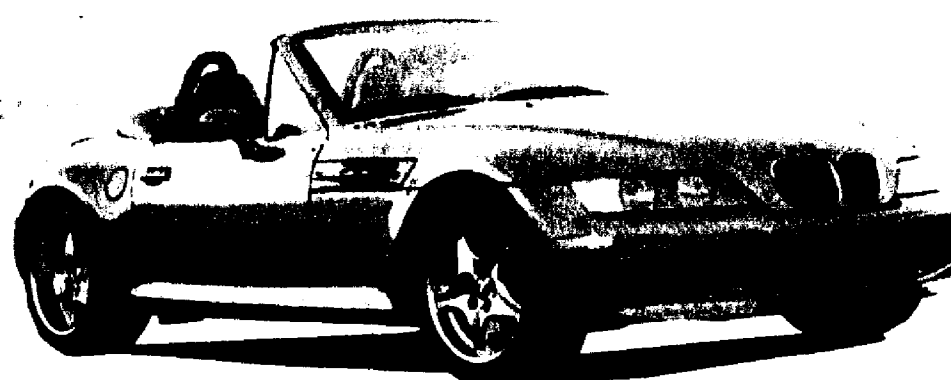
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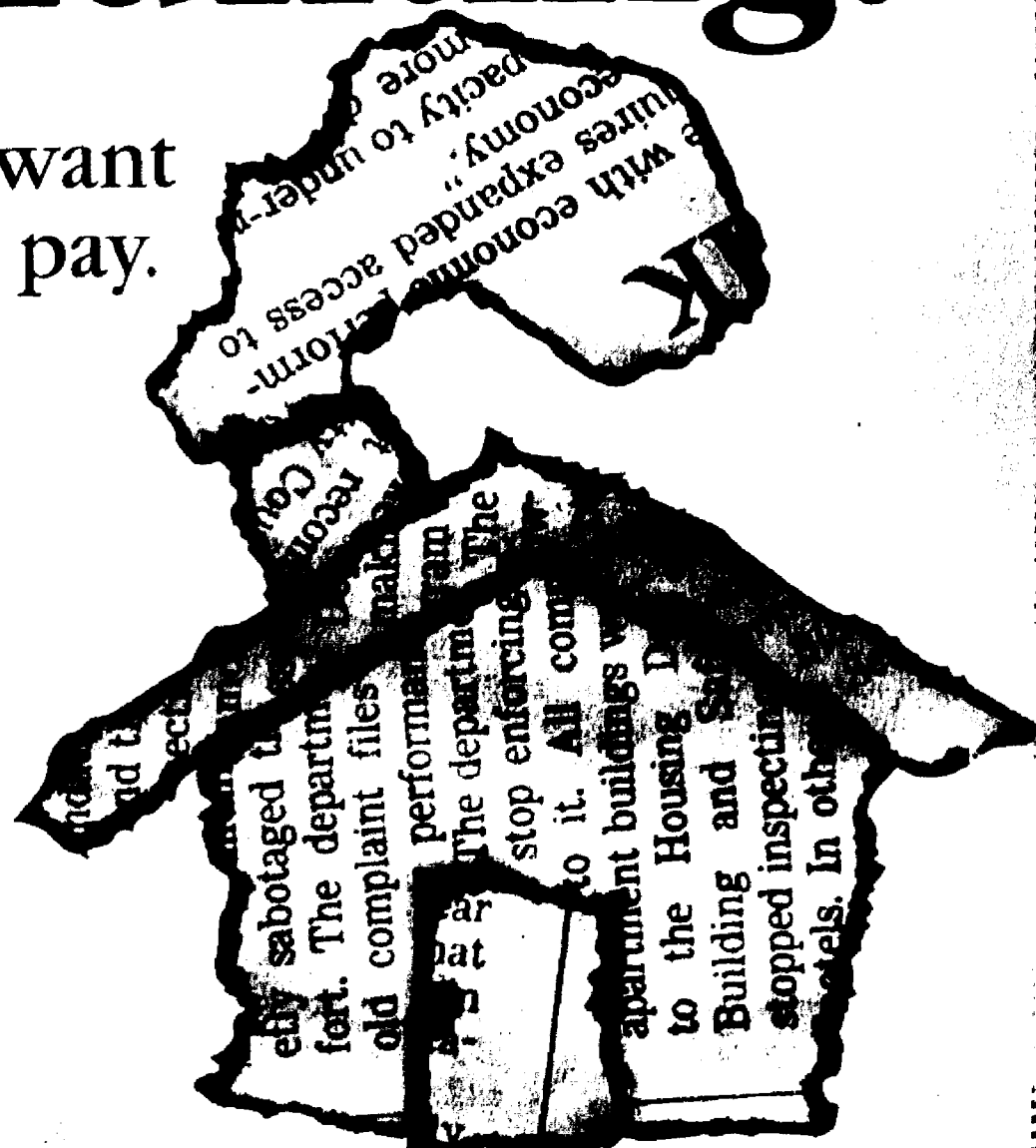
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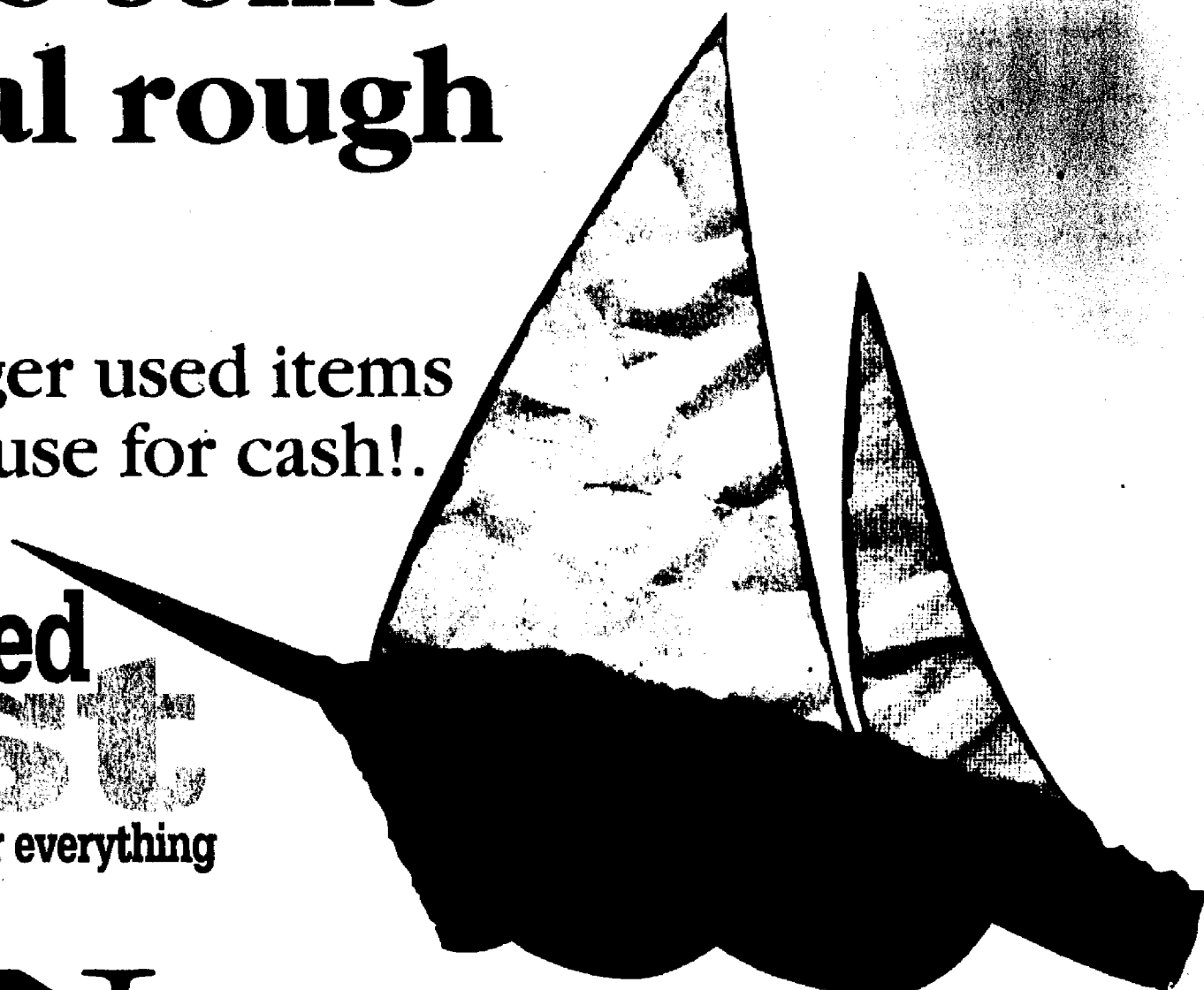
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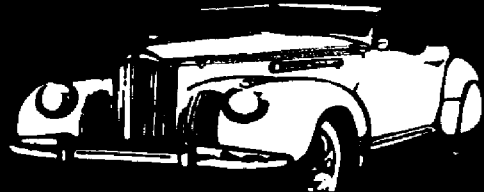
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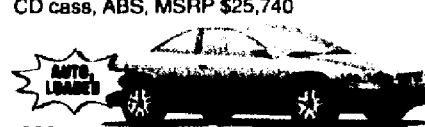
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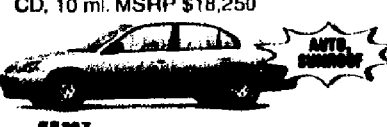
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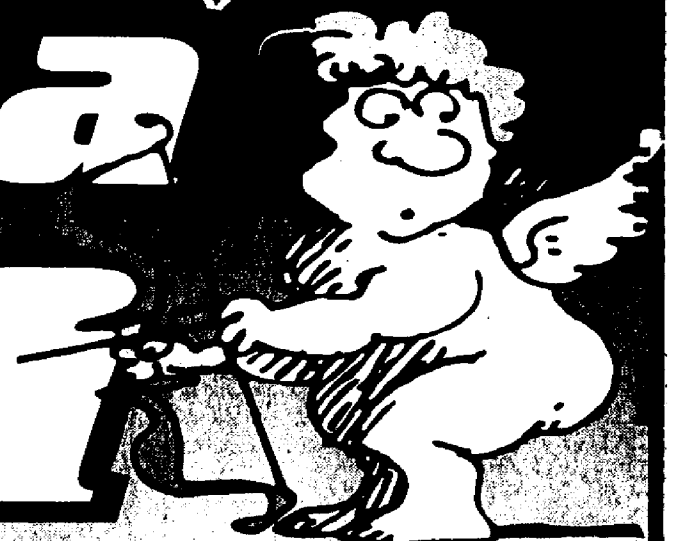
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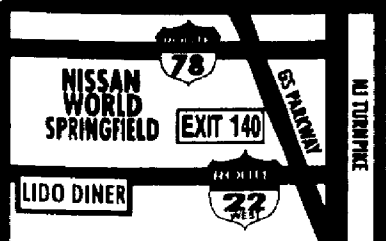
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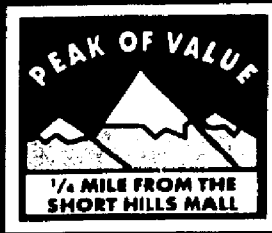
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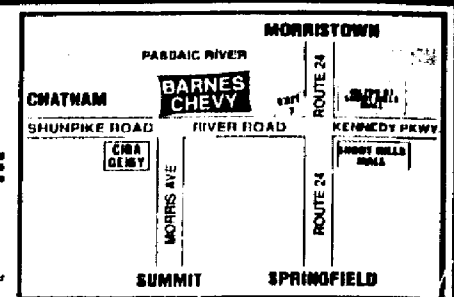
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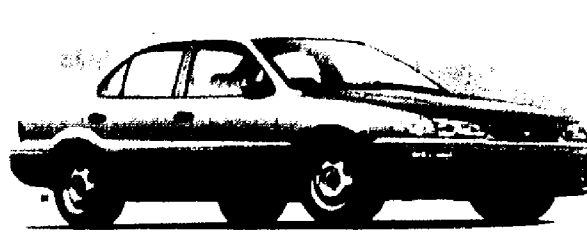


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**\$299  
\$17,726**

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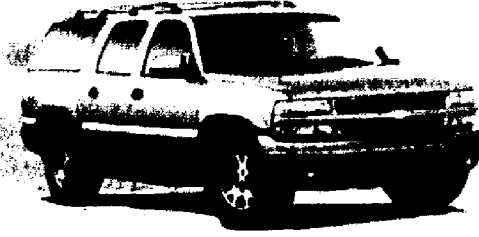


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\$20,728**

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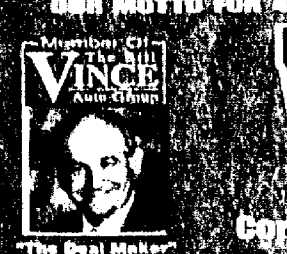
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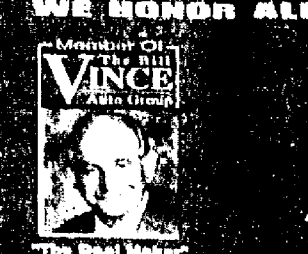
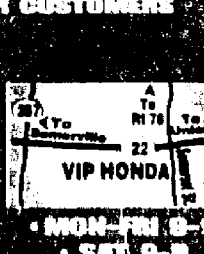
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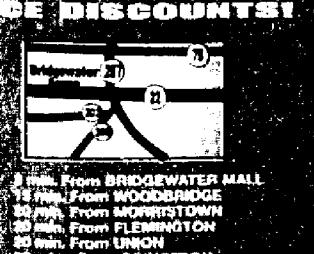
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