

Around Town



Tourney-bound

Westfield hosts Union in the first round of the state tournament Monday. See story on page C-1.

Lawmakers plan office open house

WESTFIELD — Legislators from the 21st District are holding an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday to open their new district office to the public at 203 Elm St.

Sen. Richard Bagger, Assemblymen Thomas Kean Jr. and Eric Munoz represent the 21st District, which includes Westfield. All three legislators and their staffs are scheduled to attend.

Bagger and Kean will be based out of the Westfield office while Munoz will have his main office in Summit.

For more information, phone (908) 232-3673. Refreshments will be served.

Battle of Bands needs contestants

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey is putting together a "Battle of the Bands" for Saturday night, April 6.

This show is open to teen bands whose members are all in Grades 9-12. A teen panel will judge each band and award cash prizes to the winners.

If your band is interested, e-mail lbieber@ccnj.org or phone (908) 889-8800, Ext. 253.



Prize winner

Chrissy Coluzzi, a seventh-grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, stands in front of her prize-winning art on a billboard in Roselle Park. See Page B-1.

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Why tax hike in Scotch Plains?

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Township residents could be facing a 4 percent increase in the municipal portion of their property tax this year.

But it could have been worse. If all municipal departments

received all that they asked for, the municipal tax hike would have been 8 percent higher.

Township officials cut budget requests by nearly \$750,000, but that still represents a 2.36 percent increase in municipal spending.

The total recommended appropriation for 2002 is

\$18,045,552, an increase of \$417,426, over the 2001 appropriation of \$17,628,126.

At least 1 percent of the increase is due to the length of service pension perk offered to volunteer fireman and emergency medical technicians that was approved in a referendum last year.

The 4 percent municipal tax increase is contingent on the unlikely scenario of unchanged revenues. Township Manager Thomas Atkins, said that revenues have fallen because interest income on invested monies has fallen.

A total of \$743,037 in budget cuts was spread out among town-

ship departments: \$187,000 for four full-time firefighter/EMT positions; \$84,000 for two new police officers; \$75,000 in general operating expenses and new equipment; \$158,325 from the Parks and Recreation operating expenses for general equipment and improvements; and \$80,712 (Continued on page A-2)

Church dedicates steeple as memorial

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Judy Murphy was hoisted nearly 60 feet in the air by a bucket crane on Wednesday to place a cross at the top of the newly installed steeple at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

The steeple is the crowning touch to honor the memory of her late husband Walt Murphy.

As the crane lifted her, sunlight broke through the clouds for the first time that day and smiled for 30 minutes on the 15-20 onlookers present for the steeple-raising.

Walt Murphy, a long-time member and church elder at Willow Grove, perished in the plane crash in Bosnia that also took the life of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and other officials.

The Murphy family had donated funds for a steeple project that would replace an aging cupola with a new steeple as well as address leakage from the roof into the sanctuary. The church's annual fund added money to complete the project.

The steeple project was close to two years in planning, said Donald Sheldon, Board of Education president, who also serves as chairman of the church maintenance committee. Sheldon worked with church member Jim Coleman, a retired engineer, to work out the specifics of the project.

The Rev. Kenneth Hetzel hails the completion of the project as a fitting memorial to Murphy and the commemoration of the



Judith Murphy
...tribute to her husband

church's 50th Annual Campaign as a Presbyterian Church.

Murphy, a ruling elder, lived his faith, Hetzel said. He was active in mentoring young people and in the community involvement in sports. He was committed to improving the church and encouraging people to come, Hetzel said.

"It's really cool," said Judy Murphy, who climbed under the 24-foot steeple for a look. "My husband would have loved it. He would have been here at 7 a.m. in the morning getting things going."

Efforts to renovate the church from completion of the steeple, to the re-carpeting of the sanctuary, repair of pews and the renovation of rooms have been ongoing.

It's nice to get rid of ger- (Continued on page A-2)



The new steeple is lowered into place at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains.

Board, teachers talking

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — In an effort to try to break the contract stalemate, talks continued Wednesday night between the Board of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association with a second meeting with the state fact finder.

The fact finder has met once with each side to gather as much information as possible. It is hoped that he will "create a package we can live with," said teachers' union President Edward Leonard on Monday.

Board of Education President Donald Sheldon also wants closure. The first two meetings with the fact finder are mediation sessions that he expects will lead to a settlement.

The teachers' union planned to forgo its attendance at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday night. They also plan to circulate a brochure to parents presenting their case.

"We have not seen any movement," said Leonard of the teacher attendance at past meetings of the Board of Education.

"Our requests have fallen on deaf ears. This is the first time negotiations have been held without any interruption of school. You would think that would help," said Leonard. "Our backs are against the rope. We have low morale and people are looking for other jobs."

Leonard said he feared that if a contract could not be agreed on then the board would impose a contract on the teachers.

A stumbling block in the negotiations has been giving equal health benefits to new teachers and longer-tenured teachers. As to how far apart that leaves the two parties in actual dollars, Leonard said, "the board won't tell us, they don't give us any figures."

Teens may cop a plea in sex assault of girl, 13

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Some of the defendants in the sexual assault of a Fanwood girl are negotiating a plea bargain with the prosecutor's office.

The accused youths, aged 14-17 at the time of the attack, went

before Superior Court Judge Rudolph N. Hawkins Jr. last week, but no further court dates have been set.

The Scotch Plains juveniles were charged with aggravated sexual assault and kidnapping. They had detention hearings before Hawkins.

Earlier this month, Prosecutor

Thomas Manahan announced that he would seek to try the youths as adults.

"The punishment should fit the crime," Manahan said.

The victim was allegedly dragged by three teenagers into a wooded area against her will where the assaults took place. A medical examination revealed bruises and

scratches on her arms, neck and torso.

Two of the youths were released to their parents, but remain suspended from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

After initially reviewing the matter Hawkins ruled that three of the boys would remain in the George W. Herlich Juvenile Center.



Patti Gardner, youth minister at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, packs up some toys and games that young church members will use to entertain children at a homeless shelter in Edison.

Community service is fun and games

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Working with the kids at the Ozanam Family Center in Edison has been an eye opening experience for youth volunteers from St. Helen's Catholic Church but mostly it's a lot of fun.

The volunteer work emphasizes helping others through community service and sharing the gifts they have with those less advantaged.

Patty Gardiner, the director of Youth Ministry, has been the driving force behind the program for the past four years. Every Tuesday, over the course of the year, a van full of volunteers from Grades 9-12 departs about 3:15 p.m. from the St. Helen's parking and heads over to Ozanam Family Center, located on Truman Drive, in Edison.

The involvement of the volunteers with program varies from veterans of the program to those just starting out. On Tuesday there were seven volunteers from the church: Cathryn Brucia, Caitlin Stanley, Eileen Gessner, Megan O'Shea and Ashley Alverness, Tess Griffin and Mike

Krieger.

"I've been coming since the 8th grade said Tess Griffin. "It's a lot of fun."

"I've been two times," said Megan O'Shea who noted that commitments with school had limited her to date.

The Ozanam Family Center is a shelter for about 90 people, of which about half are children.

"The focus of the volunteers is on the children," said Gardiner. "We're primarily there for the kids—from babies to teenagers. They have real needs."

The van full of school supplies, toys, and games is often greeted by the kids who can't wait for Tuesday afternoons.

"Parents at the center are often involved with their own problems," said Ozanam Supervisor Connie Karli, "so there's no enrichment for the kids."

Activities at the center include (Continued on page A-2)

12 students are arrested when police raid party

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD - Sixteen local teenagers and young adults, including 12 Cranford High School students, were arrested Feb. 14 at a local home for underage possession and consumption of alcohol.

Police responded to the house at 9 Norman Place at 11:13 p.m. after receiving a call from a neighbor about a loud party. Once at the scene, a police spokesman said, officers observed about 50-60 young people consuming alcohol inside the house and on the porch.

The teenagers were scattered throughout the house when police entered, and about 40 left on foot. But police arrested Andrew Johnson, 18, the host of the party; and Cranford residents James

Baker, 18; William Bennet, 18; Mazhar Elwardany, 18; Joseph Caravela, 18; James Seeman, 19; and Sam Warrington, 19, and charged them with underage possession or consumption of alcohol on private property.

Also arrested were Daniel Hemenway, 19, of Linden; Gregory Brown Jr., 20, of Scotch Plains; and seven Cranford juveniles, three 17-year-old boys, three 16-year-old boys, and one 17-year-old girl. They were all arrested on the same charge. Brown was also charged with resisting arrest when he left after turning over his driver's license to police.

The Cranford First Aid Squad responded to the scene to treat one of the arrested juveniles, who was intoxicated to the point of illness, police said. An adult relative responding to the scene refused further medical treatment for the juve-

nile.

The other juveniles were also turned over to adult guardians.

The arrests marked the first use of a municipal ordinance adopted Feb. 27, 2001, allowing police to enter private property if there is a reasonable suspicion of unsupervised underage drinking.

The ordinance, similar to others passed in Kenilworth and Garwood, drew reproach in some quarters. The criticism prompted Police Chief Harry Wilde to make a speech at a Township Committee meeting in which he defended his force and called on parents to take a more active stand against teen drinking.

The ordinance allows for a fine of \$250 and a six-month suspension of driving privileges. Dan Aschenbach was the only committee member to vote against it, saying at the time, "I'm just not sure this is the right approach."

The arrests also come just weeks after a group of high school student leaders protested what they call the school's "zero tolerance" policy toward student offenses away from school property.

Current school policy calls for a student to be warned for a first offense, then removed from a leadership position in a co-curricular activity following a second offense. Athletes are removed from a team currently in season after the first offense.

A group of student leaders objected to the policy at a recent Board of Education meeting, saying the school



THE HOME AT 9 NORMAN PLACE, CRANFORD, WHERE POLICE FOUND A LARGE NUMBER OF TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS DRINKING WHILE THE HOME OWNERS WERE ON VACATION.

Community service

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painting and crafts, reading, helping kids with homework, or using the computer room. The computer room is the jewel of the center and a vital resource for the residents.

With eight terminals and two young explorer stations for young kids, not only does it provide an outlet for the children but it also gives parents a means of seeking opportunities for work on the internet.

The funds for the computer room, \$20,000, were raised by the youth volunteers from a Sleep Out for Homeless fundraiser. The volunteers also throw holiday parties for the kids at St. Helen's and organize summer trips to playgrounds, parks, the zoo, and the beach. As well as organize trips to the movies and the Rain Forest Café at the Menlo Park Mall.

"Without the kids we couldn't do a lot of things, like overnights," said Karli. "They give extra support."

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Hefty tax hike in Scotch Plains?

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for the Public Library for a new position and reduction in book requests.

Negotiations will also affect the budget. The township is in the final year of a four-year contract with the Scotch Plains Public Works/Recreation Association and the township

is presently in collective bargaining with PBA Local 87.

Health insurance is still a "nightmare," Atkins said. A change to Oxford will save taxpayers a few hundred thousand dollars in 2002, but the township will still have to make a supplemental payment of \$211,000 to Bergen Medical

Health Insurance Fund to be released from that contract.

The streets and roads budget will be financed in March or April through a capital ordinance. There will be a \$1 million to \$1.5 million road plan over the next five to six years.

There will be no pension contributions once again in

2002 to the overfunded Police and Fireman retirement system.

An emergency appropriation of \$62,000 is required to pay for auditing and legal work done last year due to the embezzlement by the former township treasurer. An appropriation for additional legal and auditing expenses will also have to be made this year.

Library funding could increase 12.5 percent, \$100,000 over last year. That figure is misleading, Atkins said, because it includes payments to the retiring director Norbert Bernstein and higher health insurance costs.

House-to-house recycling and the residential spring cleanup program add about \$400,000 to the budget, but Atkins recommends that the programs be maintained.

Local governments are faced with tough budget choices in 2002 because of, in part, the state budget crisis. If state aid is cut, property taxes must rise.



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Steeple

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ryrigged repairs to the steeple and see the new one in place, said Hetzel. The aluminum structure has a louver window in the gothic style and eventually will have random shingles to match the belltower. It is also designed so water will run the roof.

The church was started in 1826 as a Sunday school for farming communities who couldn't attend church in Westfield. Eventually the congregation grew and became a Presbyterian ministry in 1953.



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Calvary gets new pastor

CRANFORD — The Rev. Carol A. Lindsay will be installed as the new pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 3.

Bishop C. Roy Riley of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will officiate at the service in the church at 108 Eastman St.

The Rev. Susan A. Miller, as assistant to the bishop and a resident of Summit, will preach.

Music will be provided by the Calvary Choir, the adult and teen hand-bell choirs, the youth musical team and the Children's Choir.

Lindsay began her call at Calvary in early January. Before that she served as long-term interim pastor in Clifton, Carteret and Plainfield and for a short period served on the bishop's staff coordinating stewardship activities for the state. She also has held other pastoral roles in New Jersey, Holland, Switzerland and Missouri.

For this Sunday only,



The Rev. Carol A. Lindsay
...new Calvary Lutheran pastor

Calvary will hold no Sunday School classes and there will be only one worship service.

The church is a congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities for 73 years.

Fanwood police chief is retiring

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Borough police Chief Robert J. Carboy says that after nearly 38 years of service the time is right for him to retire.

"I'm looking forward to the next phase and new adventure," he said.

This new chapter in his life will involve some work on his house and some traveling.

He and his wife of 42 years, Dianne, will be visiting children and grandchildren on opposite coasts. He has no intentions,

however, of pulling up stakes and leaving the area permanently. "People have done that and then can't afford to come back," said the Fanwood resident and Scotch Plains native.

Carboy joined the Fanwood Police Department in July 1959 and graduated from the Union County Police Chiefs Training Academy in November of the same year.

He left the force in November 1969 to pursue private employment opportunities and returned as a Special Police Officer in September 1974. He was promoted to cor-

poreal on Sept. 1, 1980.

Subsequent promotions moved him through the ranks. He became a sergeant in the operations division in April 1981 and a lieutenant in October 1982. Upon promotion to captain in April 1993, he assumed command of the Patrol Division.

When former Chief Anthony Parenti retired on Jan. 1, 1998, Carboy became only the borough's fourth chief of police.

Capt. Donald Domanoski will be acting chief of police until borough officials can pick a permanent replacement.

Carboy anticipated his departure last year. To ensure a smooth transition he budgeted department funds for officer testing to qualify them for higher rank.

Police work in the borough has moved forward under his tenure. From radios, car video machines and advances in computers, every innovation has helped police.

"The technology is the biggest improvement," he said. "We have more aggressive patrol manpower and with the technology it has allowed us to stay a little bit ahead."

Downtown plan is sent back to council

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The Planning Board finalized its recommendations and changes to the borough redevelopment plan Monday night.

Council had sent the redevelopment plan to the Planning Board with the request it return its recommendations within 45 days to the mayor and council.

The board was also to include a report of any inconsistencies the redevelopment plan had with the borough master plan. If any inconsistencies were found, the Planning Board was to make recommendations to eliminate the discrepancies.

To this end, the board held a public meeting Jan. 23 to get public opinion on the plan.

From the information gathered at that meeting, the board

recommended the council adopt the following amendments.

First, it was recommended the section about yard setbacks should be amended to state, "When the front lot line is along a roadway, the term 'front lot line' means 'right of way'."

Also the board recommends the preservation and removal of trees, except as provided in the plan, shall be governed by the borough code.

Certain minor inconsistencies in the master plan as to the central commercial district are noted on the redevelopment plan and further recommendations by the board were not deemed necessary.

Passage of the resolution by the Planning Board by an 8-0 vote will now take the redevelopment plan back to the council for review and possible adoption.

Pedestrian-friendly plazas called key to downtown

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — The township should pursue downtown development that stabilizes the tax base while creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment, a planning consultant told the Downtown Management Corp. this week.

Former township and DMC employee Christopher Pye presented a draft copy of the Downtown Vision Plan to the board at its Monday meeting. Based on consultants' analyses and resident surveys and funded by a Smart Growth Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, the report makes four principal recommendations: that the township improve public spaces, target areas for new development, manage downtown parking and simplify its zoning regulations.

Among public spaces, the report cites Post Office Plaza and

the railroad station plaza as prime candidates for improvement. Both sites, Pye said, can be "greened" by installing more shade trees and even public fountains. Along with the clock tower plaza, he said, the improved spaces could provide anchors at either end of North Avenue and help create a more pedestrian-friendly "boulevard" atmosphere.

Pictures of improved public plazas were among the most popular images in a resident survey, Pye said, while sites emphasizing automobile use, such as the current intersection of North and Springfield avenues, were among the lowest-rated images.

While the township should "open up" its downtown plazas, Pye said, it should seek to build up underutilized downtown lots. The plan recommends the township emphasize development that converts existing one-story buildings into two- and three-story multi-use buildings, along the lines of the coming Cranford

Crossings development.

Were such development to take place at four cluster areas in the downtown — along North and South avenues west of the train station, in the Miln Street parking lot, and at Springfield and North avenues — the tax revenues could stabilize the tax base over a six-year period, Pye said.

But in one important way, the development proposed in the report varies from the Crossings project. One of the controversial elements of that project was the replacement of office with residential space; the report recommends "redemption plans... encourage office use over residential" to avoid the service demands of residential use.

Both the public space and development recommendations are designed to emphasize pedestrian traffic. The same logic

informed the parking recommendations, Pye said.

Long-term parking should be encouraged on outlying residential streets to alleviate the parking shortage and create pedestrian traffic, and any future long-term facilities should be at least 1,000 feet from the train station, Pye said.

Also, he said, rates for short- and long-term parking should be raised. And in a suggestion likely to prove unpopular, the report recommends the township "increase enforcement activities" to prevent meter-feeding.

Shoppers and storeowners alike have complained about the lack of short-term parking, the and aggressiveness of parking officers. But the report's parking consultant concluded that while a commuter parking shortage exists, there is adequate short-term parking in the downtown.

Finally, the plan recommends that five of the seven downtown zones be consolidated into one Central Business District. The change would eliminate confusion and allow the greater flexibility to respond to market conditions, Pye said.

The DMC had little discussion on the report, but some board members did express concerns about the recommendations. Chairman Tom Shaw asked whether intense multi-story development was consistent with the township's objectives.

And Paul LaCorte objected to the use of residential streets for

parking. "I think you're looking for a headache," he said. "I would rather the parking problems be solved within the central business district."

The DMC will discuss the plan at future meetings, and the Township Committee will receive the document when a final draft is prepared.

The report consists only of recommendations, and its findings have no authority. But township officials have recently delayed some decisions, especially about parking, in the expectation that some recommendations would be implemented.

School budget cuts may affect sports

GARWOOD — The Clark Board of Education is considering cuts to a host of elective activities and support programs to meet a budget crisis, Garwood Board of Education member Linda Zultanky told the borough's board Monday.

The Clark board is considering cutbacks in athletics programs, field trips, SAT preparation courses, and the guidance department at Arthur L. Johnson High School, Zultanky said.

Also likely to be cut back are physical education, home economics, auto mechanics, industrial arts and marketing education classes.

Garwood sends its high school students to Johnson.

The cuts have been proposed in response to a serious budget crunch, said Zultanky, Garwood's liaison to the Clark board. In addition to the tight times faced by every school board this year, Clark must repay a \$552,000 loan to the state.

"They're really in a bad situation," she said. "They don't have

the money."

Zultanky said she did not yet have details on how each department would be affected, and how much each cut would save.

Board member Richard Emmons suggested the Garwood board send a letter opposing the proposed cutbacks, but Superintendent William Murphy discouraged such a move unless it was accompanied by a solution to the problem.

The Clark board next meets 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26. Garwood residents can speak to the board on any high school matter.

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Planned new health rules could prove to be costly

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — Proposed stricter standards for local boards of health could put an additional financial burden on municipalities, Health Officer Warren Hehl said recently.

The State Department of Health has proposed new standards for local boards that include retaining the services of a variety of medical and health

professionals, Hehl said.

Under the proposal, local health boards would be required to have available an epidemiologist, an information technology specialist, a public health planner, a public health nursing director, a director of health education, and a medical director.

All are positions which require certification. Hehl said he may qualify as a public health planner, but the township does not currently employ individuals cer-

tified for the other positions.

Should the new standards take effect, Hehl said, a shared-services arrangement with other municipalities would "probably be the simplest approach."

Other options, he said, include paying qualified professionals a retainer, or more drastically, eliminating local health departments and establishing a regional or county department. A regional organization could better afford to pay the profession-

als, but such a move would eliminate local jurisdiction and might make same-day response to many health complaints less likely, Hehl said.

Hiring the officials full-time on a municipal level could cause a doubling or tripling of the Health Department's \$180,000 budget for day-to-day expenses, Hehl said.

That approach seems unlikely both because of the financial burden and because the township

does not regularly require the specialists' services.

"In 10-12 years in Cranford, have I had a need for immediate use of an epidemiologist? Once, maybe..." Hehl said. "(And) I don't need a public health planner on a daily basis."

The proposed standards have gone through a public comment period, and the comments are now being reviewed, Hehl said. A final decision on the standards could come within a few months

or be put off until next year.

The new standards, which will be enforced by the Public Health Council, will likely be phased in over four years.

The move comes because state officials "want to revamp the public health system," Hehl said.

"Bioterrorism hit local and state officials out of the blue," he said; the new standards are part of an effort to make health and public safety operations more efficient.

Cranford teenagers make their case in mock trial courtroom

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — If Tony Spiliotopoulos ever does get in real trouble with the law, at least he'll be prepared.

For the third straight year Spiliotopoulos, a senior at Cranford High School, is playing the defendant in the school's mock trial team. This year, he is Pat Petrecca, a reformed ex-con who stands accused of attempting to run another vehicle off the highway in a fit of road rage, and killing an innocent woman and her two children in the process.

On a recent Tuesday evening, Tony and his teammates — prosecuting attorneys Alison Wischusen and Kaitlyn Boyle; prosecution witnesses Patrick Bither (shaggy-haired State Trooper Sam Stone), Beth Casciano (Petrecca's turncoat friend Ronnie Romer) and Mark Harley (expert witness Kelly Kendall); defense attorneys Kate Planer and Josh Lasky; and defense witnesses Nick Zmijewski (Lee Lenape, a Good Samaritan eyewitness seeking to clear Petrecca of blame) and

Sara Mados (expert Chris Crandon) — practiced their litigating skills before Judge James Bell in Cranford's Municipal Court.

With limited forensic evidence, both sides sought to undermine the credibility of the witnesses. Wischusen and Boyle painted a picture of Petrecca as a convicted criminal driven by a "vengeful rage" and "reckless disregard for human life," and Wischusen even baited the suspect into a heated debate about just how fast is too fast when driving on I-295.

Lasky and Planer, meanwhile, attacked Stone as "a corrupt cop" and Romer as a "convicted liar and criminal."

When the dust settled, a jury of four students returned a "not guilty" verdict — though Bell voiced the thoughts of many observers when he said the evidence provided by the State Bar Foundation was "a little slanted toward the defense."

But in a mock trial, the verdict holds little importance. More significant is how the students argued the case, and the skills they gain in the process.

"It's a real activity — the rules that apply here are very much the ones that apply in the real world," said Lasky.

"It teaches you to speak really well on your feet," agreed Planer, who may pursue a legal career in child advocacy. "...And it's fun to argue."

"It kind of combines a little bit of acting with the law," said Wischusen.

Bell, who presides regularly over the practice sessions, called the group "impressive... one of the better teams that I've (seen)."

Bell praised both the lawyers and witnesses, and said Spiliotopoulos, as Petrecca, was "very cocky. He fit the role of a former convict very, very well."

The judge did point out some areas for improvement, which the contestants seem to have taken to heart. The county champ two years ago, Cranford High has advanced through the county quarterfinals and semifinals, and takes on Linden for the county championship Wednesday. The trial begins at 5 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kaitlyn Boyle argues the case for the prosecution at a Cranford High School mock trial practice session.

Harding teachers want to stop K-2 field trips

By KIMBERLY MERZ
CORRESPONDENT

KENILWORTH — Harding School teachers would like to eliminate field trips for students in Grades K-2, Principal Fred Rica told the Board of Education Monday night. But board members were wary of the change, and said parents should have a say in the decision.

Rica came to the board seeking permission to send a letter to parents expressing teachers' concerns about traveling off school grounds with young students.

"The primary grade teachers came to me with some concerns about the field trips, concerns about the transportation and the trips themselves. In response to that we drafted a letter to get some suggestions, input, ideas from parents," said Rica, who wants to replace field trips with activities such as special assemblies, or short trips near the school. Currently, the children travel as far as Point Pleasant.

"If you run into an unexpected (transportation) delay, it ruins

your whole day," Rica said.

"The teachers of kindergarten, first and second grade students are very concerned about the safety and well-being of their students," the letter reads, in part. "We question the advisability of taking younger children away from the security of the school, in order to take them on a class trip. Due to recent events and heightened concern for safety, we feel that the children's needs would be better served by forgoing trips at this time. We are investigating the possibility of special programs at the school. Such a program would provide the children with many of the same educational benefits as trips."

But many board members

questioned whether parents shared those reservations about sending their children on field trips, and said the letter should be revised to solicit responses from parents who may object to the loss of field trips.

Board President George Schlenker suggested that a list of possible trip destinations be included in the letter.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Superintendent Lloyd Leshchuk told the board that unlike other districts, Kenilworth would not curtail its field trips. "I remember you saying that you would not allow terrorists to shut it down," board Member Cathy Cohen reminded Leshchuk.

UNICO hopes to aid WTC victims

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of UNICO National is raising funds for families affected by the World Trade Center disaster.

A goal of \$30,000 has been set by the UNICO chapter and the UNICO National Foundation,

according to a chapter press release.

UNICO is open to anyone who is of Italian heritage or has a spouse with Italian lineage. For more information, e-mail uniconj@westfieldnj.com or phone Charles Grillo at (908) 654-3717.

Rotarians planning pancake breakfast

WESTFIELD — Westfield Rotarians are planning the club's popular annual Pancake Day on Saturday, March 2. They will offer a meal of pancakes, eggs and sausages between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Westfield High School cafeteria. Live musical entertainment and fun activities for children will be available during the event.

Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Westfield Student Scholarship Fund which distributed \$65,000 in awards to Westfield High School students last year. This brought the total amount to more than \$1.3 million awarded to more than 1,200 Westfield students.

The Westfield Rotary Club is part of a worldwide organization, Rotary International, and includes 1.2 million business and professional men and women in 29,000 clubs, in 163 countries.

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Union Catholic honors its 2nd period honor students

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School has issued its honor roll for the second marking period of the 2001-02 school year.

Named to the first honor roll:
Grade 12 — Priscilla Abdala, Jennifer Albano, Lisa Augustyn, Nicole Barko, Laura Boes, Dana Boyer, Gladys Calio, Amy Cron, Joanna Debowska, Kimberly Drastura, Ann Marie Fedorochko, Jennifer Filo, Chelsea Fuenzalida, Leanne Hade, Stephanie Heil, Jennifer Holland, Laura Hulinik, Leanne Kacsur, Danielle Kavanagh, Kim Kayser, Andrea Keller, Heather Kolar, Andrea Lapinski, Brandon Leonard, Dorian Little, John Losavio, Colleen Macaluso, Katherine Marshall, Mohamed Mekkawy, Scott Meurer, Lisa Mortkowitz, Christine Neto, Erin O'Grady, Therese Palencia, Margaret Partyka, Kristen Petela, Jessica Remo, Ashanti Rimes, Megan Rose, Randi Schroeder, Mary Solano, Teaira Stagers, John Varady, Maria Varvara and Nydia Williams.

Grade 11 — Sean Bennett, John Bialick, Lauren Bowe, Teofilo Calio, Nuno Castaina, Tiffany Cates, Lauren Chapnick, Aletha Clanton, Alison Clark, Elizabeth D'Antuono, Melissa De La Torre, Anthony D'Errico, Daniel Douress, Mark Fernandes, Jillian-Aileen Flores, Ysabelle Flores, Wilson Guinto, Pietro Hanatzky, Jaleah Hawkins, Sheri Jones, Amanda Kelly, Bridget Koza, Bruno Lanferini, Cara Latham, Hope Loeffler, Daniel Majcen, Michael Manganiello, Stephanie Massaro, Lisa Mruk, Zharina Opilac, Deborah Oravez, Michael Puzyk, Chad Riddick, Thomas Ritzer, Kristin Rizzo, Edwin Ruiz, Adam Rusnock, Katarzyna Sliwa, Folusho Sodeke, Kathleen Walsh and Caitlin Yergalonis.

Grade 10 — Kevin Bailey, Amanda Ballate, Lauren Body, Christopher Boyar, Stevens Bueno, Nathalie Cortes, Eviana Cruz, Richard Esposito, Alexandria Farawell, Jennifer Hand, Lauren Huber, Christina Iafe, Jennifer Kakaletis, Janelle Lloyd, Matthew Lubin, Kristine

Manalo, Kyle McPherson, Kristine Mintel, Brian Navoa, Katherine Palitto, Christopher Rodriguez, George Roselle, Kimberly Scutieri, Pamela Seiple, Joseph Torella and James Yeager.

Grade 9 — Kenneth Abel, Judy Ann Adam, Denise Aliparo, Jessica Bonafide, Joseph Cicchino, Cristin Colucci, Megan Conheeny, Toni Anne Corsi, Kristin Davie, Brian DeOliveira, Elyssa DiGiovanni, Raquel Dominguez, Kristy Glavasich, Leana Gonsalves, Monica Grabowski, Stephanie Guterl, Ewa Hausbrandt, Richard Hernandez, Vaida Jakimaviciute, Lindsay Keogh, Dana Kinney, Darryl Jon Lasin, Karina Linares, Melissa Malapit, Mark Manuel, Sophia Rose Mavroudas, Elizabeth McGonigle, Laura Mortkowitz, Patricia Niziolek, Beverly Nwanna, Stephanie Pego, Kelly Rapolas, Cheryl Ritter, Gabriel Rojas, Rachel Rota, Megan Stahlberg, Alison Steinbach, Andrew Timmes, Regina Topping, Marybeth Tran, Mark Vislocky and Nichole Zoller.

Named to the second honor roll:

Grade 12 — Kevin Apuzzio, Alyssa Bass, Kevin Bean, Lauren Biddulph, David Biggs, Margot Borda, Sahmara Brown, Tara Cannon, Robert Detig, Nicholas Dolan, Marpessa Dominique, Nicholas Falzarano, Stephen Frank, Robert Gegner, Beena Jacob, Kenyail Johnson, Richard Kazanowski, Romona Kersellius, Julia Kocienski, Suzanne LaTourette, Maureen Maggi, Megan Mallon, Kacie Marczak, Jennifer McLoughlin, Michael McLoughlin, Jacqueline Monroy, Jonathan Ortiz, Kathryn Proctor, Taras Puzyk, Meredith Sacripanti, Luke Sangiamo, Rachel Seamon, Justin Shapp, Nick Silva, Adrienne Slaten, Amy Snyder, Damian Stewart, John Stewart, Lisa Tobia, Sean Treney, Rachael Vieni, James Walsh, Yavonia Wise, Jill Wojciechowski and Sandra Zamora.

Grade 11 — Rebecca Babicz, Jessica Bourne, Beau Brack, Ernesto Cermiele, Yi Chan, Rosavida Cruz, Jonathan DaSilva, Linda Dolansky, Steven Esperon, Matthew Esposito, Brian

Frammigen, Romaine Frejuste, Nitin Gajera, Paulina Garcia, Pedro Gomes, Jacqueline Gray, Stephanie Green, Suzanne Hennessy, Eugene Isidro, Kaitlyn Kavalus, Karol Kiewlak, Daniel Kruse, Jessica Kurylak, Laura McGarvey, Robert McGuire, Katherine Millard, Lindsey Mills, Valerie Mitchell, Margaret Monroe, Matthew Montano, Leslie Montferret, Ashley Morgan, Vincent Passafiume, Grace Rocca, Lori Sobers, Patrick Stahlberg, May Tanudtanud, Drew Terpenning, Alex Vandenberg, Michael Vogt, Jade Williams and Stephanie Williams.

Grade 10 — David Ault, Matthew Blaskewicz, Christine Bowman, Robin Brumbaugh, Stephanie Cabrera, Tony Chan, Christina Cunha, Kristina DeJesus, Kevin Del Mauro, Elizabeth Deresz, Rachel Diken, Chavone Edwards, Fernando Gallego, Allison Gigantelli, Stacey Hagenbush, Nicole Hauck, Ashley Jefferson, Sean Keane, Alexander Kopec, Diana Leone, Kristina Lopez, Sunday Panzavacchia,

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Grade 9 — April Ann Bacumawa, Kara Beaufort, Beth Ann Bodek, Laura Cash, Jenner Cole, Elizabeth Colombo, Katherine Czado, Kevin Davis, Aniello Della Valle, Shreyans Desai, Jessica Espinosa, Lisa Fedorochko, Kimberly Feil, Jo-Arabelle Flores, Elizabeth Gabriel, Louise Gonzalez, Stephen Grabowski, Christina Hinkle, Oliver Jozst, Natasha Larrinaga, Jasmine Marshall, Priya Mehta, Melissa Mojar, Erin O'Connor, Vitaliy Patsay, Karen Rivera, Merissa Rose, Kyle Schoendorf, Christina Serrano, Tiffany Shaw, Oliver Solano, Scott Steinbrecher, Ashley Styrance, Robert Tandoc, Ann Jaclyn Te, Grace Thomas and Joseph Varvara.

Westfield students continue marking Black History month

WESTFIELD — Students in the Westfield Public Schools are reminded of the contributions of African-Americans and the challenges they have faced during the month of February, when Black History is celebrated.

Westfield High School hosted its 12th annual Black History Celebration and Dinner on Thursday in Cafeteria B. The theme was Major Eras of Change, which was portrayed through skits, music and poetry. In addition, former WHS graduates were honored, and through a partnership with a Newark high school, a choir sang.

Edison Intermediate School kicked off the first week of Black History Month with a guest appearance by Ramona Gray, the African-American woman who was in the first

"Survivor" TV show. Her inspirational anecdotes were especially appropriate to the student body whose theme for Black History Month is "I'm A Survivor."

Edison students will also be treated to a performance by an African American dance group this month.

From 7-10 p.m. Friday night, Edison Intermediate School will present an evening program open to the public that will consist of youth choirs, poetry readings, creative dancing, skits and a special presentation of the "Legend of Sojourner Truth."

Westfield's elementary schools are also conducting special events and activities to commemorate Black History Month.

At Jefferson School, for example, students today will

welcome Dan Gutman, author of both biographical and fictional accounts of Jackie Robinson. Some classes studied the positive effect that African-Americans had on the country through jazz. Other students watched and discussed a video on the younger years of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wilson School third-grade students are scheduled to see a performance of the Freedom Train, a story about the Underground Railroad, at the Morristown Theatre. Also, first-grade students teamed up with their fourth-grade buddies to make paper bag displays of famous African-Americans.

A variety of artwork and projects commemorating Black History Month continues to be produced and studied by students throughout the Westfield Public School district.

Kindergarten registration dates listed for the Westfield schools

WESTFIELD — The public schools have scheduled registration dates for children who will enter kindergarten or first grade this fall.

Any Westfield child who reaches his/her fifth or sixth birthday on or before Oct. 1 is eligible to register.

Evening registration will be available at the Board Administration Building, 302 Elm St., in the second-floor conference room on Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. Appointments should be made by calling 789-4420.

Appointments should also be

made for individual school registrations. The registration schedule is as follows:

— Wilson School: Friday, March 1, Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5, from 8 a.m. — 4 p.m., 789-4605;

— Franklin School: Monday, March 4, and Friday, March 8, 8 a.m. — 4 p.m., 789-4592;

— Tamaques School: Tuesday, March 5, 8 a.m. — 4 p.m., 789-4580;

— Jefferson School: Thursday, March 7, and Friday, March 8, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m., 789-4490;

— McKinley School: Thursday, March 7, 9 a.m. — 4 p.m., 789-4555;

— Washington School: Friday, March 8, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m., 789-4600.

The following information is needed at time of registration: Proof of residency (such as a tax or utility bill), child's birth certificate (with raised seal) and proof of immunizations (check with the appropriate school to find out what medical records are necessary).

Any questions about the registration process should be referred to any elementary school. In the event of a delayed opening or school closing due to inclement weather, registration for that day will be rescheduled.

Bash 2002 plans well under way

WESTFIELD — Plans are well under way for an all-night substance-free party for Westfield High School seniors on their graduation night in June.

Bash 2002 is the 13th annual Project Graduation program co-sponsored locally by the Westfield Optimist Club, Westfield High School PTO and Westfield Recreation Commission. The PTO is scheduled to hear a related presentation 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 6.

"Last year's party was a great success by attracting ...91 percent of the graduating class," said Project Graduation adviser A. Donald Pray. "We are hoping to surpass that level for the Class of 2002."

The event is at The Club at Raccochet, South Plainfield, and begins after the graduation ceremony ends. Racquetball, swimming, basketball, volleyball, wallyball, dancing, massages, sumo wrestling, a pedestal joust, nail art, a lip-synx contest and laser karaoke are part of the event.

Funding for Bash 2002 is from donations from parents, PTOs and clubs; corporate sponsors; and planned fund-raising events. Parents who wish to volunteer may phone Maureen Mazzarese at (908) 789-4500 or write Project Graduation, Bash 2002, P.O. Box 2213, Westfield, NJ 07091.

Young pianists enter competition

WESTFIELD — Piano students of Debra Parente of Westfield recently entered the 15th Florence Boughton Competition for Young Artists.

Jimmy Kozlowski and Cheryl Kaplun of Scotch Plains, and Alison Yuhas of Westfield played pieces of Bach, Mozart, Schumann and Debussy. These students will also enter the competition sponsored by the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library to be held in March.

In addition, Alison has been selected by faculty at Westfield High School to become a Governor's Scholar by enrolling in the Governor's School of the Arts. This highly selective program is dedicated to the artistic enrichment of high school seniors who are gifted and proficient in the performing arts. Alison was selected based on her outstanding pianistic abilities.

Debra Parente-Rosin has been teaching piano in Westfield since April of 2001. Prior to that, she taught in Fanwood for 14 years with a solid following of students who have performed in recitals, auditions and competitions.

Parente will be performing two Dvorak Slavonic Dances for four hands on Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Baptist Church on Elm St. in Westfield with pianist Marie Mercier.

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Commentary

Waking up from complacency

The chickens are coming home to roost and the cows are coming home — if there are any chickens or cows left in New Jersey.

The state's current (and probably future) fiscal crisis has revealed just how badly New Jersey has been mis-governed by both political parties over the past two decades. Much of the problem can be traced to the malignant dependence on property taxes to fund public education and other functions of local government.

How many of us remember that when the state income tax was introduced a quarter century ago we were promised lower property taxes because the state was going to pick up at least 40 percent of the tab?

For a variety of reasons, that promise was never fulfilled, even as the cost of providing public education escalated with higher teaching salaries and layers and layers of state mandates. But nobody cared because in the last two decades, with the exception of the deep recession around 1990, New Jersey enjoyed unprecedented prosperity. You could overlook the basic flaws in the financial management of the state because the money just continued to pile up. Officials at all levels of government, from the local municipal building to the Statehouse, became complacent. And the state, particularly during the Whitman administration, was able to use that money to plug the holes of inequity in the property tax system. Can anyone outside of Trenton explain how all the property tax rebates work?

But now the money has stopped coming into Trenton. And there are signs it's going to be an awfully slow recovery. Plus, as Gov. James E. McGreevey is discovering, the mess may be worse than anyone can imagine. His budget message last week called for austerity and pain; his next message should be about the need for reform.

McGreevey's task is to educate the public about why the state's fiscal policies — and perhaps even the way government is organized at all levels — needs a radical overhaul. McGreevey has to explain how the property tax system has led to sprawl overtaking the state's precious farmland.

He has to explain why the reliance on property taxes causes an endless pursuit of ratables that affects the quality of life and causes traffic jams on country roads where once the only disruption were cows crossing to their pasture.

He has to explain why it makes no sense to have more than 600 school districts in a state where there may be too many municipalities (566).

He has to explain why it is more important to change the property tax system than worry about the tolls on the Garden State Parkway.

McGreevey had no time to offer a comprehensive reform package; the timeline for the state budget gave the governor no other choice than to offer a patchwork of solutions — that will only be good for the coming fiscal year.

But he has the time to start explaining to the people why basic changes are needed. That campaign may be McGreevey's toughest.

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There's no right to be eccentric

A quarter century ago, when I was a pimply nerd slithering through the halls of Somerville High School, my driver education teacher — the legendary Boomy Malekoff — guaranteed there would be one question on the New Jersey Driver's Exam and by golly, he was right. A driver's license, Mr. Malekoff said, was a privilege, not a right. You had to first earn that privilege by passing the written and driving tests and you kept that privilege by maintaining a good driving record. Mr. Malekoff had drummed it into our heads so well that it has never escaped me. It is perhaps the most useful bit of knowledge I learned in those four never-ending years.

That same philosophy should also apply to character quirks; in another time, they were called eccentricities. People do not have the right to be eccentric; they have to earn the privilege.

I'm losing my tolerance for people who believe it is their inalienable right to flaunt their character quirks and expect everyone else to accept them. I suspect this loss of patience is the first sign of creeping old fogginess, but I'm getting tired of people who demand the rest of the world condone their behaviors and attitudes without question. This is why I shed no tears when the self-indulgent characters on *Seinfeld* went into video purgatory.

Not long ago, eccentrics kept their quirks to themselves. Strange behaviors were reserved for the home and restricted from public display. There were always a few people in every neighborhood and family who danced in their own private conga line, but they never sought to impose their oddities on anyone else. They were content to keep their peccadilloes private, whether it was playing Twister with goats or performing the flutulent version of "The Flight of the Bumblebee." No one cared as long as the kookiness remained respectfully private, nobody got hurt and property values didn't go down.

But times have changed. In a land of abundance where most of us don't have to struggle with the demands of everyday life, we have the luxury of self-indulgence. Because we don't have to worry about where the next meal is coming from, we are free to seek happiness in the ethereal fulfillment of the self's desires. It is the fault of the Baby Boomer generation who rebelled against The Establishment so we could do on our thing. (How grossly quaint those phrases now sound!) What started as a need for creative self-expression has mutated into the selfish expression of an encapsulated self. The prevailing attitude is: "That's the way I am and I'm not going to change. And I don't care whether you like it or not. Accept me for what I am."

Eccentrics now leave no room for compromise. That's still OK in private life, but now employers are expected to make concessions to their workers' character quirks that were unthinkable not so long ago. Managers have now become enablers of bizarre behavior; if you look around your workplace, I'm sure you can find examples.

It's fine to be eccentric, but don't expect me not to pass judgment if you subject me to your eccentricity. Your behavior can be either cute, endearing, tolerable, annoying or destructive. It would help, of course, if you earned the privilege to be eccentric; brilliant performance on the job usually leads to a certain tolerance of the odd. And just as bad motorists can expect their driving privileges to be revoked, so too can those overbearing eccentrics who want the world to change can expect less and less sympathy from their friends, neighbors and co-workers.

I do have a live-and-let-live attitude. If you want to be strange and difficult, that's all right, but don't impose that behavior on me. Perhaps that's the biggest reason why I now believe that dull is beautiful.

Letters to the editor

Store must tone down its displays

To The Record-Press:

I have read the comments of people on the opposite side of the Victoria's Secrets debate carefully, and feel there is need for clarification.

I do not oppose the presence of the store in our town. We live in a free economy, and Victoria's Secret has the right to market their product.

This is not an issue about the way people feel about lingerie or Victoria's Secrets. It is not about what adults wear or buy. It is not about closing our town in behind walls.

What it is about is whether or not the way they display their product is appropriate for young children to see.

The plain fact is that children are capable of handling things differently at different ages.

From a purely developmental perspective, children do not have the tools to understand or cope with certain things at certain ages. As they mature, they develop skills and intellect that allow them to digest information (visual, verbal, audio, etc.) differently. They have developmental physical stages, emotional stages, and intellectual stages.

We recognize this when we create school curriculums, for example.

We don't expect first-graders to read novels. It frustrates and upsets them when they are expected to deal with things that they are not ready for. That is why they can't drive cars when they are 9 years old, or drink alcohol when they are 14. It is also why we don't allow our children to watch scary movies that give them nightmares.

It doesn't mean that adults, or older kids can't enjoy

a good scare.

If you buy a television today that has a v-chip, women in lingerie would be blocked out for viewing by children under a certain age. It doesn't mean adults can't watch R-rated or even X-rated movies.

The point is, children are not adults, and must be shielded on our streets just as we have done with television and in our movie theaters.

The issue is not censorship.

If you go into a 7-Eleven, you will find they sell Playboy magazines, but the front covers are covered and are out of reach of small hands. It's not a question of whether anyone should see them, but rather who and at what age. This is common sense application of parenting.

We don't leave lots of things around for our children to handle, see or hear which are inappropriate.

We need to have the same ability to protect them when we take them into town.

There is no reason why pajamas, bathrobes, etc. can't be in Victoria's Secret's window. Anyone who wants to may enter the store and view the entire product line.

Teaching our children about the beauty of our bodies or of sex is perfectly fine, but in the right place and at the right time.

This is not an issue that begins and ends in a vacuum. There is a continuum. Please connect the dots when thinking about this.

Take the time to speak to a child psychologist. See what they say about age-appropriate material.

Teri Gerson,
Westfield

Generous gifts made holiday happy

To The Record-Press:

The Kenilworth Welfare Department would like to offer our sincere thanks to the people, agencies and corporations that gave so generously to the needy people in our community this holiday season. We were able to service over 30 families. This would not be possible without your loving support.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Salvation Army kettle, especially the Kenilworth senior citizens. Without them we could not do this activity. Thank you to the A&P management who let us stand at the store

between Thanksgiving and Christmas to collect money and for those who gave. God bless all of you.

A special thanks to some Schering-Plough Corp. employees; Schering-Plough Corp.; Harding School PTO; St. Theresa's Social Concerns; Elks of Union; Rotary Club of Kenilworth; Salvation Army; American Legion Post 470, Kenilworth; American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; CKI, Union; A. Robbins Foundation; Dr. Klugman; Cybercorp.

PAULETTE DRAGON
Director, Kenilworth
Welfare Department

It's time to rethink flood control

To The Record-Press:

Well, it looks like Cranford is going to get the kind of flood control that it really wants. The present estimate has gone up to \$9.5 million and we don't quite have the drawings for the initial phases of the project down yet. In fact, the lawsuits haven't even started yet. It's an easy bet that we'll be at \$12 million before a single tractor breaks ground for Phase I. Following that will be the usual cost overruns and things that just weren't figured on when the planning was done (see Community Center/library). The state money is gone now and it won't be back. The county money is tenuous and could evaporate just as easily. I commend Commissioner Morin for having the courage to publicly suggest that the property owners who benefit from this project might consider taking on a disproportionate responsibility for the spiraling costs associated with it.

Naturally, the remark drew an immediate, collective gasp and a hush from an audience overwhelm-

ingly representative of people who got a deal on property located in an area of town that has been historically notorious for its tendency to flood. If the project must proceed (and it should not), there is merit to the idea that at least some (most) of the financing should be arranged through a neighborhood association-type plan or a "flood tax" on properties located within the target protection area. After all, this is a very expensive project for all of Cranford's taxpayers to enhance the real estate values of only a small fraction of Cranford's homeowners. This project is headed for certain disaster. The rest of Cranford better open their mouths or they'll be kicking themselves in the backside later. The brotherhood of civil engineers has made it clear that once this thing is under way it will be difficult to justify stopping in midstream. There are smarter, more practical and less expensive ways to deal with this problem. They just aren't being considered.

JAMES LODERSTEDT
Cranford

Symphonic performance super

To The Record-Press:

The audience at the Union County Arts Center on the evening of Feb. 2 had a rare evening watching David Wroe conduct Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony No. 3. The conductor threw everything he had, physically, into leading his musicians through the symphony. He was as physically active as a dancer or an athlete. With no sheet music in front of him he coaxed with his hands, his arms

and his body every note and nuance from his orchestra. The audience never watched the musicians since the show going on at center stage was so spectacular. The music was great. The performance of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra was great. The maestro was great. The applause never stopped.

MARVIN GERSHENFELD
Westfield

3 Kenilworth residents face weapon, drug charges

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

KENILWORTH — Police arrested three borough residents last week on drug distribution and weapons charges.

Joseph Ruffalo, 46, his wife Laurel, 45, and her brother Eric Schering, 34, were arrested at about 6:45 a.m. Friday when borough police raided their 425

Coolidge Drive residence.

After arresting the sleeping suspects, officers led by Capt. Scott Phillips recovered a "substantial" amount of marijuana and cocaine, along with materials to package the drugs, police said.

Also seized were numerous weapons, including a loaded shotgun kept next to the bed of one suspect; a handgun with an

altered serial number; an undisclosed amount of cash; and a vehicle allegedly used to transport the drugs.

The three were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and cocaine with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of weapons during a con-

trolled dangerous substance offense, possession of a defaced firearm, and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Police Chief William Dowd called the arrests "extremely significant" because the house, allegedly the site of drug sales, is only a short distance from Harding School and a park.

There is no evidence of sales to juveniles from the house, said

Lt. Richard Dopf.

Asked whether the raid targeted an isolated offender or is part of a broader investigation, Dopf declined comment. He also declined to specify the amount of drugs recovered or the time spent on the investigation, though he said the investigation, led by Det. Timothy Dowd, was "lengthy."

The Ruffalos and Schnering

were taken to Union County Jail and held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. As of Monday, Laurel Ruffalo was out on bail, police said.

The Ruffalos have been listed at the Coolidge Drive residence since 1996. Contacted this week, a neighbor said she did not know the couple well but had never suspected illegal activity.

Resident duped in phone scam

WESTFIELD

A Fairacres Avenue resident reported a theft by deception which occurred over the phone Feb. 15, police said. The resident incurred a loss of \$8,985.

The victim reported receiving a phone call from an unknown person who said the resident had won \$50,000 from Publisher's Clearing House, but had to pay the taxes on the prize before they could collect the money, police said. The resident was instructed to send the money to Quebec, Canada, according to police.

Andreas Halkias, 24, of Linden was charged Feb. 13 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana under 50/grams) on Springfield Avenue, police said. Halkias was released on his own recognizance.

Two wallets were reported stolen Feb. 13 from the men's locker room at the YMCA on Clark Street, police said. Two lockers were entered and \$250 in cash, miscellaneous papers and credit cards were reported missing, according to the police reports.

Sagravio R. Ferreyra, 52, of Cross Avenue, Elizabeth was charged Feb. 13 on a warrant out of Garwood, police said. Ferreyra posted \$79 bail and was released on his own recognizance.

Justin W. Furey, 21, of Braddock Road, East Brunswick was charged Feb. 14 on a warrant out of Old Bridge, police said. Furey was held in lieu of a \$200 bail.

Furey was also charged on a warrant out of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and held in lieu of Bail set at \$10,000.

Ann M. Dolan, 55, of Sayre Street, Elizabeth was charged Feb. 14 on two warrants out of Millburn, police said. Dolan was held in lieu of bail set at \$708 and then released to the Millburn Police Department with a court date.

Dolan was also charged on warrants out of Kenilworth for \$563, Linden for \$523, and Clark for \$287. Dolan was held in lieu of bail.

Timothy Igoe, 43, of Tamarac, Florida, was charged Feb. 14 with drunken driving, police

County College addresses hate

CRANFORD — Union County College has scheduled a number of events this week with the theme "Overcoming Hatred/Creating Community."

All events are free and open to the public. The schedule:

Tuesday — "The Diary of Clara Kramer," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday — "Understanding U.S.-Mideast Relations and the Islamic Faith," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, 11 a.m. "Address Unknown," Elizabeth campus, 7 p.m. Discussion related to "Address Unknown," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28 — "And Then They Came for Me," Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford campus, noon and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required.

For tickets and full program information, phone (908) 709-7505.

In addition, an exhibit in the Tomasulo Art Gallery on the Cranford campus includes photographs related to the events of Sept. 11. The exhibit may be seen 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, 1-6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Police Log

said. Igoe allegedly refused to submit to a breathalyzer and was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be prescription drugs), according to the police reports. Igoe was held in lieu of bail.

Cash and credit cards were reported stolen from an unlocked locker at the YMCA Feb. 14, police said.

Glenn C. Hillman, 29, of Elm Street was charged Feb. 14 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana under 50/grams) and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said. Hillman was processed and released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Hezz Santiago, 20, was charged Feb. 15 on an outstanding warrant out of Seaside Heights, police said. Santiago was held in lieu of bail set at \$304.

Beadleston High School on Lamberts Mill Road reported the theft of \$80 Feb. 15, police said.

A Wyoming Street resident reported an attempted burglary to a motor vehicle and criminal mischief Feb. 15, police said.

A North Avenue restaurant reported an attempt to commit theft by deception Feb. 15, police said.

A jacket and cell phone were reported stolen from a doctor's office on Orchard Street Feb. 15, police said. The items stolen belonged to a patient and were valued at \$505.

A Riley Avenue resident reported a burglary and a theft through a rear back door Feb. 15, police said.

Jonathan J. Singhbaba, 21, of North Scotch Plains Road, in Scotch Plains was charged Feb. 16 on two warrants out of South Orange, police said. Subject held in lieu of \$1000 bail.

Nicholas Lamorgese, 29, was charged Feb. 16 on four outstanding criminal warrants from the following: Elizabeth for \$755, Hillside for \$1200, Irvington for \$500 and Newark for \$1380, police said. Lamorgese was held in lieu of bail.

A Carleton Road resident reported criminal mischief and a theft from a newsstand at the south side train station Feb. 16, police said.

Shabdon Dilcher, 24, of Irving Place was charged Feb. 16 at the Clark Police

Headquarters on a active Westfield warrant, police said.

It was later determined that Dilcher was wanted by the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Roselle Police Department respectively. Dilcher was held on a no bail warrant from Roselle and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

A Polstod Avenue resident reported criminal mischief to his residence Feb. 16, police said.

SCOTCH PLAINS

A resident of Valleyscent Apartments reported being harassed while in a laundry room of one of the buildings Feb. 11, police said. No complaints were filed.

A Mountain Avenue resident reported the theft of lawn decorations from in front of the residence overnight Feb. 11, police said.

A Black Birch Road resident reported Feb. 12 the unauthorized use of a credit card account totaling \$800, police said.

A 14-year-old male from High Bridge was taken into custody around 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12 for scratching two vehicles in the area of Grand Street and Montague Avenue, police said. Complaints are pending in the juvenile court.

A Plainfield Avenue resident reported Feb. 13 the theft of a video game system from the residence over the past several days, police said. There was no sign of forced entry.

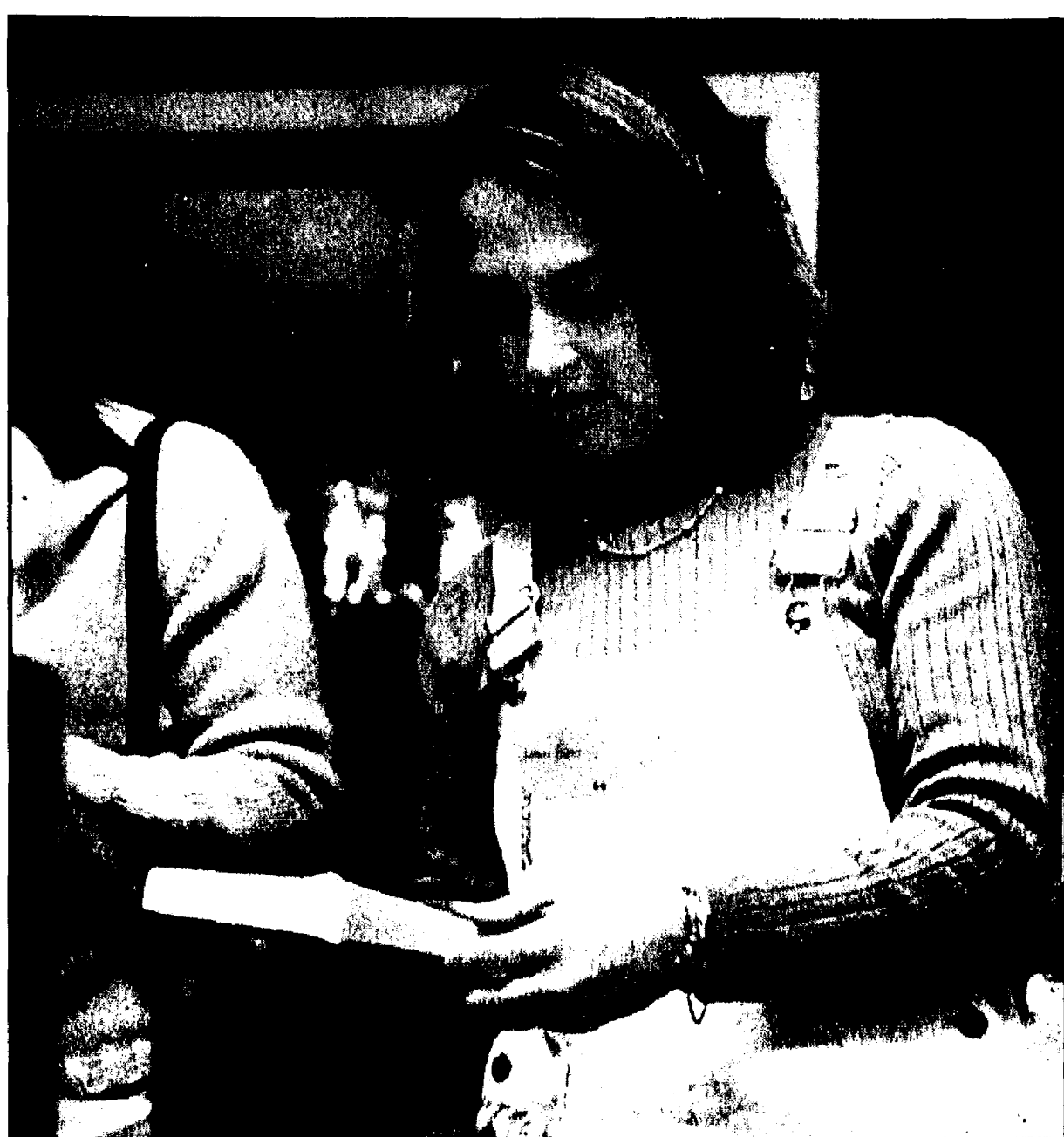
A Route 22 service station reported Feb. 13 suspects took a carton of cigarettes and also left without paying for \$5 worth of gasoline at approximately 10:30 p.m., police said.

A 2001 Buick was reported stolen from in front of a Mountain Avenue residence around 7 p.m. Feb. 14, police said. The car had been left running, according to the police reports.

An East Second Street office reported Feb. 16 the office was entered overnight, police said. There was no sign of forced entry and nothing appears to be missing.

A Crestwood Road resident reported Feb. 17 that approximately \$350 worth of tools were taken from the residence overnight, police said.

A bicycle was reported from a Church Street residence sometime during the weekend Feb. 17, police said.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gift exchange

Leigh Esposito checks out a book at the Mothers & More book and gadget swap held recently at Henson House in Cranford. The idea behind the swap was to trade holiday gifts for more desirable items.

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Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

SIZE MATTERS

After location, size is the single most factor considered by homebuyers. Living area, in terms of square footage, is generally defined as space intended for human occupancy that is heated, finished, and directly accessible for other living areas. Beyond that, real estate appraisers and lenders generally further distinguish between above-grade and below grade areas. If there is any living area that is accessible by interior stairs and has earth adjacent to an exterior wall, it may be considered below-grade. Harder to define as living areas are attics, bay windows, finished rooms over garages, enclosed breezeways, closets, laundry rooms, stairs, and storage rooms. If there is any question about what is included in a square footage quote, ask for details.

In the past, many stayed in homes too large for their needs because it wasn't financially feasible to downsize after their families had grown and gone. Under the last tax reform act, there is

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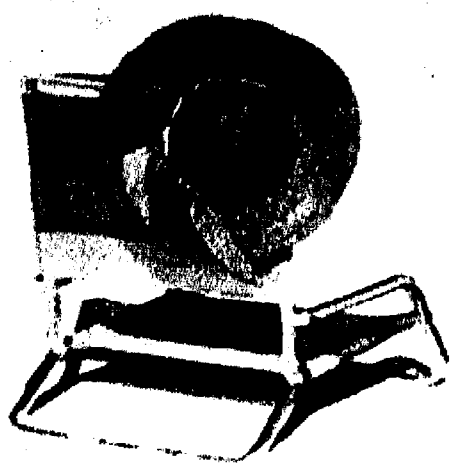
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Community Life

Briefs

School board OKs long-range plan

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education has approved resubmission of the Long Range Facility Plan to the Commissioner of Education to comply with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act.

Under the act, every school district is required to prepare and submit to the Commissioner of Education, a plan that details the schools' facilities, needs and the plan to address those needs over the next five years.

McGinn students financial wizards

SCOTCH PLAINS — Two McGinn Elementary School students have won first and second place in the Stock Market Game, Central Jersey Division sponsored by the NJ Council on Economic Education.

Kapri Kreps of Mr. Arno's fifth-grade class won first place and was awarded \$200. Billy Johnston garnered the second place prize. Contest winners were honored during the Stock Market Game Awards Ceremony Jan. 18.

Carter is named trustee for YFCS

WESTFIELD — John A. Carter Jr. has been elected a trustee of the Youth and Family Counseling Service, which has its office on Prospect Street.

He retired in 2000 as a real estate financing officer with Connell Finance Co. of Berkeley Heights. Carter was earlier a vice president of Stone & Webster as well as president of its development division, real estate brokerage, real estate management company and construction company.

A former director of the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks, Carter was the founder and first president of that association's New York City chapter. He and his wife, Marian, live in Mountainside.

For information about the counseling service, phone (908) 233-2042.

Jewish couples meeting for dinner

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be meeting at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Freehold Grand Buffet, 3681 Route 9 North in Freehold on Sunday, March 3. The cost is \$11.99 per adult, plus tax and tip.

Ketubah Unit is open to married, Jewish couples who are 40 and older and nonmembers are welcome to come. For more information and reservations, call Elaine at (908) 232-0062 by March 1.

Black history program Tuesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue presents a Black History Month program 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Featured are the New Jersey Orators, a black cultural organization with a chapter in Scotch Plains, plus the Youth Choir of St. John's Baptist Church. The New Jersey Orators' presentation includes poetry, prose, original writings and drama.

Also scheduled is a soloist from the Gospel Choir of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

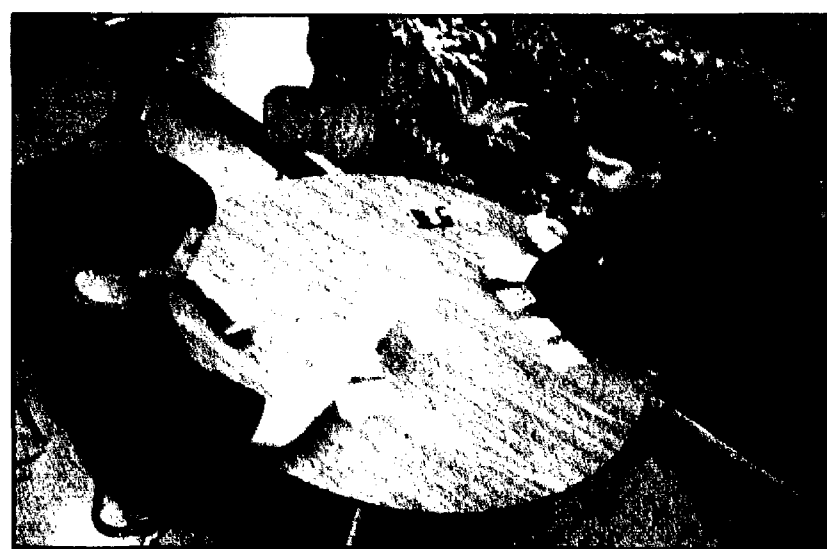
For more information, phone (908) 322-5007. The public is invited.

Bridge club returning 'home'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Monday Afternoon Bridge Club returns to its regular venue at the Scotch Hills Country Club 12:45-3:45 p.m. March 4.

Players of all levels are welcome. A partner is not necessary. For more information, phone (908) 889-1620.

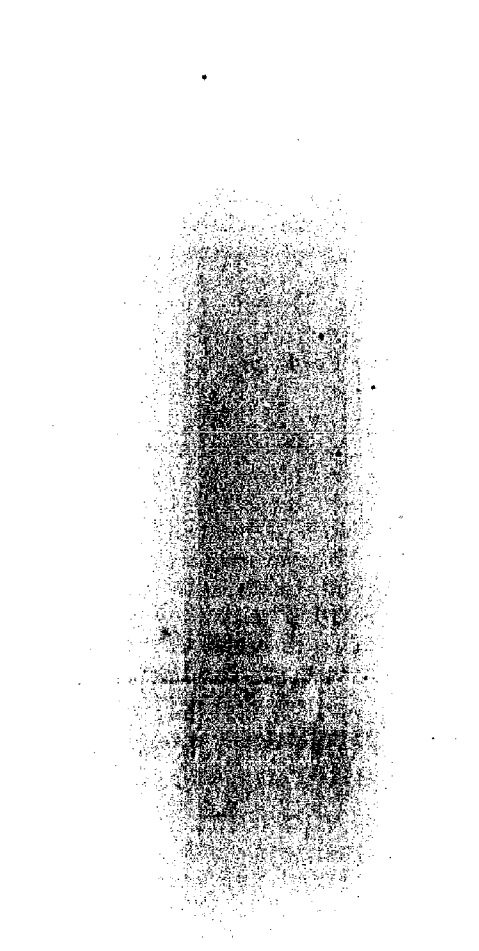
The Bridge Club will meet at the Scotch Plains Public Library Monday.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fun and Games

Sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students, left, dance at the monthly "night place" event held at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield. Kyle Taylor and Sam Johnson chose a quieter activity, a card game called SpIt.



Bigger than life

Chrissy Coluzzi, a seventh-grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, was the state winner of the Viacom Outdoor public service campaign, Youths Against Violence: Creating Awareness Through Art. Her artwork has been translated onto a billboard on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park.

GEORGE PACCIELLO
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Just for fun

Children dance the night away at the Family Fun Night at St. Bartholomew's Interparochial School. The event was the culmination of Catholic Schools Week.

NICOLE DIMELLA
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Helen Jessie Aagre

WESTFIELD — Helen Jessie Aagre, 86, died Feb. 12, 2002 at her home. She once was an actress in Off-Broadway theater under the stage name Helen Jay.

Mrs. Aagre lived in New York state and Europe before returning to her native Westfield. She worked for Corn Products Co. (now Bestfoods) in Manhattan prior to her retirement.

Her husband, Curt, died in 1987.

Surviving are two daughters, Dee Zeitounian and Kim O'Connor; a sister, Ruth Livingston; and two grandchildren.

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

Michael Patrick Carter

WESTFIELD — Michael Patrick Carter, 19, was fatally injured Feb. 13, 2002 in a traffic accident in Knowlton Township. He had been a sophomore at Pennsylvania State University and played on its men's golf team.

He was born in Summit and lived in Westfield for most of his life.

Mr. Carter spent his winter break working with the Red Cross at the Lower Manhattan site of the former World Trade Center. He graduated from the Delbarton School in Morris Township.

Pasquale Rapuano

FANWOOD — Pasquale Rapuano, 80, died Feb. 12, 2002 at his home. He had been with Elizabethtown Water Co. for more than 15 years, retiring in 1964 as a foreman.

Mr. Rapuano was born in Summit and lived in Benavento, Italy, until he returned to the United States after World War II. He lived in Westfield before moving to Fanwood in 1988.

He was held as a prisoner of war while in the wartime Italian army. Mr. Rapuano loved his vegetable garden, played cards and bocce, listened to opera and went deer hunting.

Mass was offered Saturday in St. Mary's Abbey at the Delbarton School. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to NJSGA Caddy Scholarship Fund, 1000 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Deceased are a son, Massimino; a daughter, Linda; and a brother, Dominic.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Anna DiBlasio Rapuano; three daughters, Jennie, Danielle and Yolanda; a brother, Albert; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mass was offered Saturday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield, following services at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Gertrude Tallon

SCOTCH PLAINS — A memorial service will be held for Gertrude H. Tallon, 95, who died Feb. 15, 2002 at Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook. She retired in 1968 from the accounts payable department of H.K. Porter Co. in Roselle.

Mrs. Tallon was born in Saugerties, N.Y., and lived in Roselle before moving to Scotch Plains in 1968. She was a former PTA member in Roselle and a member of various circles at the Presbyterian Church in

Westfield. Deceased are her husband, Wilford T. in 1969; and two sisters, Elizabeth Hoiberg and Eleanor Edmonds.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith S. Staton and husband Anthony, with whom Mrs. Tallon lived; a son, Philip T., and a sister, Cathryn Bradshaw, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Memorial donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

Gertrude Gibbons

WESTFIELD — Gertrude "G.G." Gibbons, 75, died Feb. 13, 2002 at her home in Southern Pines, N.C. She had been a retired secretary and the treasurer of the Parascekers.

Mrs. Gibbons was born in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and lived in Westfield before moving to Southern Pines in 1978. She was a member of the Sandhills Quilting Guild.

Two sisters, Margaret Crawford and Dorothy Houghton, are deceased.

Surviving are her husband, John "Gib", a son, Raymond Riegert of Berkeley, Calif.; four daughters, Claudia Moran of Warwick, R.I., Debra Riegert of Whippany, Janis Gibbons Ohr of Westfield and Patricia Gibbons DiChiara of Toms River; a brother, Richard Irwin; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday in Southern Pines. Donations may be sent to FirstHealth Hospice of Moore County, 5 Aviemore Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Silverman

SCOTCH PLAINS — Elizabeth Haas Silverman, 66, died Feb. 18, 2002 at her home in Neptune City. She had a breeder of English setters which she showed at dog shows.

A native of Abington, Pa., Mrs. Silverman lived in Scotch Plains and Morristown before moving to Neptune City in 1998. She received a bachelor's degree from Cedar Crest College in 1957 and was a member of the English Setters Association.

Her husband, Stanley, died in

1975. Surviving are a son, Jeffrey of Laguna Beach, Calif.; a daughter, Lori of Manhattan; and a brother, Charles B. Haas of York, Pa.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin.

Arrangements were by the Bloomfield-Cooper Jewish Chapels in Ocean. Donations may be sent to the AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief Fund or Dose Inc.

Roland M. Robert

WESTFIELD — Roland M. Robert, 94, died Feb. 13, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 1972 as research director for New York Life Insurance Co. at its home office in Manhattan.

Mr. Robert was born in Holyoke, Mass. He lived in Bristol, Conn., before moving to Westfield in 1953.

He was active in the Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop at First Congregational Church. Mr. Robert was once an elder of the Plymouth Church of the

Pilgrims in Brooklyn and sang in its choir.

A 1930 alumnus of Amherst College, Mr. Robert served in the Army Reserve during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Ruth Ainsworth Robert; and a son, Frank Ainsworth Robert.

Services were held Saturday at First Congregational Church. Burial was in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home.

Kenneth Van Blarcom

WESTFIELD — Kenneth A. Van Blarcom, 51, died Feb. 15, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 1998 after 18 years as a fireman with the Westfield Fire Department.

A native of Rahway, he lived in Westfield before moving to Cranford in 1997.

Mr. Van Blarcom earlier was a licensed respiratory therapist on the staffs of Overlook Hospital, JFK Medical Center in Edison and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He received an asso-

ciate's degree from Union County College.

He was a member of Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 30.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen B. Walsh Van Blarcom; two brothers, Donald Kliesch of Westfield and James G. of Middlesex; two sisters, Joan Powell of Garwood and Kathy Ann Martinetti of Oxford; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Daniel A. Williams

WESTFIELD — Daniel Atherton Williams, 84, died Feb. 17, 2002 at Holly Center of Arbor Glen in Bridgewater. He had been a security adviser with the legal department of IBM Corp. prior to his retirement.

Mr. Williams was born in Scranton, Pa. He lived in Roanoke, Va., before moving to Westfield in 1962. He had resided in Bridgewater since 1999.

The 1939 alumnus of Harvard University was a volunteer with Mobile Meals on Wheels in Westfield as well as other charities. Mr. Williams was a member of the Harvard Club of New

Jersey and First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Ruth Merritt Williams; two sons, Dr. Daniel Atherton Williams Jr. of Greenville, Calif., and Dr. John J. of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Jean Williams Durgan of San Diego, Calif., and Sally Williams Cook of New York City; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. tomorrow in the community center at Arbor Glen, 100 Monroe St., Bridgewater. Arrangements are by Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville.

John R. Montag

WESTFIELD — John Richard Montag, 85, died Feb. 16, 2002 at Francis E. Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway. He retired in 1982 after 22 years as a machinist with the former Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp. in Clark.

He was born in Roselle and lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1960.

Mr. Montag was in charge of medical supplies in British Columbia, Canada, while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Westfield Historical Society and the American Association of

Retired Persons chapter in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Wegelin Montag; a son, Richard Christopher Montag; two daughters, Marianne Stanley and Nancy; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Northeast Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

Stefan Zukowski

SCOTCH PLAINS — Stefan Zukowski, 90, died Feb. 17, 2002 at Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He retired in 1977 after 15 years as a plumbing salesman with the Springfield Plumbing Supply Co.

Mr. Zukowski was born in Brooklyn and lived in Linden before moving to Scotch Plains in 1939.

A son, Stephan, is deceased. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Albina Petsche Zukowski;

two daughters, Mary Ann Smith and Anita DeBlasio, both of California; a son, Christopher of Maryland; two sisters, Helen Mady of New York state and Emelia Ruby of Clark; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, followed by a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

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Dorothy Hanigan

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy Eatz Hanigan, 86, died Feb. 14, 2002 at her home in Washington Township, Mercer County. A registered nurse and community service volunteer, she graduated from the nursing school at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Washington Township, Mercer County.

Mrs. Hanigan studied post-graduate courses at the New York Orthopedic Dispensary and Hospital nursing school. A longtime member of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, she more recently was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square.

Deceased are her husband, Dr. Dwight B.; her parents, Ralph and Margaret Eatz; and

a brother, Vincent Eatz.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Weigle and husband Rev. Raymond, with whom Mrs. Hanigan lived, and Dorothy Basmaji and husband Neil of Farmington Hills, Mich.; a son, Dwight Jr. and wife Diana of Damascus, Md.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Hillside Cemetery. A memorial service was held Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square with Rev. Weigle officiating.

Arrangements were by Saul Colonial Home in Hamilton Square. Donations may be sent to Building Fund, First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square, 3550 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.

Briefs

Best Friend shop coming to township

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Best Friend Second Chance Shop is moving next month to new larger quarters in the township.

Donations will be accepted after Friday, March 1 in the thrift shop's new location at 1750 E. Second St. Needed especially are collectibles, antiques, jewelry, small furniture, china, silver and unused gifts, plus new clothes with the tags still on.

In addition, a "Craft Corner" will be set up in the Scotch Plains location. Craftsmen and craftsmen can donate their original goods for sale and receive special recognition.

To pave the way for the move the thrift shop is holding a clearance sale through the end of February in its current location at 109 Center St., Garwood. Sale hours are 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow plus 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. All merchandise is 25-75 percent off.

For more information, phone (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930. Thrift shop proceeds benefit homeless, rescued pets awaiting adoption.

Business women offering scholarship

WESTFIELD — The BCW Business & Professional Women are accepting applications for their Secondary Career Development Scholarship.

This annual grant goes to women seeking additional study or training in order to re-enter the workforce, advance in their career or change their career. Applicants must live in New Jersey.

For an application, phone Mae at (908) 389-9458. All applications must be received by March 25.

Museum examines home life in 1770s

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum goes back in time 2-4 p.m. Sunday to place people "On the Home Front: Life During the American Revolution."

This re-enactment includes storytelling from Molly Pitcher and other people who lived in colonial times. They will tell what life was like in the War of Independence and how it affected them, whether they were Tories or Whigs.

Rev. John Mills, Laurie Mills, Amy Mills and Heather Mills, all of Fanwood, and Sandra Watts of Plainfield re-enact the wartime people.

As is its custom, the museum holds guided tours of the 18th century farmhouse built on the West Fields of Elizabethtown. The last tour leaves 3:30 p.m.

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

The museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where Laurie and Amy Mills will demonstrate tinsel painting on Sunday, March 3.

Mid-Day Musicales continue Wednesday

WESTFIELD — "Mid-Day Musicales" continue at noon Wednesday at the First Congregational Church with Meredith Hoffmann-Thomson, soprano, and George Kern, piano.

Their program at the Elmer Street church features works of Mozart, Strauss, Duparc and Verdi.

Hoffmann-Thomson, who was born in Cranford, played the bassoon before turning to opera and winning a scholarship from the Westfield Glee Club in 1999. She is in the opera program at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Kern is a professor of piano at the Mozarteum music school in Salzburg, Austria, where he has been on the faculty since 1975. He holds bachelor of music and master of music degrees from the Juilliard School in Manhattan.

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

Funding is provided in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Rosary Society meeting March 4

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., holds its monthly meeting following the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, March 4.

A video on "The First Easter" will be shown. All women from St. Bartholomew the Apostle parish are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Music and prayer planned for youths

Michelle Abraham, an experienced song leader on guitar, will entertain youngsters for a morning of music, friends, and Shabbat. Children from birth to age 4 and their parent are welcome Saturday, March 2, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom of Plainfield. No RSVP is necessary. For more information or directions, call 756-6447.

Stamp Club hosts show tomorrow

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Stamp Club holds its annual Westfield Stamp Show 10 a.m.-6 p.m. tomorrow in the Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St.

This year's show is a one-day event featuring "The Philatelic Legacy of Martha Washington Stamps." She was the first woman profiled on a U.S. postage stamp, the 8-cent Second Bureau issue in 1902.

Also scheduled is a 50-frame exhibit of stamps and covers from all over the world. Eight dealers will be on hand to sell stamps, covers and philatelic supplies. You can bring your own stamp collections for the dealers to evaluate and/or purchase.

Admission is free and the public is invited. The show is the oldest of its type in New Jersey and has been held for more than 30 years. For more information, phone (908) 233-3045.

Stamp Club meetings are 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Municipal Building. Each meeting includes a mini-auction and a program on a general aspect of philately. Visitors are always welcome to meetings.

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Couple sings praises about rewards of Contact work

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gene and Joanne Bloomwell are an ordinary couple with an extraordinary mission.

Married 42 years, the Middlesex County residents are both volunteers for Contact We Care, a 24-hour crisis intervention telephone helpline reaching out to New Jersey residents in need of help. The Bloomwells share a passion for life, and a passion for serving humanity. They are committed to giving back to the community, and express this by stepping out of their own comfort zone to bring hope, comfort and dignity to people struggling with difficult circumstances.

Joanne, a retired banking executive, was the first to join Contact. She became aware of Contact USA when they lived in

What you can do

The next volunteer training class meets Thursdays through May 10, at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. For more information or to register for the class, call: (908) 490-1480.

Virginia. Shortly after the couple relocated to New Jersey in 1969, a guest speaker from Contact made a presentation at their church. Joanne immediately registered for the volunteer training program, and it wasn't long after that she became an active volunteer.

"The training is the best," she

says. "It is intense, practical, and prepares you well to deal with all kinds of life situations." In addition to spending time on the hotline, Joanne also served as training director for five years. "I find the rewards to be intangible," she says. "The experience has broadened my outlook and makes me grateful for what I have."

Because of a hectic corporate schedule, Gene did not become a volunteer until after his retirement in 1993. Little did he know that his career as a management development trainer for a leading New Jersey pharmaceutical company would be ideal preparation for his role at Contact. "My first project was to revise the training manuals, as well as to provide input to the Recruitment Training Committee," Gene remembers. In addition to work-

ing on the hotline, he is also a volunteer trainer and speaker.

The Bloomwells are among the more than 100 trained volunteers who staff the crisis hotline. These phone lines have become the lifeline for thousands of New Jersey residents who are victims of loneliness and despair. When vulnerable people need to talk — when they need to know someone is listening — Contact volunteers provide hope and a caring voice on the other end of the phone. "For us, this is more than a social service — it is a ministry to people in need. Our rationale for doing this is to carry out Jesus' mandate to 'Love Thy Neighbor,'" Gene said.

Not only do Contact volunteers answer calls, they also make daily outbound calls as part of Contact's Care Ring out-

reach program for homebound, socially isolated elderly, and disabled residents. In this free-of-charge program, highly trained volunteers make daily calls to check on the person's well-being and let them know that someone cares.

"Loneliness is the root cause of many of the more than 14,000 calls handled by Contact volunteers, and Care Ring is a great way to address that problem head on. Our homebound clients express their appreciation regularly for the daily contact provided by the Care Ring Program," Gene said.

Contact volunteers are trained before staffing the phones. They receive more than 50 hours of professional training in active listening skills, including 12 hours of internship before going

solo on the crisis hotline. They learn how to listen non-judgmentally and emphatically as they interact with callers in need of comfort and reassurance. Once trained, volunteers must commit to two 4-hour shifts per month, and can select the schedule that best fits their needs. "What I like best is the flexibility of the schedules," Joanne said. "Even with my other activities, it isn't difficult to donate eight hours of my time each month to help someone in need."

If you would like to become a Contact We Care volunteer, or know someone who is homebound and in need of the Care Ring service, please call (908) 490-1480.

CONTACT We Care serves Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Essex counties.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

JCC of Central New Jersey

Activities for the Senior Adult program at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains:

Monday, Feb. 25 — Art with Lillie Bryen; current events with Salo Enis; exercise with Wendy Warwick; Jewish culture with Salo Enis.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 — "Music of the Great Musicals" with Vincent DeMeara; exercise with Claire Lazarowitz; a Jewish Family Service speaker.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 — Exercise with Betty Rosman; therapeutic exercise with Betty Rosman; short stories with Barbara Buettner; "Personal Histories" with Barbara Buettner; drama with Robin Gerson Wong.

For full information, phone

Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 207.

Scotch Plains Advisory Committee

Officers for 2002 are Esther Iarussi, chairman; Guy Celentano, Township Council liaison; Olga Bruce, Jeanne Butler, Camile DiBella, Peggy Hoff, Elsie LeStrange, Brigid Marinaro, Claire Minnis, Paul Montalbano, Laura Swidersky and Gloria Yakre.

The Advisory Committee is sponsoring a trip April 26 to "Honky Tonk Angels" at the Brownstone in Paterson. Cost is \$32 for Scotch Plains residents and \$33 for non-residents. The bus leaves the Municipal Building on Park Avenue 10 a.m. Registration begins March 4 for residents and March 11 for non-residents; phone (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221.

This week

FRIDAY

FEB. 22

COFFEEHOUSE CAN-TATAS — 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

STAMP SHOW — annual event of Westfield Stamp Club. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. (908) 233-3045.

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

BOOK SIGNING — "The Guns of Meeting Street: A Southern Tragedy" by T. Felder Dorn. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

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

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.

MONDAY

FEB. 25

OPEN GYM — for children up to kindergarten age. Robin's Nest, 361 South Ave. East, Westfield, 11 a.m.-noon. (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. All levels welcome. (908) 889-1620.

TUESDAY

FEB. 26

BLACK HISTORY — program at Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 6:30 p.m. (908) 322-5007.

WEDNESDAY

FEB. 27

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

MID-DAY MUSICALS — Meredith Hoffman-Thomson, soprano, and George Kern, piano. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon. Music free; lunch \$5 extra. (908) 233-2494.

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

RECIPE EXCHANGE — for Newcomers Club of Westfield, 7:30 p.m. 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. Free. (908) 232-6770.

THURSDAY

FEB. 28

'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.

STAMP TO IT — monthly meeting of Westfield Stamp Club. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. (908) 233-3045.

SATURDAY

MARCH 2

BOOK SIGNING — "The Snow Train" by Joseph Cummins. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

SUNDAY

MARCH 3

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

'SCULPTURE — and Beyond" with Gyri Hollosy. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 687-2945.

TINSEL PAINTING — done by Laurie and Amy Mills. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

COMING UP

CARD GAMES — with

Monday Afternoon Bridge Group. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, 12:45-3:45 p.m. March 4. All levels welcome. (908) 889-1620.

NURSING? — La Leche League of Westfield meeting for mothers of toddlers. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, 9:30 a.m. March 7. (908) 301-1339 or (908) 789-4772.

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.

RELIGIOUS TALK — Rabbi Howard Addison on "The Spirituality of Work." Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. March 10. Free. (908) 232-6770.

NURSING? — La Leche League of Westfield meeting for mothers of infants. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, 9:30 a.m. March 21. (908) 301-1339 or (908) 789-4772.

'BATTLE OF THE BANDS' — for Grades 9-12. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. April 6. \$6/advance, \$8/door. Band sign-up: ltheber@cccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, Ext. 253.

Cranford Crossing hearing Wednesday

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The Cranford Crossings project takes its next step Wednesday, when applicant Cranford Building Associates, LLC make its first appearance before the Planning Board.

The firm, a subsidiary of Florham Park developer Kushner Companies, will seek a minor subdivision and preliminary site plan approval for the parking garage, retail space and apartments planned for the site at South, South Union, and Walnut avenues.

The application process should be straightforward, because the Redevelopment Plan passed by the Township Committee was amended late last year to be consistent with the Kushner proposal. But some township agencies have raised questions about the design of the project.

One unresolved issue is the conversion of South Union Avenue into a two-way street. Currently, only south-bound traffic is allowed on the street. Though township officials expect the state Department of Transportation to authorize the change, the township has yet to receive final word. Lt. John Baer of the police department's Traffic Bureau called the change "crucial" to the project in a recent memo.

The project design calls for two lanes of south-bound traffic on the street, widening into three at the intersection with South Avenue, and one lane of north-bound traffic, which would be directed into the parking garage. A concrete island would separate north-bound and south-bound traffic.

Baer cited other traffic concerns along South Union Avenue in the same memo. The loading dock for the site will be behind the building in the current Blockbuster lot; Baer questioned whether a sufficient turning radius will exist on the street to allow large trucks on the site.

And while the project design

calls for over 13 feet of sidewalk space along Walnut Avenue, the sidewalk narrows to less than seven feet along South Union Avenue. "It is clearly not pedestrian friendly," Baer wrote. "The design does not provide ample footage for the anticipated foot traffic."

One way to increase sidewalk space along South Avenue, said Zoning Officer Judith Mazur-Brown, would be to eliminate a service alley between the Cranford Hotel and the Kushner building that will stand on the former "Round Bank" site. The township's Development Review Committee, on which Brown sits, feels the alley is unnecessary, she said, and its elimination would allow the developer to move the building away from the street.

Other questions of the DRC include the number and position of barrier-free parking spaces and the way that trash and recycling will be removed from apartments, Brown said.

The DRC, which includes Township Engineer Jeff Sias and Construction Official Richard Belluscio, also recommended the parking garage be set back five feet from the NJ Transit property line — it is currently on the line — and that more greenery be added to the site, Brown said.

When completed, Cranford Crossings will have 50 apartments, 22,000 square feet of retail space and a 310-space parking garage over two buildings at the site.

The project was approved by the Township Committee in last-minute December deal, following months of negotiation and vocal protests by some residents.



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Enrichment Center ready to start spring session of classes

WESTFIELD — The Enrichment Center, a full-service tutoring and enrichment company, is located at 424 Central Ave.

The modern, handicapped-accessible building is air-conditioned and has ample free onsite parking. All of the teachers at The Enrichment Center are state certified and experienced. Private sessions are always available; the small group classes have a maximum enrollment of eight students.

The Enrichment Center is open seven days a week to provide parents and children with the maximum in flexibility. Programs are

offered for children in kindergarten through grade 12; a new program for 4-year-olds is being offered this winter and spring.

The Enrichment Center offers supplemental education for everyone; there are classes for the student who needs remediation, for the student who is gifted, and for the high school students who needs help with the PSAT, SAT I, and SAT II.

Classes are offered for elementary and middle school students once a week for nine weeks. Classes for the spring session begin on March 24 and run

through June 9. This is the first time The Enrichment Center is offering a second session during the winter/spring term. Classes are offered seven days a week to accommodate everyone's schedule. The hands-on approach used by the state certified teachers at The Enrichment Center ensures that children will be excited, challenged, and motivated. Classes are offered for basic level students and gifted students on the elementary and middle school level.

Specialty classes being offered are Study Skills/Test Taking Skills, Story Time Live, French, Spanish, and GEPA and ESPA Reviews. A new program called Hocus Pocus For Homework is also being offered; this is a supervised homework hour with a state certified elementary school teacher who is able to help students.

The Enrichment Center is offering another new program for Pre-Schoolers who are 4- years old. These children may take advantage of science, math, reading, language and other fun educational classes. The times are during the day, after school, and weekends.

High School students may choose from an array of PSAT, SAT, and SAT II classes. Students in grades nine-12 may attend as the classes are divided into levels. Many freshman and sophomores attend for verbal only classes. All the teachers are state certified and experienced in their fields. The SAT program is unique in that students may only attend for math or verbal; most do choose to do both. Students come for one hour at a time, to allow for maximum learning and schedule flexibility. The Enrichment Center offers the smallest classes in the area for SAT review, with a maximum of eight students in a class. Students pay as they attend to help parents with budgeting. Real College Board materials are used. Students learn educational techniques and skills, as well as the strategies needed to take the test. There are new Junior Only review sections for the March, May, and June test dates. This is a new option The Enrichment Center offers. The classes are preset for seven weeks to enable those students with more limited time to take an intensive class. SAT II

review classes are in place for the June test date. Students may also study for the SAT I and SAT II privately.

A special one-on-one program called SOS (Student Overall Support) is also offered. Designed for any student, this program helps with study and organizational skills, taking the conflict surrounding education and grades out of the home. Students in grades one-12 are availing themselves of this program.

Educational testing is also offered for parents who are concerned that their children may have a problem in school. LDT/C's perform and evaluate the tests, then report to the parents only. The Enrichment Center can then help parents choose the best way to approach any possible problems. A new offering is to have children tested by a school psychologist to determine IQ and decide if the child's needs are being met.

Home schooled children can also be aided at The Enrichment Center. Many times parents are just out of their league in certain areas: reading, science and math.

State certified, experienced teachers can help in a one on one or small group setting.

Call The Enrichment Center today to speak with Elaine Sigal, owner and director, who can best guide parents into choosing appropriate classes for their children. Sibling discounts are offered. Register soon to avoid being disappointed. Call (908) 654-0110 today for a free in-depth brochure. The new web site has all of the class and center information. Go to WWW.TheEnrichmentCenter.net

Meditation, yoga can help your health

WESTFIELD — If you're suffering from high blood pressure, general or situational anxiety, panic disorders, ulcers, depression, headaches, muscle spasms, chronic pain in the jaws, neck or back, insomnia or cardiac neuroses, ask your doctor about the benefits of meditation.

Many doctors today are recommending meditation as a healing mechanism in conjunction with the traditional medicine for anxiety and pain management.

Here is how it works: The deep breathing and total relaxation stimulates the "meditative response" (as opposed to the "fight-or-flight" response) that lowers blood pressure, heart rate, rate of respiration, thereby allowing the body to release endorphins which further enhance relaxation.

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In addition, the quiet atmosphere (away from all of daily stresses), and the relaxing or inspiring music, will be to act as cues of relaxation, allowing one to become more aware of the causes of stress (and pain) and learn to avoid and control them.

Meditation classes are held on Thursday evenings at 8, along with a new morning class forming on Wednesdays at 10, at the Westfield Yoga and Wellness Center, at their new expanded location at 250 South Ave. in Fanwood, at the intersection of Martine and South Avenues, five minutes from the center of Westfield.

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Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 4,809,728.61
U.S. Government Securities	338,224,281.75
Other Bonds	105,318,108.54
Stock	19,656,184.46
Real Estate Mortgage Loans, Net	162,211,917.34
Collateral Loans	2,081,226.57
Other Loans	91,400,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	563,637.41
Banking Premises	1,554,473.87
Interest Accrued on Investments	8,059,242.87
Other Assets	1,287,951.50
	\$ 735,146,750.42

LIABILITIES	
Due Depositors	\$ 586,566,097.99
Official Checks Outstanding	269,917.27
Mortgages Escrow Account	299,790.68
Other Liabilities	4,127,032.98
Surplus and Reserves	143,883,911.49
	\$ 735,146,750.42

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Banking group has new name

CRANFORD — New Jersey League members have approved a name change to their trade association that will now be known as the New Jersey League of Community Bankers.

The New Jersey League, formerly known as New Jersey League Community & Savings Bankers, is a trade organization representing community banks throughout New Jersey and offers its members educational, research, communications, government relations, and group health insurance services.

The industry has a long history, dating back to 1839, of serving New Jersey's residents and communities. The League, along with its predecessor organizations, has been serving the banking industry for 94 years.

League Chairman Katherine J. Lisenko, president and CEO of Metuchen Savings Bank, noted that "the new name better reflects the evolving role of the industry, with many of our members having removed the word 'savings' from their names and many that continue to include it offer a wide array of financial services to their communities."

League President Samuel J. Damiano, added, "while names may change over the years, other things don't change - our members' commitment to their customers and communities and the League's commitment to provide them the support and resources to do this."

BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Simple Gifts at Somerset library

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset County/Bridgewater Library will be hosting a free concert featuring Simple Gifts, a three-woman band that performs on thirteen different instruments, on Fri., March 1 at 8:30 p.m. Children ages 7 and older and their parents are invited to a music workshop at 8 p.m. and are invited to stay after for their performance at the library. The Library is located at 1 Vogt Drive.

Local musicians are also invited to stay after the concert for a "jam session" with the members of Simple Gifts. The group features Rachel Hall, Karen Hirshon, and Linda Littleton. The group originates from central Pennsylvania but has performed at arts centers and festivals in the metropolitan and Atlantic region.

The Somerset County/Bridgewater Library is located at 1 Vogt Drive.

For more information about the concert, contact the library at (908)526-4016, Ext. 119.

Annual doll, teddy bear show

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

The time is 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

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

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

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

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

New Jersey Flower Show coming to area

FRANKLIN — The 36th Annual New Jersey Flower and Patio Show, Thursday, Feb. 21 - Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Garden State Exhibit Center.

Show hours are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The show will feature life-sized gardens with this year's theme, "Small Wonders: Making Small Spaces Great." In addition to innovative garden designs and ideas for patios, porches and smaller yards, exhibitors will display the latest horticultural and agricultural products and services.

For more information on show attendance or exhibiting call (800)215-1700.

Hispanic theatre will present play in Newark

NEWARK — Teatro Si, New Jersey's premiere Hispanic arts theater company located at Newark Symphony Hall, will present "Viva Venezuela! An Evening of Theater and Music," an event which includes the theatrical presentation of *Encuentro En El Parque Peligroso*, a production by the Scaramouches Teatro de Venezuela.

This drama tells the story of a chance meeting of two people late at night in a dangerous city park. Their encounter leads them each to an inner self exploration and an awakening to the realities of life. The surprise ending will stun the audience. Don't miss this poignant play. It will be presented in Spanish.

The second part of the evening is a life concert by Café Con Pan, which brings the Afro-Caribbean sounds from the shores of Venezuela. They will have audience members dancing in the aisles. The event will take place Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18.

Teatro Si will also present *Bohemia Canto-Musica-Poesia*, an evening in celebration of the music and poetry of Latin America. The theater space will be converted into a typical cantina setting to transport the audience to somewhere in Latin America. The performers, presenting in both English and Spanish, will offer a glimpse of the vast richness and diversity that encompasses Hispanic artistic culture. Share in this experience on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the production are \$15.

Purchase tickets for Teatro Si events at the Newark Symphony Hall box office, TicketMaster outlets, and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Presented in association with Newark Symphony Hall. For more information and group discount sales call Teatro Si at (908) 301-9496.



Barbara Laustsen presents her monotype print to be include in the memorial.

Printmaking Council expands effort to create Sept. 11 memorial

BRANCHBURG — The Printmaking Council of New Jersey has expanded the September 11th Memorial Print Collaborative. Additional dates have been added to accommodate the enthusiastic response from the community.

The project is a response to the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. The memorial will display more than 200 prints contributed by the community and placed at the PCNJ facility, within view of North Branch Station, a New Jersey Transit commuter rail station.

Old Bridge School District, a community that has suffered many losses from the tragedy, is excited to participate in the project. Old Bridge High School East and West as well as Jonas Salk Middle School will have four workshops creating a total of 80-100 pieces to contribute to the memorial.

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless will also have a workshop at their program center. Participating children will contribute approximately 20 pieces.

Added workshops for adults at the Printmaking Council will be held Thursday, March 21. All sessions will be from 10 am to 4pm.

Actors needed for Simon play

The Somerset Valley Players have put out a casting call for their production of the Neil Simon comedy "California Suite."

Auditions are 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 24-25 in the theater on Amwell Road (Route 514), Hillsborough. Five men and five women, all ages 30-50, are needed.

For more information, phone director Mike Shuller at (908) 281-4281. Performances are scheduled May 10-26.



Nanci Herah and Ahni Kruger provide a print demonstration to the workshop participants.

The public is invited to participate in the creation of this memorial by attending any of several workshops PCNJ will host over the next three months. Several PCNJ art teachers and an art therapist will help facilitate the collaboration. Artists of all skill levels, including novices, are encouraged to attend.

Workshops for children, aged 5 to 16, will be divided into two age groups, and will be held Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All workshops are free and open to public. All costs related to the project come from a grant, awarded by the Geraldine R.

Dodge Foundation of Morristown.

The artwork will utilize waterproof inks and be printed on Tyvek, a waterproof paper. It will be placed on the outside of the Printmaking Council building near the train station where it will be seen daily by hundreds of New Jersey rail commuters.

The format of the finished piece will reflect an image of the former World Trade Centers' twin towers, with many individual works of art enclosed within the image of the buildings.

For more information, contact the Printmaking Council of New Jersey at (908) 725-2110, or visit the web site at www.printnj.org.

Annual Bach festival is returning this weekend

WESTFIELD — The acclaimed Westfield Bach Festival returns for its second season. Following up on last year's success, the festival Committee has planned a three-day event celebrating the works of J.S. Bach, to be held at various Westfield churches during the last weekend of February.

The opening program, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, will be a semi-staged English production of Bach's humorous Coffee Cantata and Peasant Cantata. The presentation will be in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and feature table-side seating and coffee and pastries.

At 11 a.m. Feb. 23, there will be a symposium on the symbolism in Bach's music and at 2 p.m. that afternoon, the popular Organ Marathon returns for three hours of non-stop playing. Both Saturday events will be held at the Congregational Church.

The gala closing concert, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24, will feature the Westfield Bach Festival Chorus, soloists and orchestra, and will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a pre-concert lecture on the music to be heard. Phillip Dietterich, the popular former director of the Westfield Oratorio Society, is returning to conduct this Festival performances,

which will take place at the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity.

Tickets for the Coffeehouse Cantatas and the organ marathon will be \$20 (general admission), \$15 (senior), and \$10 (student) and for the Westfield Bach Festival Gala Concert will be \$30 (general admission), \$40 senior, and \$25 (student). The symposium on Saturday morning is free of charge and the pre-concert lecture before the gala concert (6:30 p.m. on Sunday) is free for those purchasing gala concert tickets.

Series and individual concert tickets will be available at the participating churches: the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad St., the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, 315 First St., and the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. In addition, series tickets may be purchased at Betty Gallagher Antiques, 266 East Broad St., The Classic Basket, 411 South Ave., Lancaster Ltd., 76 Elm St., and Periwinkle's, 9 Elm St.

The Westfield Bach Festival is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Westfield Foundation.

Vo-Tech pupils will present salute to Rogers

BRIDGEWATER — Students in the Performing Arts Program at Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School (SCVTHS) will join in the national celebration of the 100th anniversary of one of the nation's greatest composers, Richard Rodgers, in their presentation of "Richard Rodgers: A Centennial Celebration Of His Music."

Performances of this musical revue are scheduled for Friday and Saturday March 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the SCVTHS auditorium, North Bridge Street and Vogt Drive. A dessert and theatre package at 6:30 p.m. is available for (\$12). Reservations are required. Show tickets only are (\$8) and may be purchased by calling the box office: (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7125.

Richard Rodgers' career spanned 63 years in which time he composed 44 Broadway musicals, nine original movie musicals, two documentary orchestral scores, a ballet, and published over 900 songs. He won 34 Tony Awards, 15 Academy Awards, two Pulitzer prizes, two Emmys and two Grammys.

In 1920 Rodgers began a 24-year collaboration with lyricist Lorenz Hart, setting new standards for wit, sophistication and innovation. The result was an astonishing array of musical comedies that included: "On Your Toes" (1936), "Babes in Arms" (1937), "I Married an Angel" (1938), and "Pal Joey" (1940). Rodgers and Hart songs that have become standards of the American musical repertoire include: "My Funny Valentine," "This Can't Be Love," and "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," songs featured in the SCVTHS Revue.

When Richard Rodgers joined forces with the librettist/lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II, they introduced a new genre called "musical

play," resulting in such gems as "Oklahoma!" (1943), "Carousel" (1945), "South Pacific" (1949), "The King and I" (1951), "Flower Drum Song" (1958), and "The Sound of Music" (1959). The numerous Rodgers & Hammerstein classic songs featured in the Revue include: "Some Enchanted Evening," "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-A My Hair," "I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Bali Ha'i," "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," and "It Might As Well Be Spring."

Cynthia Meryl, Musical Theatre Instructor at SCVTHS and director/choreographer of the production said, "It is amazing that so many musical theatre students today have never heard of Richard Rodgers or any of his collaborators."

Meryl's objective is not only to introduce her students to the genius of this great American composer, but also to make the students aware that the themes of Richard Rodgers' works reflect the dreams and conflicts of the nation and world.

For example, she said, "Carousel" deals with domestic violence and the strength of women to overcome adversity.

"Oklahoma!" is about Americans hoping that their territory will become a state; "The Sound of Music" demonstrates the Austrians' reactions to the Nazis coming into power; "South Pacific" is about racial prejudice.

The songs and dances will be accompanied by a multimedia presentation of photos from original Richard Rodgers productions, courtesy of the Rodgers and Hammerstein Theatre Library.

For more information, call Sheila Buttermore, coordinator of performing arts, at (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7277



Nicole Signorella and Alexis Slade, Theatre Arts students at Somerset County Vocational & Technical H.S. rehearse for the "Richard Rodgers Revue: A Centennial Celebration" which will be held on March 8 and 9.

Musical composition will debut at Holocaust conference

UNION — The 32nd Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, hosted by Kean University, will feature an awards presentation and musical premiere on March 3, from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission fee. General admission applies.

To add an artistic dimension to the program titled "A Small Light in the Darkness," honoring the rescuers to the Holocaust, the organizers of the conference commissioned Dr. Matthew Halper of the Kean University Department of Music to compose a work for violin and piano titled "Metamorphoses on Hatikvah (The Hope)."

Halper's accomplishments as a composer are numerous and include performances and prizes for such noteworthy ensembles and organizations as the American Composers Orchestra, the 20th Century Consort of Washington, D.C. and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

"Metamorphoses on Hatikvah is a musical meditation and fantasy on the well-known Hebrew melody Hatikvah," Halper explained. "It can be described as a darkly optimistic work — a tribute to those who perished, those who persevered and those who were a 'small light in the darkness.'"

The featured performers are vio-

linist Sharon Roffman of Bergen County, and pianist Allison Brewster Franzetti, a Kean University Affiliate Artist.

Roffman made her symphony debut in 1996 as soloist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) under the baton of Music Director Zdenek Macal, having captured the top prize in the NJSO's 1995 Young Artists Audition. She has appeared as soloist with orchestras across the United States and has performed in chamber music concerts with Itzhak Perlman to benefit the Perlman Music Program and with Jaime Laredo in Carnegie Hall as a member of the New York String Seminar. She has twice been featured on WQXR-New York's Young Artist Showcase and has been a guest on the Today Show.

Brewster Franzetti has received international acclaim for her recordings and performances of a wide-ranging repertoire. Her awards include a First Prize from the Paderewski Foundation, and her latest CD, "The Unknown Piazzolla," was a featured selection of the Columbia House Classical Music Review. She accompanied her husband Carlos Franzetti on the CD Tango Fatal, which won a Latin Grammy in the Best Tango Album Category in October 2001. She was appointed Affiliate Artist in Chamber Music at Kean University in 2001.

Theater

NOW PLAYING

CHESTER THEATRE GROUP
Grove St., Chester
(908) 879-5935

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

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB
78 Winans Ave., Cranford
(908) 276-7611

• "I Hate Hamlet," comedy by Paul Rudnick. 8 p.m. Feb. 22, 23. Admission \$15.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(732) 246-7717;
www.georgestplayhouse.org

• "The Sisters Rosensweig," drama by Wendy Wasserstein. To March 10. Admission \$45-\$30; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

OFF-BROADSTREET THEATRE

5 S. Greenwood Ave.
Hopewell
(609) 466-2766

• "Foxfire," little-known comedy. 8 p.m. Feb. 22, 23, March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16; 2:30 p.m. Feb. 24, March 3, 10. Admission \$24

Saturday, \$22.50 other days; discounts available.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;
www.papermill.org

• "I'm Not Rappaport," New Jersey version of 80's Broadway play. To March 24. Admission \$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS

Route 514, Hillsborough
(908) 369-SHOW;
www.svptheatre.org

• "The Odd Couple," local production of Neil Simon standard. 8 p.m. Feb. 22, 23, March 1, 2; 3 p.m. Feb. 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. 22, 23, March 1, 2. Admission \$10.

Dance

PURIM: THE CASTING OF FATE

8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• The Jewish holiday as told by the Gyor National Ballet of Hungary. Admission \$38-\$20.

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. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$4.50; package deal with "Rhythm and Beams" \$8.50.
• "Rhythm and Beams" (laser show), 3 and 8 p.m. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$5.

TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

452 New Providence Rd., Mountaintop
(908) 789-3670

• An "Astronomy Primer," 2 and 3:30 p.m. Feb. 24. Adults and children \$3.25, seniors \$2.80; children under 6 not admitted.

For Kids

THE ART MUSEUM Princeton University

(609) 258-3788

Programs for ages 5-9 years old 11 a.m. Saturday. Free admission.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23

Forum Theatre
314 Main St., Metuchen
(732) 548-0582

• Musical adaptation of the E.B. White book. Admission \$10; group rates available.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN KIDS CIRCUS

1 and 4 p.m. Feb. 24

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Three-ring joy with girls and boys ages 6-16. Admission \$18.

Spoken Word

THE ART MUSEUM Princeton University

(609) 258-3788

Gallery talks 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

• "Klinger to Kollwitz: German Art in the Age of Expressionism" with Laura Giles, March 1, 3.

NO RETREAT

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27

Schonhorn Arts Center
Matheny School, Peapack
(908) 234-0011, Ext. 1440

• All-woman poetry collective: Sven Barrett-Tarleton, Norma Bernstock, Michelle Cameron, Jamie McNeely, Mary DeBow.

TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, March 3rd, 2002

Mother Seton High School, Clark

Garden State Parkway Exit 135 at Clark Circle

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Door Prizes • Free Movies • Circus Train Exhibit

Lionel Train Set That Kids Can Operate • Refreshments On Sale

Model Trains - All Gauges • RR Photographs • Slides & Videos

RR Books • RR Collectibles • RR Hardware

Admission-Adults \$1.00 • Kids Under 12 Free

Jersey Central Railway Historical Society • Box 200, Clark, NJ 07066

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Free admission (snow date March 5).

Concerts

JOAN BAEZ

8 p.m. Friday, March 1

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Best known for her 1975 album "Diamonds and Rust" and her WABC hit "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down."

Admission \$38-\$20.

BAROQUE MASTERPIECES

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24

Van Wick House
1289 Easton Ave., Somerset
(732) 828-1812, (732) 828-7418;
www.themeadowsfoundation.org

• Works of Johann Sebastian Bach and his sons, performed by the Meadows Chamber Music Society. Admission \$8.

WAYNE BRADY

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24

Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226;
www.ucac.org

• Comedian on the 90's sitcom "Whose Life Is It Anyway?"

Admission \$62, \$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.statetheatrenj.org

• Comedian, actor, sitcom star. Jell-O pitchman and "Fat Albert" creator. Admission \$60-\$25.

JOHN FORSTER

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23

Watching Arts Center
Watching Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190

• Folk guitarist and sometimes humorist. Admission \$12.

GOVT MULE

8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Band that became known in the "jam band" mini-boom of the 90's. Admission \$25, \$20.

HEROES AND VADEVILLIANS

7 p.m. Saturday, March 2

Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, Branchburg

Admission \$50-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

• German symphony performs works of Takemitsu, Lutoslavski and Shostakovich.

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(908) 725-3420;
www.raritanval.edu/theatre

• Tomas Kubinek, Jim Jackson and Al Simmons. Admission \$27, \$22.

LAREDO, BARBER & BRAHMS

3 p.m. Sunday, March 3

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(800) ALLEGRO;
www.njsymphony.org

• Works of Ginastera, Barber and Brahms, performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with Jaime Laredo, violin.

Admission \$57-\$14.

JACKIE MASON

8 p.m. Saturday, March 2

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Comedian and Ed Koch/Rudolph Giuliani crony. Admission \$60-\$25.

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

Watching Arts Center
Watching Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190

• Jazz piano man plays compositions of Luckey Roberts (no relation). Admission \$12

Real Estate

Having a reverse mortgage can be both good and bad

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The reverse mortgage is becoming the love-hate loan instrument in this year's real estate market.

A reverse mortgage is primarily designed for senior homeowners (age 62 or older) who have acquired a substantial equity in their home. It's a special type of mortgage loan that lets the homeowner convert home equity into cash. Instead of homeowners making mortgage payments to the lender each month, the lender sends them a check (in most cases).

Actually, the loan can be paid to the homeowner in a lump sum, in a stream of payments, or line of credit. Most seniors like the idea of receiving the loan funds in monthly payments, with an arrangement (often involving an annuity) that allows the payments to continue until the last spouse dies or the house is sold or the owner moves out. At that time, the house is sold and the loan plus interest and other costs are repaid.

In some cases, the agreement calls

for the lender to receive a specified proportion of the property's appreciation in value when sold, as well as interest being charged. The appreciation is the difference between the appraised value at the time the reverse mortgage was contracted and the final sales price. The lender's share is typically 20 percent to 50 percent of the appreciated amount.

There in lies the rub. In some cases, due to the owners' death or now situations arising, the house is sold a few months or a year or two after the contract is signed. And the homeowner (or estate) must pay thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars for the short-term loan because of rapidly appreciating value.

More and more of these horror cases are surfacing and being publicized. This motivates seniors to take a closer look at reverse mortgages before signing for one, which is really a good thing.

On the other hand, many seniors praise their reverse mortgage for providing them with the extra monthly income needed to makes ends meet. Often those Social Security and pension payments just can't pay all the bills.

The added income flow from a reverse mortgage makes up the difference.

The most popular type of reverse mortgage is federally insured and offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A HUD report states: "Our plan can give older Americans greater financial security. Many seniors use the funds to supplement social security, meet unexpected medical expenses or make home improvements."

To be eligible for a HUD reverse mortgage, the homeowner must be 62 years of age or older and have a very low outstanding mortgage balance, or own the home free and clear. Also, the homeowners must meet with a representative of a HUD-approved counseling agency to be sure they understand what a HUD reverse mortgage will mean for them.

The most appealing aspect of this loan is that it doesn't become due until the home is sold, or is no longer the original owner's primary residence or the owners die. They cannot be forced to sell their home to pay off the mortgage loan even if the loan balance grows to

exceed the value of the property. HUD's Federal Housing Administration guarantees that the owner will receive all payments due to them.

For more information on these special mortgage loans, phone (800) 217-6970.

Q. Where are mortgage interest rates headed this year?

A. Conventional home mortgage rates are having their ups and downs like temperature readings on a thermometer this winter. A couple of weeks ago, they had risen to a bit over 7 percent. At this writing, they have dropped to below 7 percent again. And the number of mortgage applications continues to rise.

The Meyers Group, a noted real estate research and consulting firm, made this prediction about the upcoming mortgage market:

"Looking ahead, we can expect mortgage rates to see-saw between current levels and slightly over 7 percent. That's a very comfortable range for most home buyers. With very little

threat of inflation as the economy struggles to recover, there is a good chance the Fed will cut interest rates further to stimulate market and economic activity."

The Meyers Group also had good news for home builders.

"Despite deepening employment losses, home builders received a boost in January from increased sales and buyer traffic at new home projects," the report stated. "Supported by low mortgage rates, mild weather conditions and rising consumer sentiment, single-family home construction continues to improve to pre-Sept. 11 levels."

"Pent up demand and low inventory in locales where employment growth remains positive should allow most home builders to maneuver through the next half year or so without encountering significant difficulty. However, further declines in the national demand-supply and employment ratios indicate home sales will continue at a moderate pace over the short term, while home price appreciation (increases) show a slowing trend."

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Real estate agents can help you make more money

When it comes to large financial transactions such as the purchase and sale of stocks, dealing with tax matters and the law, most people use a professional to provide expertise and guide them through the process. While selling one's home should be no exception, a small percentage of homeowners try to sell their homes without the help of a professional.

According to the National

Association of Realtors 2000 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, the national trend shows fewer people trying to sell their homes on their own. The number of houses for sale by owner (FSBO) fell from 18 percent in 1997 to 15 percent in 2000. The study also showed that typical FSBO homes sell for less money than comparable homes sold with an Agent's help, which challenges the driving force behind the decision to sell one's home without an Agent in the first place —

to save money. According to the NAR study, the typical FSBO home sold for \$113,000 compared to \$129,900 for a home sold by an agent.

The decline in FSBOs is likely due to the fact that selling a home today is a complicated process and involves much more than sticking a sign in your yard and waiting for a buyer. Some of the biggest challenges facing FSBO homeowners include setting the proper price, understanding and preparing paperwork (e.g., disclosure of lead-based paint) and attracting potential buyers. Their houses can

only be shown when the homeowner is home (which may not be convenient for buyers) and mistakes can cost the homeowner money that they were trying to save. In fact, many FSBO homeowners eventually turn to an agent for assistance when their home does not sell.

Real estate agents have an expertise in marketing that can help sell a home for more money and in less time. An agent's job involves conducting a Competitive Market Analysis and accurately pricing a house, determining whether or not a Buyer is qualified, creating and paying for advertising, understanding and applying the maze of real estate regulations, negotiating with Buyers, preparing a real estate contract, and coordinating the details of a closing. Agents can also recommend repairs or cosmetic work that will significantly enhance

the salability of a home.

Increasing a home's exposure to other real estate Agents and the public using the local multiple listing system, newspaper advertising, the Internet, direct mail advertising and open houses is also part of an agent's role.

"Our sellers generally get more for their home than they expected because of the competition we create that can result in multiple offers," according to Bobbett Jascor, Realtor Associate, ERA Sunday Realty Group. An agent's contacts with previous clients, referrals, friends, family and personal contacts contribute to 82 percent of real estate sales, reported an NAR study.

"Sellers who work with full service agents know the value of a dollar, and know that it is worth every penny to pay for the services that they receive," added Jascor.

For more information on selling a home, consumers can contact their local ERA office which can be found using the ERA website at www.ERA.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real estate industry with nearly 30 years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products and services.

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Sports

Blue Devils, Raiders set for district tourney

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — All the appetizers have been cleared from the table and tonight the local high school wrestling squads will begin with the main course of the season as the state individual wrestling tournament kicks off at 32 different sites across the state.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High and Cranford will do battle for the District 11 team championship, but more importantly individuals will begin their quest

for state glory. Scotch Plains and Westfield dual in the District 11 championships, beginning 6 p.m. tonight in Westfield. Action resumes with the semifinals 10 a.m. tomorrow, with consolation slated for 1 p.m. and the finals slated to begin at 3 p.m.

Both the Raiders and Cougars hope a bevy of individual gold will result in a team championship, with Cranford the defending champ and Scotch Plains looking for its first district team title since winning District 20 in 1978. Westfield is planning on having

one of its best showings in some time, hoping to advance as many as seven wrestlers to the Region 3 tournament.

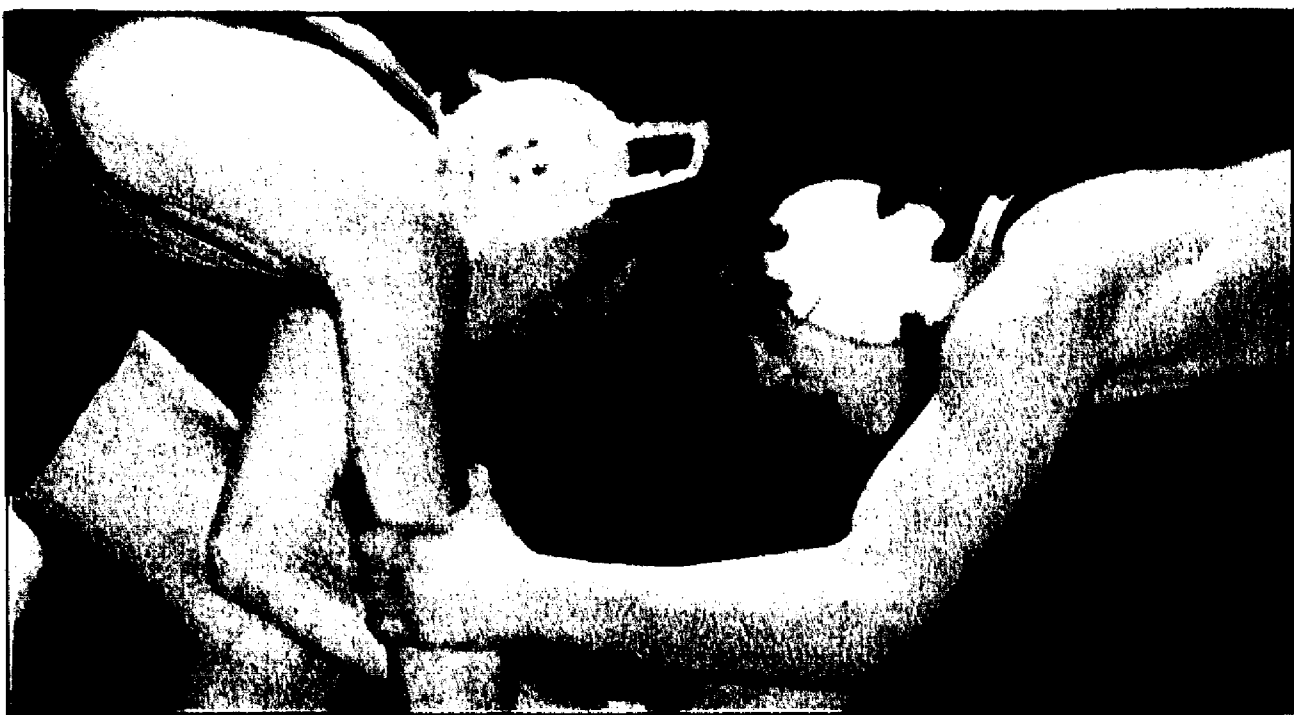
Derek Francavilla (103 pounds), Lucas Francavilla (140) and Matt DeNichilo (145) are each favorites to repeat as champs for the Raiders.

"We're ready to go," said Head Coach Dave Bello. "We're going after the title. I think we have a really, really good shot at it."

Scotch Plains will need to advance at least seven wrestlers to the Region 3 tournament to win the team title, and will need several wrestlers other than the Big-3 to step up.

Stephen Mineo has a strong chance to win at 112 if he wrestles at the top of his game. Eric Connolly should place at 119, with Elizabeth's Amin Queen the favorite and Westfield's Joe DeCampo figuring into the mix. Connolly lost to Queen 8-0 in a dual meet, but closed the gap to 5-3 in the county final. He defeated DeCampo in overtime in their last meeting.

Matt Loomis is back to 100 percent physically and just has to shake of the rust and get into shape to reach the 215-pound final, where he'll meet Cranford's Greg Donofrio, ranked third in the state. Charlie Bachi (160) and Andrew Silber (171) are both in



Scotch Plains' Eric Connolly (left) will be looking to reach the 119-pound final at the District 11 tournament.



Lee Tomasso (left) is hoping to reach the 140-pound final and square off with Scotch Plains' Lucas Francavilla.

Blue Devils fall just short of state championship

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

NEW BRUNSWICK — The illnesses it was able to overcome and the off-days it had avoided most of the season finally caught up to the Westfield High bowling team at the most inopportune time.

After winning the Watchung Conference, the Union County Tournament and the North Jersey sectional tournament, the Blue Devils finished a disappointing fourth in the state championships Saturday at Caroler Lanes in New Brunswick.

Clifton won the champi-

onship, finishing with a 3,044 total. Westfield was just 84 pins in back, with a 2,960 total on games of 972, 954, and 1,034—an average of just 28 more pins a game or 5.6 per man, per game would have completed the championship sweep for Westfield.

The Blue Devils bowled extremely well in four spots in the rotation, but struggled to get production from the fifth man. In the first game they received a 258 from Andrew Royston, which would end up being the second best of the day, and a 221 from Matt Rothstein, but just a 128 from their fifth man, and stood fourth after the

first game. In the second game, with Head Coach Mike Tirone shuffling people in and out of that spot in the lineup, the same position bowled just a 132. The bowlers Tirone put in that spot, the third spot in the rotation, generally average in the 180-185 range. On the day Westfield finished with series of 646, 630, 605, 589 and 431.

"Four guys bowled phenomenally, but we just couldn't get that one position to help us out," said Tirone. "We didn't lose by

Bowling



much. It was just one of those things.

"We were the best team there, no doubt about it. We just didn't prove it."

Sometimes you throw a perfect ball and get strikes, sometimes you don't. We weren't throwing that bad of a ball. Everything has to come together for you on that one day."

While Westfield is disappointed in the outcome of the state championship meet, the fourth place finish is still an improvement on last year's fifth

place outcome, and the season was certainly a success. The Devils are already looking forward to next year, when it again returns all five of its starters.

"As a coach I'm disappointed because I know we're good enough to do it," said Tirone. "But you also have to understand the fact the kids are all juniors and sophomores and usually senior leadership is very important."

"It's a tough way to end. When you're as successful as we have been this year it's difficult to end that way. But it's not a down season at all. We did three of the four things we wanted to do, and we came close to the

fourth. "After seeing all the competition, I believe if it was a three or four day event Westfield could win two or three or four days. We just didn't win the one day."

Royston finished 10th in the state individual competition, finishing with a 1,232 total for six games and Willy Masket finished 19th in the state with a 1,151 total. Scott Villa narrowly missed out on qualifying for the second round of the individual competition finishing in 22nd place with a 589 series. The top 20 three game totals move on to a second round of three games, where the top five advance to head to head competition.



LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT
Louis Mercer will need to take care of the ball and penetrate for the Devils in the first round of the state tournament Monday.

Devils face Farmers in tourney

Westfield squares off with Union for third time Monday

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The goal all year was to reach the state tournament, but the field looks a lot like the regular season.

The Blue Devils will play host to Watchung Conference and county rival Union 4 p.m. Monday, the third meeting between the two clubs this season. East Side earned the top seed with Elizabeth second.

Westfield has won the first two meetings with the Farmers but neither came easy. The Devils earned a 50-43 win Jan. 12, and came from behind to beat Union 53-47 on a three-pointer from Eric Turner with 40 seconds left in the first round of the Union County Tournament Feb. 13.

"It would have been nice to see different people," said Westfield Head Coach Kevin

Everly. "To beat somebody three times can be difficult. We know what they are going to do, they know what we are going to do, it's a matter of who executes better."

"They know what our strengths and weaknesses are, we know what their strengths and weaknesses are. They know our plays, we know their plays. They'll be no surprises. We just have to go out and execute."

Westfield jumped out to an early lead in the county tournament game, breaking Union's pressure with ease and feeding the ball inside to senior Dan DeSerio and led 31-23 at the half. But in the second half Westfield began to falter, committing bad turnovers as Union heated up from the outside resulting in an 11-2 Union spurt and a 47-44 deficit for the Devils with two minutes left.

The Farmers were looking to dribble out the clock and ice the game from the free throw line when Jay Cook came up with a steal and a dunk and Adam Turner made a steal that led to Turner's three-pointer.

Westfield played well defensively, changing defenses and forcing Union to beat them from the outside and was in control of the game until they began bending themselves with turnovers and sloppy play.

"Our biggest problem all year has been turning the ball over," said Everly. "If you look at the games we've lost, that's been our weakness."

Union focused much of its defense on taking away DeSerio inside, but Jim McKeon, Eric Turner and Cook were able to step up around him and make shots from the outside. To be successful Monday, the Devils need

to take care of the ball better, break Union's press and knock down open jumpers early to take some of the defensive pressure off DeSerio.

"Everybody we play packs it in on Dan and tries to shut him down," said Everly. "If we're hitting our outside shots we have a shot at it. We need guys to step up and knock down some shots."

That will again be the job of Eric Turner, Cook and McKeon. Louis Mercer will need to take care of the ball and create scoring opportunities with his slashing ability when the offense breaks down. Cook, DeSerio and Adam Turner will need to control the boards again and generate second chance opportunities on offense.

Westfield took on South Plainfield yesterday and will host Watchung Hills today to tune up for Union.

Raiders face Cranford for fourth time in states

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The eight-nine game is usually the most competitive first round matchup, but the meeting between the Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball teams in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament could be the best matchup of the whole tournament.

Eighth-seeded Cranford will host ninth-seeded Scotch Plains 7 p.m. Tuesday, the fourth meeting between the two Watchung Conference rivals this season.

Cranford has taken two of the

first three meetings — eking out a three point win in the Tri-County Tournament semifinals in December, and blowing out the Raiders in Scotch Plains by 31 points Feb. 5. Scotch Plains earned a 51-50 victory Jan. 8 in Cranford when point guard Anwar Montgomery scored on a backdoor layup with 10 seconds left.

With the sectional field devoid of any of the conference heavyweights the Cougars and Raiders are accustomed to battling both teams are confident the winner can make a run to the sectional championship game, despite having to take on top-seeded West

Morris Mendham in the second round Feb. 28. Fifth-seeded Warren Hills and fourth-seeded Weequahic meet on the bottom half of the draw Feb. 28, with West Side and Jefferson holding the two and three seeds on the other side of the bracket. Cranford has a 5-1 record against non-conference opponents, while Scotch Plains has a 4-3 mark.

"All year our goal was to make the state tournament," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Dan Dougherty. "I kept telling the kids 'nobody in our section plays a schedule like us,' there's just one team who does and that's who we play."

"Certainly no one is going to say Mendham is an easy game, but there's no one out there who you say 'we can't beat this team.' I think the winner of our game can make a little noise."

"The conference Cranford and Scotch Plains plays in is a lot tougher than the bracket in front of us," said Cranford Head Coach Tom Johnstone. "There's no Lindens, Elizabeths or East Sides."

But Johnstone was quick to point out you can't make a run without taking the first step. Cranford and Scotch Plains are as familiar with each other as any two teams in the state and

whoever can execute better and avoid costly turnovers will come out on top.

"Both of us know each other very well," said Dougherty. "Whoever plays better is going to win. It's a matter of which players step up. It'll probably come down to the last five minutes and whoever executes then will probably advance."

While it can't be dismissed entirely, the most recent game isn't indicative of the how these teams matchup. Scotch Plains' leading scorer and point guard Anwar Montgomery sat out the contest with the flu, and his presence was sorely missed during

the third quarter when Scotch Plains turned the ball over repeatedly and looked hesitant in its offense, sparking a 20-2 run by the Cougars.

The two games where both clubs were at full strength were decided by a combined four points and the game winning basket was scored in the final minute in both contests, meaning every possession Tuesday will be critical. Cranford has the edge in the intangible department, holding home court advantage and returning four key contributors (three starters) from last year's sectional-runner up team, while

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Westfield wins North Public A championships

Powered by their depth and clutch victories, the Westfield High boys and girls swim teams captured the North Jersey Public A championships Monday.

The girls squad took control from the start, opening up a 41-21 lead at the break and cruising to a 106-64 victory over Morristown. Westfield won all three relays and six of the eight individual races. Freshman Neda Simaika won the 100 and 200-yard freestyle and swam on the winning 200 and 400 free relay teams. Freshman Kirsten Selert was victorious in the 50 free and the 100 breaststroke, and was part of the 200 free and 200 medley relay squads. Kelli Layton won the 200 individual medley and Suzanna Fowler won the 500 free.

The girls squad took on Vineland in the semifinals yesterday, with the state final slated for Sunday at the College of New Jersey against Bridgewater-Raritan.

The boys squad had a tougher battle on its hands, holding a slim 48-46 lead over Vernon after the 100 butterfly. But a 1-2 finish by Josh Schoenfeld and Chris Heinen in the 500 free, a victory in the 200 free relay when Zack Coppa touched out Vernon's Stephen

Kapitka and a sweep of the 100 backstroke by Ryan Bartholomew, Vin Shen and John Chiesa gave Westfield an insurmountable 83-57 lead on their way to a 97-73 victory and its seventh sectional title in eight years.

"We only swam so-so," said Westfield Head Coach Bruce Johnson. "But Vineland didn't swim that well."

Westfield earned a bye in the semifinals and will take on the Bridgewater-Vineland winner Sunday. Johnson expects Vineland to reach the final, and knows Westfield will have to swim better to earn its 18th state championship. Trenton holds the record for state championships with 19, with St. Joe's and Moorestown tied for second with 18.

"We will (need to swim better), and we will," said Johnson. "At least I hope. Vernon isn't Vineland. (Vernon) is good, but Vineland has some real good kids."

BOYS
FINAL
Westfield 97, Vernon 73
50 yard free: Olson, V. 22.11
100 free: Olson, V. 48.45
200 free: Coppa, W. 1:49.55
500 free: Schoenfeld, W. 5:09.07
100 breast: Cordes, V. 1:05.08
100 fly: Cordes, V. 54.31
100 back: Bartholomew, W. 57.82
200 IM: Altner, V. 2:06.06
200 free relay: W (Baran, Matthews, Freundlich, Coppa), 1:35.58

400 free relay: V (Lapitka, Papanastor, Altner, Olsen), 3:34.64
200 medley relay: V (Abner, Cordes, Branagan, Olsen), 1:42.70

SEMIFINAL
Westfield 103
Livingston 87

50 yard free: Baran, W. 23.90

100 free: Bartholomew, W. 52.90

200 free: Shen, W. 2:00.06

500 free: Kim, L. 5:25.78

100 breast: Sobala, W. 1:09.84

100 fly: Kim, L. 58.12

100 back: Chen, L. 59.60

200 IM: Chen, L. 2:13.36

200 free relay: W (Power, Chabanov, Baran, Williams), 1:40.24

400 free relay: L. 3:46.47

200 medley relay: L. 1:47.52

GIRLS
FINAL
Westfield 106, Morristown 64

50 yard free: Selert, W. 26.66

100 free: Simaika, W. 57.93

200 free: Simaika, W. 2:06.10

500 free: Fowler, W. 5:47.97

100 breast: Selert, W. 1:14.00

100 fly: Sommerville, M. 1:03.99

100 back: Sommerville, M. 1:04.56

200 IM: Layton, W. 2:23.18

200 free relay: W (Selert, Vantolsky, Layton, Simaika), 1:48.86

400 free relay: W (Layton, Vantolsky, Simaika, Fowler), 4:05.17

Westfield High School Roundup



200 medley relay: W (Falcon, Vantolsky, Selert, Fowler), 1:59.51

SEMIFINAL
Westfield 106, Roxbury 64

50 yard free: Milde, R. 26.37

100 free: Milde, R. 58.25

200 free: Romano, W. 2:13.11

500 free: Clark, W. 5:53.07

100 breast: Cunnean, R. 1:14.57

100 fly: Fowler, W. 1:05.34

100 back: Fallon, W. 1:07.89

200 IM: Simaika, W. 2:25.08

200 free relay: W (Vantolsky, Heffernan, Simaika, Fowler), 1:47.15

400 free relay: W (Hall, Romano, Heffernan, Clark), 4:08.35

200 medley relay: W (Falcon, Layton, Vantolsky, Selert), 2:26

QUARTERFINAL
Westfield 106, Fair Lawn 64

50 yard free: Walsh, F. 26.67

100 free: Selert, W. 57.93

200 free: Freccapane, F. 2:06.62

500 free: Freccapane, F. 5:32.05

100 breast: Layton, W. 1:16.41

100 fly: Dickson, W. 1:05.39

100 back: Romano, W. 1:08.24

200 IM: Heaton, F. 2:22.17

200 free relay: W (Heffernan, Vantolsky, Simaika, Fowler), 1:48.44

400 free relay: W (Heffernan, Winchester, Fowler, Simaika), 4:01.63

200 medley relay: W (Romano, Delafuente, Dickson, Selert), 2:00.40

BOYS BASKETBALL

Elizabeth turned a two-point halftime lead into 15-point victory on the strength of a 22-13 run in the third quarter to eliminate Westfield from the Union County Tournament, 79-64 Saturday.

Second-seeded Elizabeth received 21 points from Rashard Robinson, while Westfield was paced by 23 points from Eric Turner and 14 from Jay Cook.

WESTFIELD SCORING
E. Turner 6-2-5-23, DeSero 5-0-3-13, Cook 3-2-2-14, Mercer 2-0-4-8, A. Turner 2-0-0-4, Chaznow 0-0-0-0, Totals: 19-4-14-64.

Elizabeth 22 17 22 18 - 79
Westfield 15 22 13 14 - 64

Westfield 53, Union 47

The Devils squandered a double-digit lead and trailed by three with two minutes left. But big defensive plays by Jay Cook and Adam Turner, and a 3-pointer from Eric Turner with 42 seconds left put Westfield ahead 49-47.

Dan DeSero iced the game from the line.

WESTFIELD SCORING
E. Turner 1-2-0-5, McKeon 3-2-0-12, A. Turner 2-0-1-5, Cook 6-0-0-12, DeSero 5-0-0-6, Totals: 17-4-7-53.

Union 7 16 12 12 - 47
Westfield 16 15 9 13 - 53

WRESTLING

Watching Hills High came through with five falls Saturday en route to a 64-12 non-conference rout of Westfield in the regular-season finale. Westfield's record dipped to 8-6.

WATCHING HILLS 64
WESTFIELD 12

125: Mike Gath WH p. Jake Kramer 3-58

130: Eric Gale WH p. Lou Pizzoni 19-4 (4-44)

135: Ethan Powell WH p. Mark Kearsing 9-0

140: Lee Tomasso WH p. Joe Butrico 7-4

145: Ryan Aldrich WH p. Tom Byrne 21-8

152: Colin Shallock WH p. Dan McDonald 3-04

160: Carl Riccio WH p. Gil Arblman 2-23

171: Derrick Shallock WH p. forfeit

189: Anthony Caruso WH p. Mike Barbiero 2-35

215: Joe Gath WH p. Nick Gismond 0-59

Hwt: Alex Plotkin WH p. forfeit

103: Cary Aldrich WH p. forfeit

112: Steve Black WH p. forfeit

119: C.J. Ferrara WH p. forfeit

Angling opportunities available

By MANNY LUFTGLASS

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

So a funny thing happened to me on the way to Pompeii and Capri! I had this here thing called a heart attack! Note — a word to the wise now — don't do the same thing, OK?

I always take a six-piece pack rod with me wherever I go while on vacation, but I never got to take it out of the container. A nice guy at the Italian Embassy gave me a few ideas and I hoped to catch a few fish between climbing hills and looking at art work and old buildings. Well, NOT!

Rather than boring you with gory details, the bottom line is the spectacular doctor I found in Rome nursed me through the most frightening experience of my life and I celebrated my 66th birthday with wires and tubes galore sticking out of me from a variety of points.

The doctor helped me recover sufficiently so I could make what he labeled an "emergency evacuation," and here is where one could say I didn't get the kind of care most of us would expect from our fellow Americans.

The trip was arranged for me and Karen through a company called ABC and regardless of my many attempts, and even though

the attack took place in August, I still haven't gotten dollar one back from them on the lost tour money.

And now we find Aetna/US Healthcare, the insurance provider I had in conjunction with Medicare. I laid out nearly \$13,000 because they didn't handle the claim correctly and all I got back was a little over \$5,000!

This is the same company that threw out so many of us senior citizens as of Jan. 1 so not only did they dump me, but they also dumped on me as well.

What does this have to do with a fishing column? Well, I had the rod with me, didn't I? However, if you take a trip with Club ABC, you'd better not count on them for much, and for sure, if Aetna/US Healthcare is your carrier, you may have to wait more than three months before you get any money back, and as in my case, only get about 40 percent of it!

And how is my health now, you ask? Honestly, damned good! I just may wait a while before I go out of the country on another vacation, and I guess I will buy trip insurance.

Fishing, you ask? Hell, for February, it cannot be any better. Yes, we certainly need rain (or that nasty white stuff) because the horrible drought continues, but fish are biting everywhere you drop a

line.

Trout are in all the rivers and streams and because the water is not bitter cold, they are actively feeding on bait as well as flies. I heard about a three-angler catch of 60 trout one day early this month at the Ken Lockwood Gorge section of the South Branch of the Raritan River. This was all on artificials, too, by the way.

Since last we met I fished a few times in fresh water here in the Garden State and again, in February! Sitting on a bucket next to the Delaware River near Byram is a pleasant thing to do when fish are biting and your car isn't too far away in case you really get cold, and I did that.

On Feb. 2 I had five good clear strikes while using baby night-crawlers and nailed four of the five. I never found lip on one and two of the others got off halfway to the shore. But two did count and while not the ultimate in fishing excitement, hey, a fish is a fish, especially in February. You old readers must remember that nearly every year I start a column with the words "I Hate February." Well, this time, I only dislike it a lot.

The two fish were channel catfish and between them, they probably went a total of five pounds. Hey, they bent the pole, got my attention, and it beats being wired

to a machine that makes very scary beeps and blips with hardly a soul able to talk English to you!

On Feb. 6 I fished at Round Valley Reservoir with my friend Ron Bern and while we didn't repeat the incredibly wonderful fishing we experienced two weeks earlier when we caught 42 lake trout, we still had eight lakies and four Kamloops rainbow trout.

Two days later, we did better, catching three fat Kamloops rainbows, 18 lakies to 25 inches and a very unexpected 3-pound chain pickerel way, way offshore.

But truth be known, I would rather fish at this time of the year in Florida, and I did that for six days at the very end of January. Two days in a row I got "spooled" (all my line taken off my reel in very unfriendly blasts of fish energy), with the line being broken each time.

I did nail a variety of bottom fish, though, and of primary importance, I was fishing in a T-shirt. Poking around for a while in the golf course pond was fun, too, with a new in-line spinner called a "Double-Loon" I was trying out. It worked great, producing a mess of largemouth bass to four pounds as well as, honest, an alligator that chased one of my bass and scared me, lots!

'Scuze me, gone fishin'.

Steve Swenson leads Raiders to title

With a 91-79 victory over Northern Highlands, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball team captured the North Public B championship Tuesday.

Steve Swenson led the way with victories in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:06.33) and the 200 free (1:55.13) and swam on the winning

200 free relay team. Scotch Plains won just four events, but won with better depth.

FINAL
Scotch Plains 91, Northern Highlands

50 yard free: Hughes, N. 23.09

100 free: Hughes, N. 51.06

200 free: S. Swenson, S. 1:55.13

500 free: Charevalle, N. 5:11.52

100 breast: S. Swenson, S. 1:06.33

100 fly: Albohm, N. 56.25

100 back: Albohm, N. 56.28

200 IM: E. Swenson, S. 2:11.40

200 free relay: S (E. Swenson, S. Swenson, Sheffield, D. Hauptman), 1:41.40

400 free relay: Northern Highlands, 3:53.53

200 medley relay: Northern Highlands, 1:46.19

SEMIFINAL
Scotch Plains 102, Caldwell 66

50 yard free: D. Hauptman, 23.69

100 free: D. Hauptman, 53.51

200 free: Rowe, C. 1:53.39

500 free: Rowe, C. 5:25.19

100 breast: S. Swenson, 1:07.72

100 fly: R. Hauptman, S. 58.34

100 back: E. Swenson, S. 1:01.98

200 IM: E. Swenson, S. 2:12.78

200 free relay: S (R. Hauptman, S. Swenson, Sheffield, D. Hauptman), 1:41.62

400 free relay: C (Day, Gallant, Ryan, Rowe), 3:49.09

200 medley relay: S (R. Hauptman, E. Swenson, Sheffield, D. Hauptman), 1:51.10

BOYS BASKETBALL

Roselle ended Scotch Plains upset bid quickly by jumping out to a 19-8 first quarter lead before cruising to a 71-44 victory in the first round of the Union County Tournament Feb. 13. Mike

Brennan led the Raiders with 16 points.

SCOTCH PLAINS SCORING
Montgomery 1-1-0-5, Williams 3-0-0-6, Brennan 4-2-2-16, Hughes 2-0-0-4, Bendik 5-1-0-13, Totals: 15-4-2-44

Scotch Plains 8 11 7 18 - 44

Roselle 19 14 25 18 - 71

GIRLS SWIMMING

The Scotch Plains girls swim team fell to Northern Highlands in the first round of the North Public B sectional tournament Feb. 13.

Northern Highlands 85, Scotch Plains 81

50 yard free: Heslin, N. 26.43

100 free: Vack, S. 59.15

200 free: Brown, S. 2:08.69

500 free: Heslin, N. 5:14.10

100 breast: Crossley, N. 1:13.08

100 fly: Salisbury, S. 1:06.34

100 back: Benvenuto, N. 1:07.42

200 IM: Fox, S. 2:44.80

200 free relay: S (Cavanush, O'Neill, McCourt, Cappio), 1:49.41

400 free relay: N (Heslin, Cardone, Dugan, Minichetti), 4:00.19

200 medley relay: N (Benvenuto, Crossley, Cardone, Heslin), 2:01.25

Raiders face Cranford

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the Raiders are making their first appearance in the state tournament in four years. Mike Brennan is the only Raider with state tournament experience, playing in one game as a sophomore with Cranford.

But other than the intangibles, you'd be hard pressed to find a distinct advantage for either club. Both backcourts possess top caliber scorers and good ball handlers, and both frontcourts pos-

sess some size and athleticism, as well as the ability to score inside and out.

The keys for Scotch Plains will be to defend the three-point line and avoid turning the ball over. Cranford needs to shoot well, find inside scoring and control the glass. But unless one team has an off-night, a possible run to the sectional championship game will come down to the final two minutes when somebody will have to make a big shot.

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Kawasaki's 'Mean Streak': when less is more

BY JERRY GARRETT
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In the "Year of the Power Cruiser" the best one might just be the one with the least power.

The Power Cruiser is the latest trend in motorcycling, as new models push the envelope in a class heretofore known for offering an array of overweight, overpriced, under-performing fashion statements.

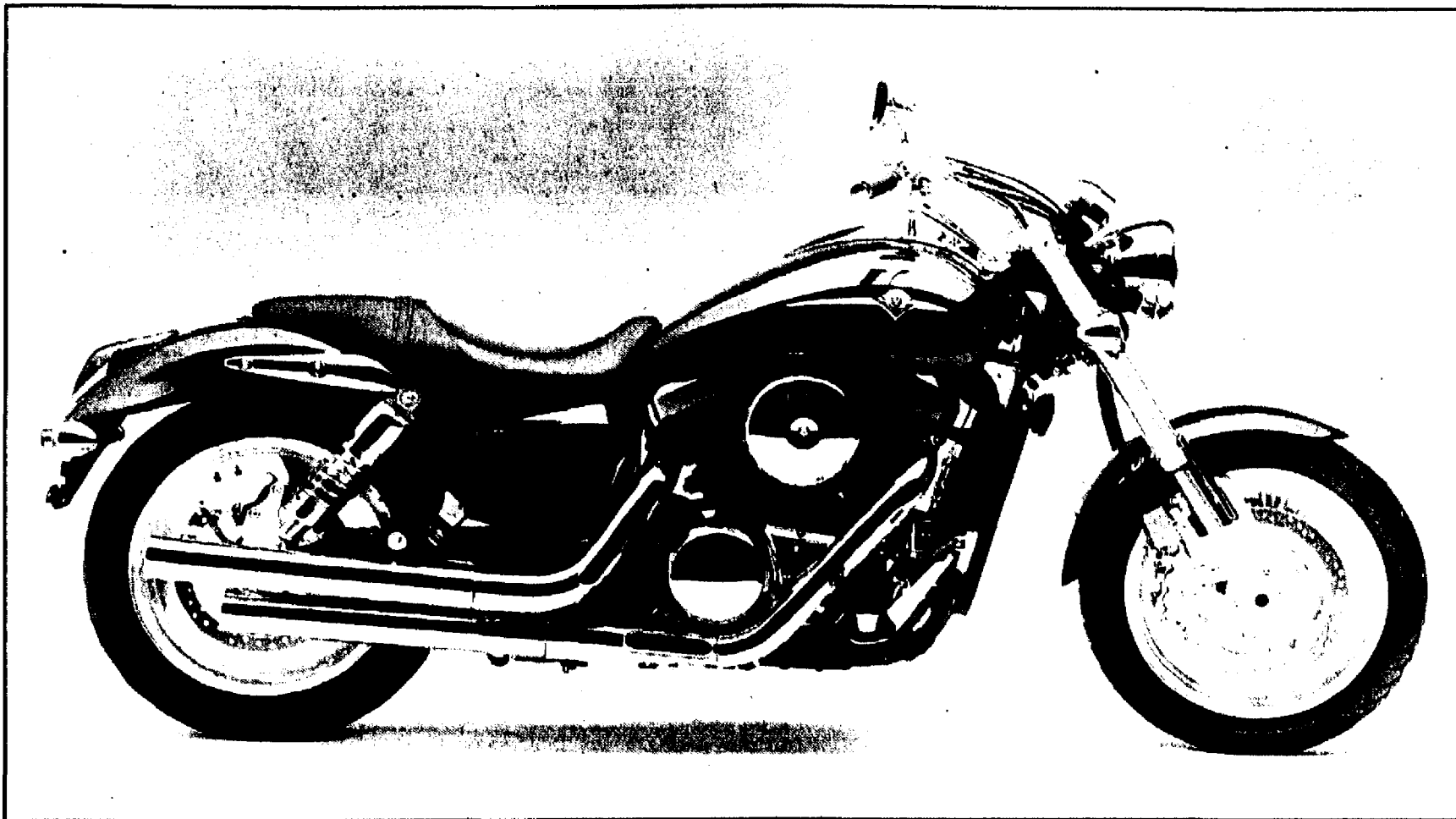
Honda's new 1800cc VTX has taken overkill to new heights, and overwhelmed almost everyone. But there are worthy models debuting from Yamaha, Kawasaki and Harley-Davidson — with more, hot eye candy due soon from the rest of the competition.

The Mean Streak from Kawasaki, for example, combines competent handling and excellent braking (previously scarce attributes in this class), with cutting edge style and groundbreaking (literally) performance.

Not that rational considerations such as price have ever mattered in the cruiser class, but when H-D's revolutionary V-Rod lists at \$16,999 — opportunistic dealers are extorting premiums of \$10,000 to \$15,000 over the manufacturer's suggested retail price — the Kawasaki's price of \$10,999 is worth at least down-shifting into second to look at as you rumble past a dealer's lot.

"Mean Streak" isn't, really. It's a very nice bike, being marketed as a bad boy.

It's built on the Vulcan Classic FI platform. The heart of the matter is the



Kawasaki's Mean Streak sure can be nice.

venerable 50-degree, 1470cc Twin that's been around since 1987.

But it's got some new wrinkles and tweaks to boost performance: increased throttle body diameter in the twin-throat injection, bigger four-valve heads, larger "nail-head" valves, increased camshaft lift and duration and greater diameter header pipes.

All that hot rodding adds eight more ponies to the standard 56 horsepower motor and an extra foot-

pound of torque. It now revs 300 rpm higher, to 6,200, with no bottom-end loss.

Sixty-four horses might not sound like much next to the VTX's 89, but the Mean Streak is only pushing about 599 pounds, compared to 754 for the hulking VTX.

Focus groups told Kawasaki any more horsepower would be overkill. Maybe so.

A redone transmission is also a factor in the Mean Streak's smooth power application, with closer ratios in

the lower gears, increased gear width and better friction management in the clutch.

The Mean Streak's quarter-mile time of 13.5 seconds is more than a full second quicker than the Vulcan. OK, so the VTX does it in just 12.1 seconds! But the Kawasaki can stop a whole lot faster — just 114 feet from 60 mph.

The 12.6-inch front discs — off the ZX-9R — are "the best ever stuck on the front of a cruiser," say Cycle

World's conservative editors. Don't forget the 11.8-inch twin-piston rear caliper disc, which helped elicit the ultimate compliment from Motorcycle Online's testers: "Best brakes of any cruiser ever produced."

The Mean Streak inherits its impeccable road manners and competent, well-damped handling from the Vulcan. That, combined with a longer wheelbase, standard radial tires (an industry first), a low seat and comfortable riding position, helps make the Mean Streak as easy to ride as any cruiser we've tested.

Other pluses: A high-quality 43 mm inverted cartridge front fork, handsome styling with cool paint and an extra helping of chrome; much improved ground clearance (over the Vulcan).

Gripes: All in the nit-pick category. Rear view mirrors that were a little too closely spaced to see around our brawny, manly size shoulders; turn signals from a bygone era; a somewhat slack shaft drive; and a rear seat in name only.

For the price, though, you can hardly go wrong.

2002 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500 Mean Streak

Engine: 1470-cc, 4-stroke, 50-degree, V-Twin, SOHC, liquid-cooled
Horsepower: 64.3 at 5,600 rpm
Torque: 74.3 foot-pounds at 2,900 rpm
Transmission: 5-speed return shift, shaft drive
Suspension: Front, telescoping fork; Rear, swingarm, air-oil-shock
Fuel capacity: 4.5 U.S. gallons
Fuel mileage (as tested): 38 mpg, average
Brakes: Front, dual hydraulic disc; rear, disc
Dry weight: 637 pounds (listed)
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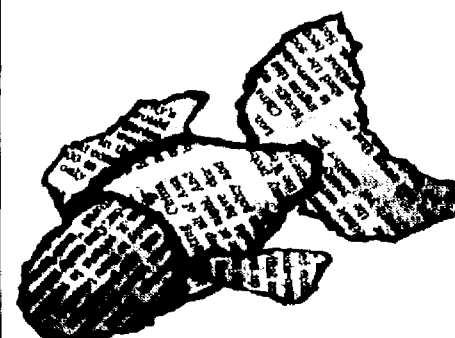
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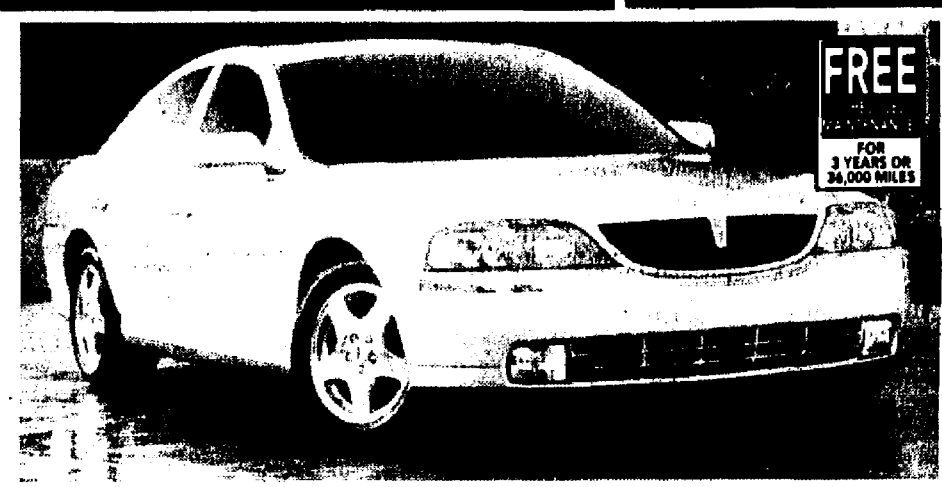
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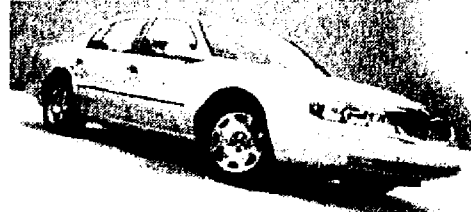


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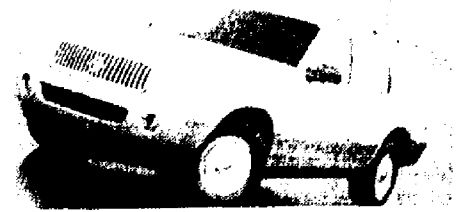
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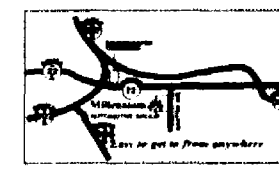
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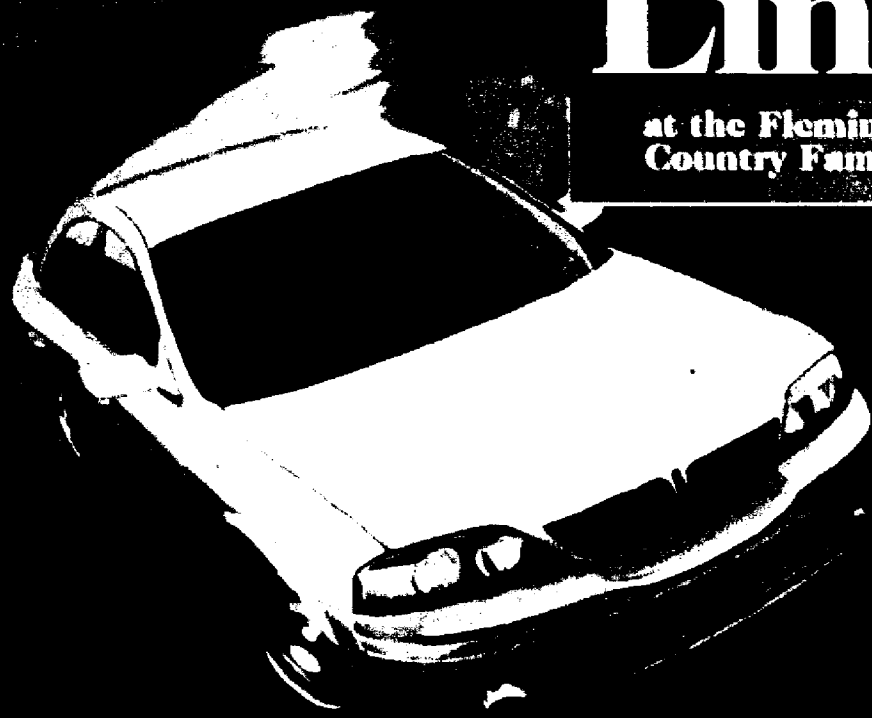


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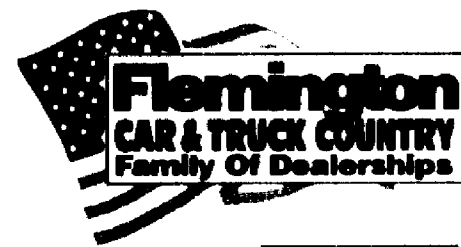
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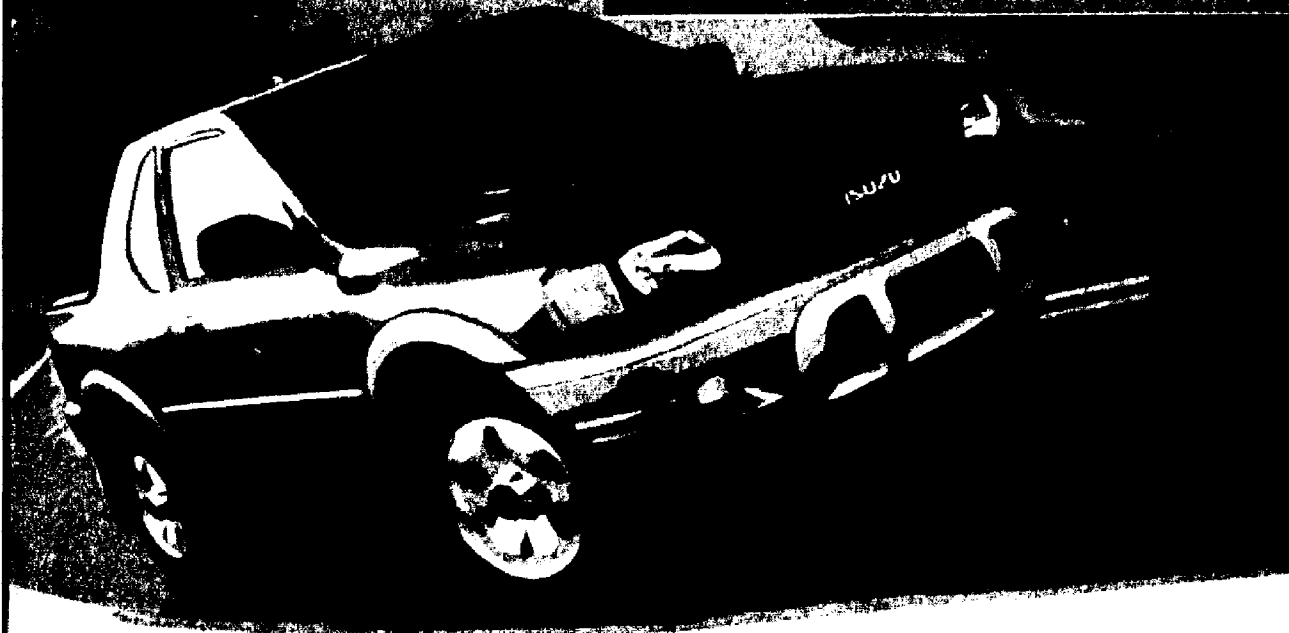
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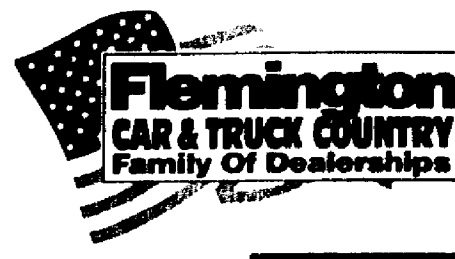
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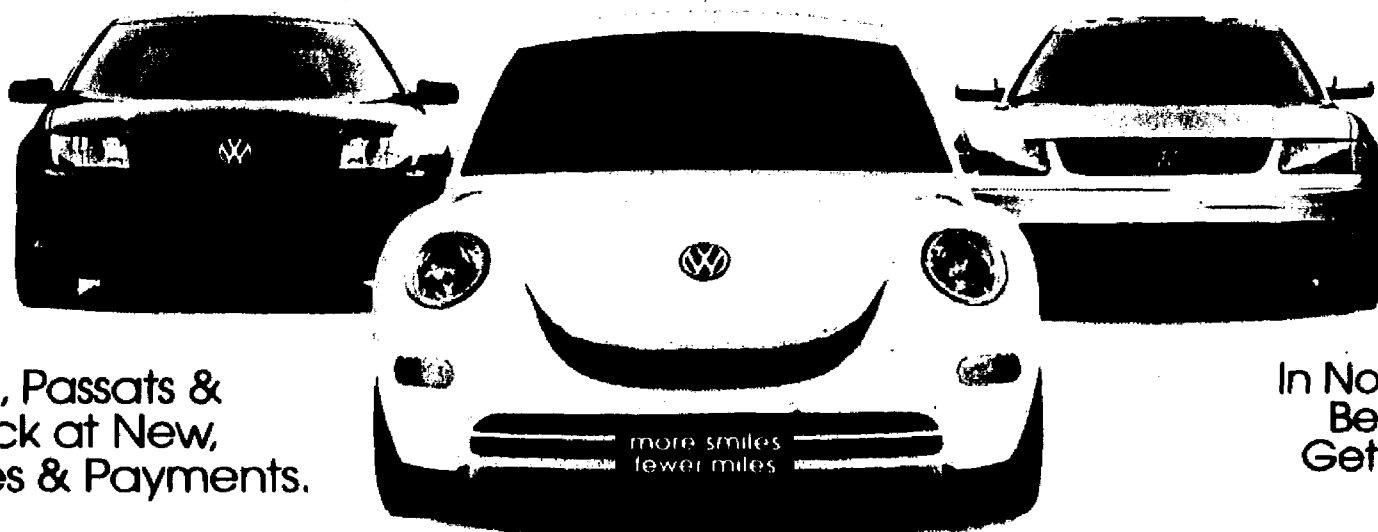
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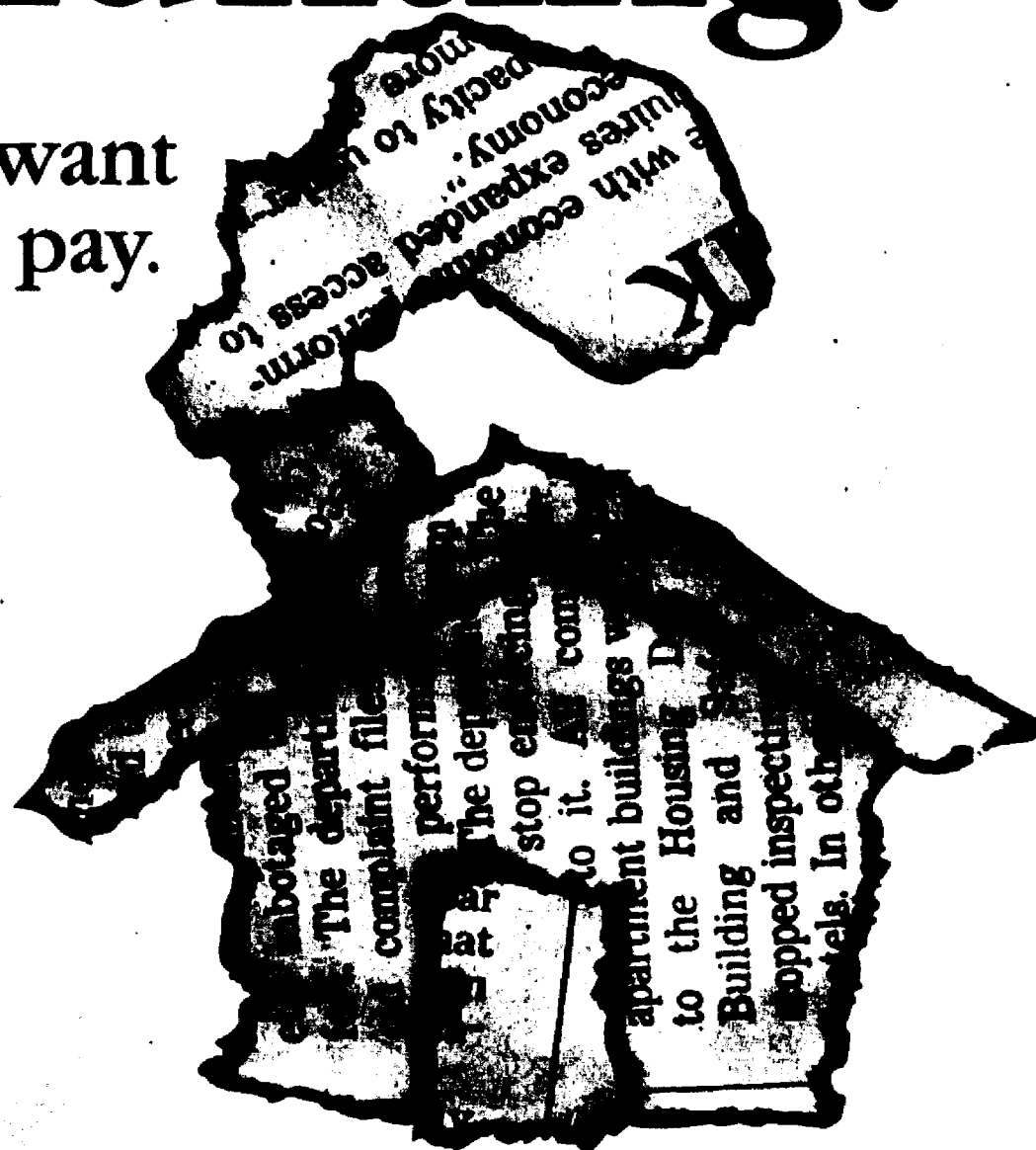
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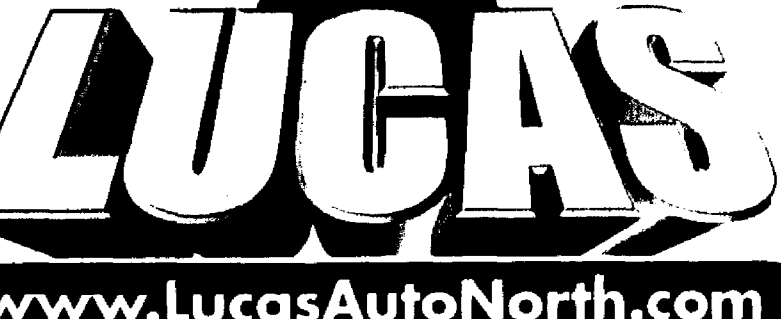
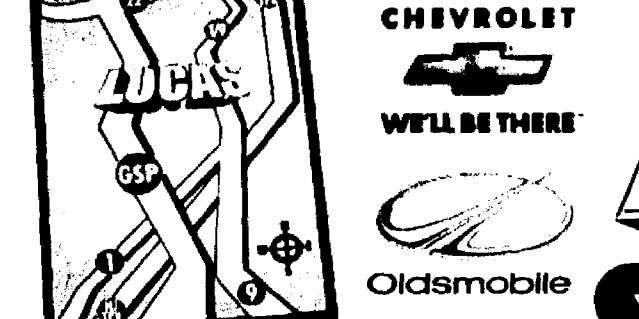
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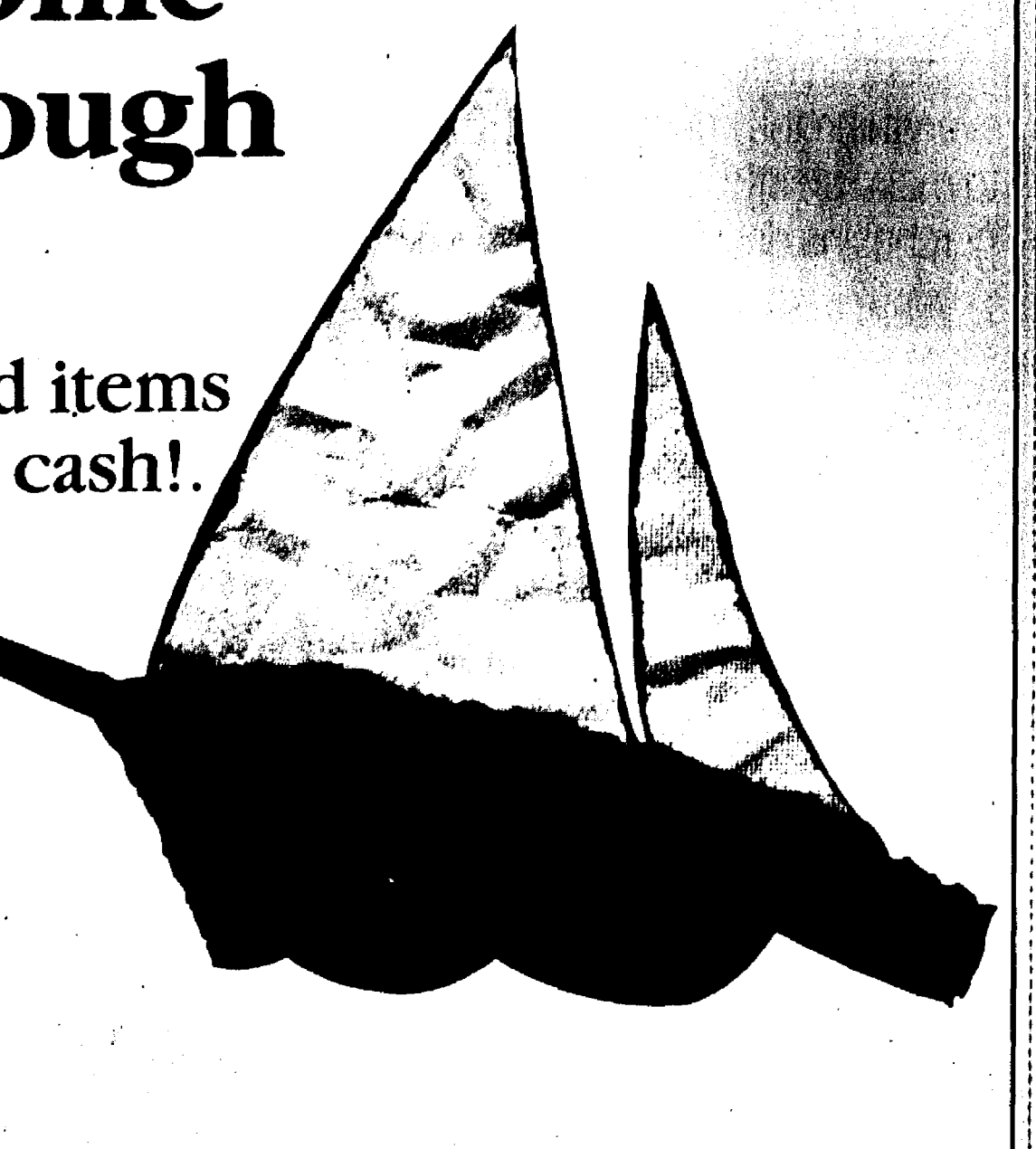
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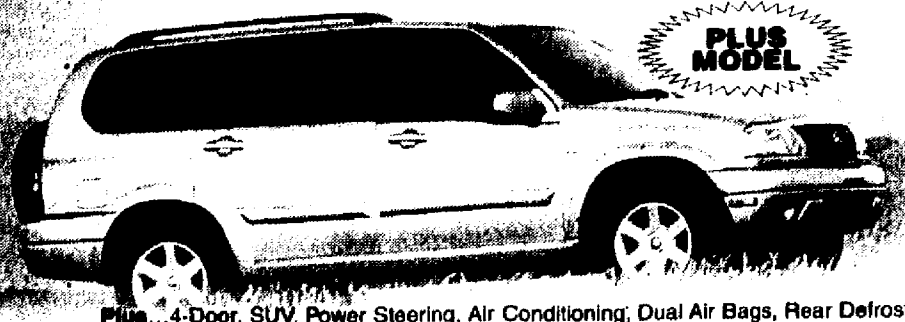


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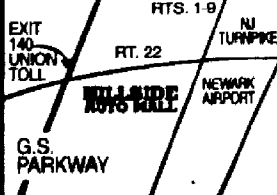


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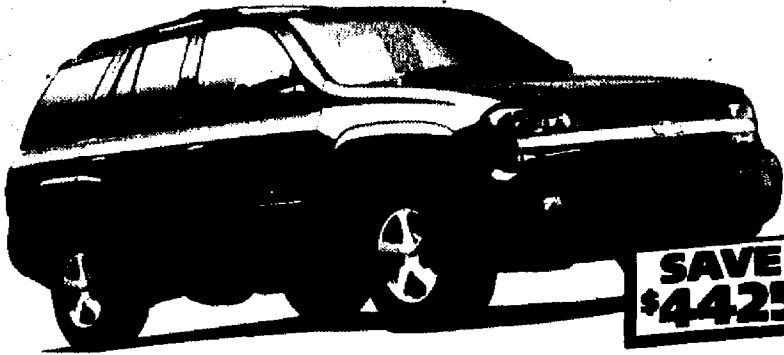
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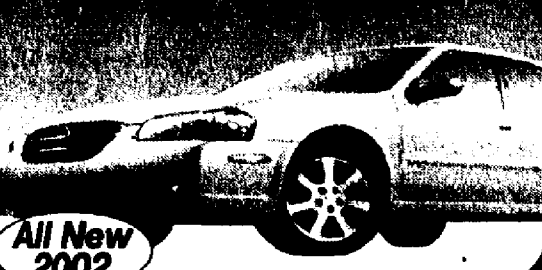
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\$6,999

'98 HONDA CIVIC LX 4DR
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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'97 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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\$11,995

'98 HONDA ACCORD LX
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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'98 HONDA CRV LX SUV
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SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

\$17,995

'99 HONDA ACCORD EX
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

\$18,999

'98 ACURA INTEGRA LS 2DR
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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'99 ACURA 3.2 TL 4DR
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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\$29,900

'97 HONDA ACCORD LX 4DR
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

\$9,800

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SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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'99 VOLVO S-70 4DR
SILVER, 4 cyl, auto, PS, ABS, a/c, am/fm st/cd, pwr, pl, p/mirrors, p/seat, cruise, str/brk, r/def, leather, model # CD600, stkr #0051, vin # 2A016232, MSRP: \$24,000, \$2,500 due at delivery includes \$2,400 cap cost reduction, \$0 ref sec dep, \$0 bank fee & 1st months pmt. Total pymts: \$2,400, total lease cost \$9,544, 11 PCH: \$14,095, 10.

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