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# Around Town

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Lucas Francavilla won his second District 11 title with a 9-1 victory over Westfield's Lee Tomasso. See story on Page C-1.

### **Briefs**

### **Rotarians serve up** pancakes Saturday

WESTFIELD --- Westfield Mayor Gregory S. McDermott has issued a proclamation declaring next week "Westfield

Rotary Scholarship Week." The Rotary Club of Westfield will hold its 37th annual "Pancake Day" as a fund-raiser to support the Rotary Foundation, enabling the club to continue giving scholarships to Westfield High School students and current college students from Westfield. The Rotary Club of Westfield Foundation gives more than \$60,000 each year in scholarships to Westfield college students.

As in the past, the event will take place in the Westfield High School cafeteria between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. The meal will feature pancakes, eggs, sausages and fruit. Local musical groups will provide enter-



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Lee Noste of Scotch Plains shows off the lifelike creation that she calls Jim.

### Scotch Plains' widow's 'Jim' is almost too good to be true

#### By GREG MARX STAFF WRITER

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Many women say they would like a man who doesn't snore, hog the remote, or leave dirty clothes on the floor. Lee Noste actually made one.

When Noste, 77, goes out for a drive in her Lincoln Town Car, she always has a companion in the back seat --- a homemade, but lifelike, dummy she named "Jim" after her late husband.

"I like to feel a presence of someone in my car when I go home at night," said Noste, who makes regular trips from her south Scotch Plains home to Mountainside and the Jersev Shore, "I do like that protection. It's reassuring ...everyone thinks he's real.' Noste says she got the idea for the dummy from a friend in Mountainside, who has herself used a dummy for more 10 years to make any ne'er-do-wells believe she was not traveling alone. The two women crafted "Jim" from a couch pillow pinned to a foam headpiece. They dressed him in a button-down shirt with "sort of a Perry Como sweater," and a scarf to make him look "fancy, like Fred Astaire," Noste said.

The most difficult part was finding a mask, she said. But last Halloween, she headed out to the stores early and found one at a bargain price. Over the mask went one of her husband's old wigs and a cap.

The finishing touches? A Walkman and headphones and a hand-crocheted Afghan so he looks like "all the old people in the nursing homes," Noste said.

She regrets that she has yet to finish the arms and hands, but "Jim" proved lifelike enough to fool one unwitting resident two weeks

While Noste was at her 9 a.m. aerobics class

## **Boy admits** role in sex assault Teen faces 5-year term, will testify against pals

SCOTCH PLAINS - A high school student has admitted being part of a group of five boys who sexually attacked a 13-yearold Fanwood girl earlier this win-

Manuel Batista, 16, of Scotch Plains, pleaded guilty Tuesday in New Jersey Superior Court in Elizabeth to a charge of firstdegree aggravated sexual assault. He also agreed to testify against his four co-defendants in the case.

Although numes of juvenile suspects are usufill our view for a swift ally not made public, Batista is being identified in a violent crime case as he was facing that victimized an entire a trial on adult community." charges and his name was disclosed in a press release issued by the Union

County Prosecutor's Office.

state prison when he is sentenced in June. In exchange for his cooperation against the others, said Assistant Prosecutor Casey Woodruff, he will be sentenced as a second-degree adult offender when he comes before Superior Court Judge John Malone in June.

In addition, Batista will not be

charged with kidnapping. Another adolescent, who allegedly served as a lookout, was released to his family.

The Fanwood girl was approached inside Park Middle School in Scotch Plains shortly after class ended on Jan. 2, according to the release. She was dragged into nearby woods off Park Avenue where she was attacked by a 17-year-old boy and one other teenager.

Batista told the court that he participated in "Today we begin to ful- the assault and saw the girl being injured. and certain prosecution He added that he saw one of the group being designated as a lookout.

The girl suf-– Thomas Manahan fered injuries to Union County her neck, arms Prosecutor and body in the attack, according to the release.

The victim's family is "appre-He faces up to five years in ciative of the efforts of law enforcement and they support the sentencing recommendation we are seeking," said county Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan, who met with the victim and her family prior to the plen. Members of the Juvenile Justice Unit and the Victim Witness Advocacy Unit kept the family informed of

tainment. A children's fair, bake sale and a 50/50 drawing will also be part of the event.

Last year, more than 1.200 guests attended. Tickets are available from any Rotarian or at the door.

### The Record-Press is award-winner

The Record-Press won second place for its front-page design in the New Jersey Press Association award competition for 2001.

The winning pages, designed by Editor Kathleen Phillips. were from the Sept. 28 and Nov. 9 issues.



**Celebration** 

Mikaela Cruz performs an African dance at the Westfield High School Awareness Club's tribute to African-American culture. See Page B-1.

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at the YMCA on a bitter winter day, another patron saw "Jim" in the back seat and thought an elderly man had been abandoned. The person reported the situation to the police, and soon an officer was on the scene.

Noste explained the situation, and police decided "Jim" is perfectly legal, as long as Noste stays away from bridges and tunnels and doesn't try to sneak into the HOV lane.

So she's free to finish his arms - but she may have some more work to do. A few members of the 11 a.m. class have suggested they might like "Jims" of their own.

eligible for parole until he is 20 and must undergo psychiatric evaluation at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel. He aiso must register with authorities as a sex offender on his release.

Three co-defendants, who were identified in court only by their initials, remain in the George W. Herlich Detention Center in Elizabeth pending further hearings. They have been

the progress with the case.

All five suspects were arrested Jan. 5 following an investigation by Scotch Plains police. Scotch Plains Detective Sgt. Brian Mahoney and Detective Jeffrey Briel were credited with getting detailed evidence during their three-day probe.

"foday we begin to fulfill our view for a swift and certain prosecution in a violent crime case that victimized an entire community," Manahan said.

### **Residents air frustration with teacher pact impasse**

#### By THOMAS SCOTT

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - There was no resolution of the impasse in the teacher contract negotiations at the second meeting between the parties and a state fact finder on Feb. 20.

The Board of Education, teachers' union negotiators and the fact finder will meet again March 18.

Board president Donald Sheldon announced the results of the most recent effort at a meeting of the board on Feb. 21.

Residents spoke of their frustrations at the board meeting and of their hope for a contract settlement.

Margaret Ames of Scotch Plains urged the two parties to "split the difference" on disputed issues and settle. The bad feelings

generated by the negotiation will take a long time to repair, she said

Jill Marcovich didn't know how residents could rally behind a budget if there is no contract for teachers.

This happens every three years," she said, "I moved here four years ago and this is the second time it's happened.

Sheldon responded by saying

that both sides have to compromise.

Board member Thomas Russo said he had "heard nobody say we should settle at any cost.

"A culture of confrontation has developed," he said. "We must continue to negotiate a settlement in the best interest of the public and that what we're trying to do.

Susan Street of Fanwood was

concerned about the credibility of the parties to settle and the impact that it is having on the town. "Don't bother to buy a house," she said of the impact on prospective home buyers. "The town can't settle a teacher contract.'

But Russo disagreed saying it is not driving people from the area. He said his house has doubled in value.

### **Panamanian tot thrives** thanks to local Rotarians

When Ray and Sue Jaiko were asked to host a Panamanian infant in need of life-saving heart surgery a year and a half ago, they admit being a little reluctant.

But little Dylan Rios-Fahey stole their hearts.

And when the opportunity came to host another child from Panama, Ray threatened to fight any of his fellow Rotarians who would deny him the chance to host the child.

The Jajkos got their way and little Franklin Torres Moran is getting stronger every day thanks in part to the love he's received from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and the Jajkos.

Franklin is the second infant that the local Rotary Club has sponsored as part of the Gift of Life program.

The newborn from Panama was brought to Central Jersey by the Rotarians so that surgeons could perform an artery transposition on his tiny heart.

On Jan. 29 the infant underwent the first of two open-heart surgeries. On Feb. 11, when an echo cardiogram showed new complications from the first surgery, he was rushed back into the operating room.

The tot was discharged from Beth Israel Hospital in Newark on Feb. 17 and is now recuperating at the Jajkos' Somerset home. He is tentatively scheduled to return to Panama on March 8,

The 30 members of the club raised \$6,000 for each child they sponsored. The hospital donated the surgical team, and the Rotary members funded the children's hospital stay along with the trip from Panama.



Little Franklin Torres Moran underwent two open heart surgeries at Newark Beth Israel Hospital and the prognosis for him now is good, doctors say.

### Scotch Plains, Westfield face board contests

Four candidates will vie for three seats on the Westfield Board of Education and three hopefuls will battle for two seats in Scotch-Plains.

Susan Dyckman, of Chetwood Terrace, is running unopposed for the Fanwood seat being vacated by Jessica D. Simpson.

In Westfield there are three expiring board terms. William Wallace and Annmarie Puleio chose not to seek re-election.

Board President Arlene Gardner of Carlton Road will battle George M. Kattak of Embree Court, Alice C. Hunnicutt of Stanley Oval and William B. Ziff of St Marks Place for the board seats.

In Scotch Plains, Incumbent Edward J. Saridaki of William Street and board President Doneld Sheldon of Acacia Road, will fi newcomer Trip Whitehouse of Kin Street. The Board of Education election is scheduled April 16.

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### Education commission's goof could end up costing

#### By THOMAS SCOTT

THE RECORD PRESS

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WESTFIELD --- The failure of the Union County Educational Services Commission to file on time for renewal of its tax-exempt status in 2001 has the town tax collector and officials looking for reimbursement from the taxexempt organization.

The commission filed days after the deadline last October creating a lapse in their tax standing for 2001. Presently its tax bill is running at more than \$100,000.

According to Town Attorney Robert Cockren there is a "gap in \_ ing from around the county.

the law" relative to the commission's situation. Under the law, the town can rescind or return a tax levy that has been paid, but there is no provision for the town to cancel taxes owed and not paid, he said.

The 32,000-square-foot property, located on Cardinal Drive, is used in part for offices for the commission and for a special-education facility for Pervasive Development Disorder (PPD)/Autism. The school has a capacity of 66 children, ages 4-7. Thirty-three children are from Mountainside with the rest com-

### I Stared In Horror As My Doctor Said... "I've Done All I Can Do... Just Wear This Wrist Splint Whenever You Feel Pain"

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The council wrestled with the practical and philosophical implications of whether they should collect the tax at all and, if so, how would they do it.

The council voted 4-2, with 2 abstentions, to forward a letter to the commission to request financial statements and then bring the matter back before the council within the month. Councilmen Larry Goldman and Kevin Walsh abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Councilman Carl Salisbury said that the missed deadline, even by a few days, was a definite "gotcha." He supported a resolution that exempted the commission because the commission educates handicapped children and the funds don't affect the current budget.

Claire Councilwoman Lazarowitz added that as a taxexempt county school the commission should be subject to either a penalty or disciplinary action instead of the full tax.

Councilman Matt Albano maintained that tax laws were very strictly construed, "...that's why there are deadlines." Westfield has three other tax-exempt county sites besides Cardinal Drive already, he added.

"We more than fairly carry our share of the county load, " said Albano.

While there was no question the commission would be tax exempt in the future, Town Administrator Jim Gildea wanted the council to decide on how to proceed on the 2001 tax liability.

Gildea said the commission refused to pay the taxes because it lacked the funds.

"An entity as big as the county should have known better," said Councilman Peter Echausse, "As a town we have a fiduciary responsibility to stick to the code.

"We don't have to decide this the way a court would decide." said Salisbury, who added the council could rely on, "...(the) dictates of our conscience irrespective of what a court might do.'

"I think we have to go after it," said Mayor Greg McDermott on his position to pursue the matter. "Explore getting the money without going into litigation."

### Settlement talk is news to Town Council

#### By THOMAS SCOTT

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - Town Council members may have been the last to learn about a proposed settlement its lawsuit of the Ward of Commission.

The council members became aware of the proposed settlement when they were asked to review a legal bill submitted by the attorneys for the Ward Commission. The

council had never been contacted by their attorney.

A nearly \$10,000 legal bill was submitted Tuesday night by Town Clerk Bernard Heeney from the law firm of Lum Danzis, Drasco, Positan and Kleinberg, LLC.

The impending settlement led to bewilderment and concern by some council members who said there had been no communication from their attorney Ronald R. Riccio.

"I have an obligation to meet with my attorney on a settlement," Councilman Rafael said Betancourt, "I don't know what he's done.'

"We need to meet with Mr. Riccio, I'm happy to hear a settlement is on the horizon," said Betancourt, "But we're in the dark. ...He needs to come see his client and explain what he has been doing.'

Councilman Lawrence Goldman agreed with Betancourt and said it was his hope that Riccio would come into a conference session to discuss the matter.

But he suggested that members of council could "pick up the phone and call the guy." Goldman also objected to the way the legal bill was being discussed in public

rather than pre-meeting. McDermott said the bill reflects

a settlement of something the council had to discuss.

"I haven't picked up the phone because I haven't felt part of the process, " said Betancourt, "He has an obligation to call, there's no settlement unless he calls us.'

"This whole process is a joke," said Councilman Peter Echausse, who was offended by Goldman's comment that he should pick up a phone and call the lawyer.

"No assumptions should be made until we get the facts, "said Councilman Carl Salisbury

### **Council tours Edgar Reeve House**

whether to accept the property or return it to the Reeve family foun-

dation. Estimates of repairs aver-

aging \$400,000 to \$500,000 could

be phased-in over a period of time.

the Westfield Historic Preservation

**Commission**, have a strong interest

ular, envisioned a town museum on

The Historical Society, in partic-

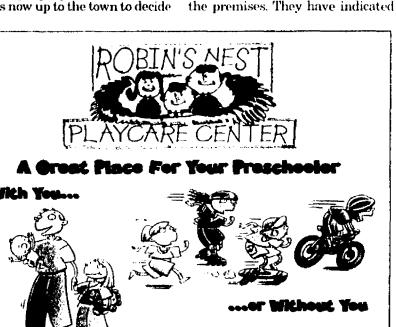
in the project.

Local groups, such as the Westfield Historical Society and

WESTFIELD - The Town Council took a tour of the Edgar Reeve House and found the structure solid and spacious despite some needed renovations.

The house, on Mountain Avenue with the rear of the property abutting Mindowaskin Park, was donated to the town by Edgar Reeve and his brother, Ralph, in 1985 subject to the town's use of the property for a municipal purpose.

It is now up to the town to decide



an interest in donating funds and expertise in restoring the house, if the town will commit to keeping the property.

Nancy Priest of the Westfield Preservation Commission, who was present for the tour, has noted that the house is eligible for historic designation as a landmark.

The council will review the matter next week when Councilman Peter Echausse, chairman of the Building and Town Property Committee will present a report.

### **Briefs**

#### 'First Wednesday' luncheon next week

WESTFIELD --- The Westfield Historical Society holds its "First Wednesday" luncheon at noon March 6 at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave.

Nat Bodian will speak about the Remington manual typewriter and the effect it has had on American life. A retired author and editor, he has written at least 12 books on a Remington he has owned since 1946.

Those who attend the "First

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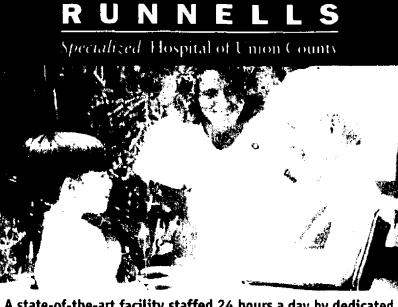


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Wednesday" luncheon on a regular basis will be contacted for reservations. If you are not a regular and wish to attend, phone (908) 233-2930 by noon Monday.

### **'Ladies Nite Out'** planned Tuesday

SCOTCH PLAINS -- All women in Scotch Plains and Fanwood are invited to a "Ladies Nite Out" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at Terrill Middle School, 1301 Terrill Road.

Massage, exercise, health and beauty demonstrations will be offered. Nutritional information also will be supplied. Admission is free.

### Young violinist performs Saturday

WESTFIELD - Alexandra Jenkins has been selected to play the violin in a master class with Joe Gluck, a violinist with the Jersey New Symphony Orchestra.

The master class is 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. Alexandra is 12 years old and one of six young violinists who qualified for the master class based on auditions held last month.

Admission free. is Reservations are recommended; phone (908) 790-0700,





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### Getting to know you...

Assemblyman Tom Kean Jr.; center, meets with some of the estimated 200 people who dropped in at the District 21 legislators' open house Sunday at their office in Westfield.

### **Rutgers Extension offering** free investment course on Net

WESTFIELD — Rutgers Cooperative Extension is offering a basic investing home study course called "Investing for your Future." The course is available in both print form and on the Internet at www.investing.rutgers.edu.

"Investing for your Future" has been updated for 2001 tax law changes. It includes 158 pages of text, with 11 units or "action steps" that encourage readers to improve their finances, and a comprehensive glossary of investment terms. The online version also includes an opportunity for readers to have an investment question answered by personal finance experts at more than a dozen universities, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Treasury Department.

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funds. There are also units that focus specifically on tax-advantaged investing and investments that can be purchased for \$1,000 or less. The last three units cover investor resources, how to select professional financial advisers and information about types and warning signs of investment fraud.

Those with Internet access can obtain "Investing for your Future" at no charge. Online users are asked to complete an electronic registration form and are eligible to receive a certificate of completion. The online version of the course also includes links to dozens of websites that provide additional investing information.

To register for the print version, call the extension office at (908) 272-2397 during business hours.

It can also be obtained by mailing a check for \$15 made payable to HE Programs and Bulletins to the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County, 3 High St., first floor, Newton, N.J. 07860.

#### What you can do

WESTFIELD — A presentation to explain the different types of mutual funds and their advantages and drawbacks will be from 7-9 p.m. March 12 at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension auditorium at 300 North Ave. East. Resources and techniques for mutual fund selection will also be discussed. Instructor will be Erica Fried of Fried Financial Consultants. Call Cathy Forsythe at (908) 654-9854 to register. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of handouts.

### **12 marksmen engaged for reservation deer kill**

#### By THOMAS SCOTT THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Twelve marksman will participate in a deer hunt next week on the Watchung Reservation along the township border.

From 1996-1999, Union County's state approved deer management program worked to reduce the number of deer in the Watchung Reservation from an estimated 180 deer per square mile to 20 deer per square mile.

The goal was achieved one year earlier than anticipated, according to county officials, and the program currently under way, begun in 2000, changed the

emphasis from reduction to maintenance at that density.

In an effort to ease the concerns of those who live near or use the reservation, the county Department of Parks and Recreation has mailed information about the annual deer management program to households surrounding the park.

The hours of the program will be 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In the event of inclement weather, Thursday and Friday may become program days. Teams of agents will be supervised by the Union County Police and representatives from the New Jersey Division of Fish

and Wildlife.

The deer that are killed will be processed and the venison will be distributed to the needy and homeless through the Community FoodBank of New Jersey

The Watchung Reservation will not be closed during the deer management program, however, portions of some roadways inside the park may be closed for short periods. Park patrons are encouraged to stay on the marked hiking, walking and bridle trails.

For further information please contact the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

### **High school construction bids come in lower than expected**

WESTFIELD — Construction bids on Westfield High School addition and renovations came in substantially lower than what was expected Board of Education officials last week.

The bids were opened by board secretary Robert Berman on Feb. 12 and examined by Berman, the architectural firm of Faridy, Veisz, Fraytak and the district's construction management firm, Raimondo Contracting Corp.

The successful bidders also received positive recommendations from current and previous clients.

The following bids were approved:

General construction — Crain Construction Co., Hackensack, \$6,156,400;

Structural steel — Sprata Steel Corp., Sparta, \$686,590; Plumbing — Hammond

Plumbing — Hammond Contracting Co., Bloomfield, \$701,000; Heating, ventilating and air

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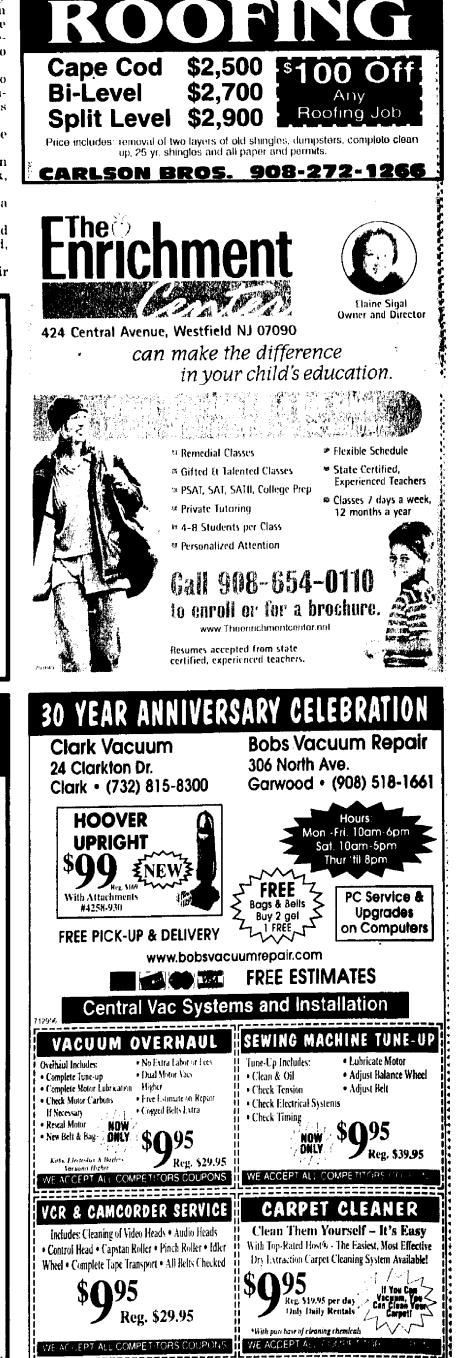


If you've suffered a broken bone, you probably know that usually hones heal even sturdier than before the injury. Soft tissue damage, however, often does not heal as completely without intervention. Physical therapy can help you recovering from a soft tissue muty laster, with conditioning — Hammond Contracting, Bloomfield, \$1,706,110;

Electricity — Tee Electric, Forked River, \$821,906.

"We have been very satisfied with the recommendations of our

Hammond architects during their involve-Bloomfield, ment in other additions undertaken by the district," said Superintendent of Schools 06. William J. Foley, "I am certain we have very good people on this itions of our project."





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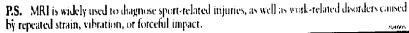
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### **Campus notes**

Marisa Elaine Mangione of 28 Linda Place, Fanwood, has graduated from the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. She received a bachelor's degree at winfer commencement exercises on çampus Jan. 5. -

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Stacey Marshall of Scotch Plains has earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the DeVry Institute of Technology in North Brunswick. She received her degree in June and is working for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Douglas William Gillie of 1480 Golf St., Scotch Plains, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is a freshman.

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Christine Marie Brock of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C.

Elise Daniledes played the clarinet with the Connecticut College orchestra in its "Amadeus" concert Dec. 21 on campus in New London, Conn. The all-Mozart program featured the overture to "Idomeneo," K.366; the "Turkish" Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major, K.219; and the "Paris" Symphony No. 31 in D major, K.297.

Daniledes is a junior at Connecticut College and a 1999 alumna of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She is the daughter of E. Joy Daniledes of Scotch Plains and Peter Daniledes of Fanwood.

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\*\*\* Edward Jackson of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Mass. He is a sophomore majoring in music production and engineer-

ing. The son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Scotch Jackson graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Maria T. Hodges of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Fordham University in the Bronx. She is a junior. . . .

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Providence College in Providence, R.I. They are Stephen Cusimano of 863 Shadowlawn Drive, Westfield, a

### **Military notes**

Huckleberry A. Finne has been commissioned an ensign in the Navy on his graduation from officer candidate school at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. He earned a bachelor's degree from Finne of Neshanic Station.

the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University in 2001. A 1996 alumnus of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Finne is the grandson of Florence V.



#### sophomore; Erin Gibbons of 672 Boulevard, Westfield, a freshman; and Natalie Orsini of 411 Wells St., Westfield, a sophomore.

Jeremy Zaccaro of Westfield received honorable mention for academic achievement in his junior year at the Hyde School, a preparatory school in Woodstock, Conn. He is the son of Michael & Cheryl Zaccaro.

Joseph Ascolese and Jennifer Ascolese, students at Rowan University, have been named to the Dean's List. Joseph, a junior, is majoring in health and exercise science. Jennifer is a sophomore majoring in psychology. They graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ascolese of Fanwood.



### Life in space

Students at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield learn about life in outer space during an assembly. MaryJo Boyle of the Franklin Institute Science Museum told the students how a rocket gets into space and docks with the space station. With the help of James O'Rourke, a second-grader, she showed how difficult it is to perform everyday activities such as eating and using a bathroom in a low-gravity environment.

### **Residents invited to tour** schools, ask questions

This March, residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood can take advantage of three opportunities to speak and hear about their public schools.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye will join parents and other residents for coffee, refreshments and conversation at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Park Middle School She will discuss growth in the district schools, progress in the buildings' renovation and expansion and issues in education.

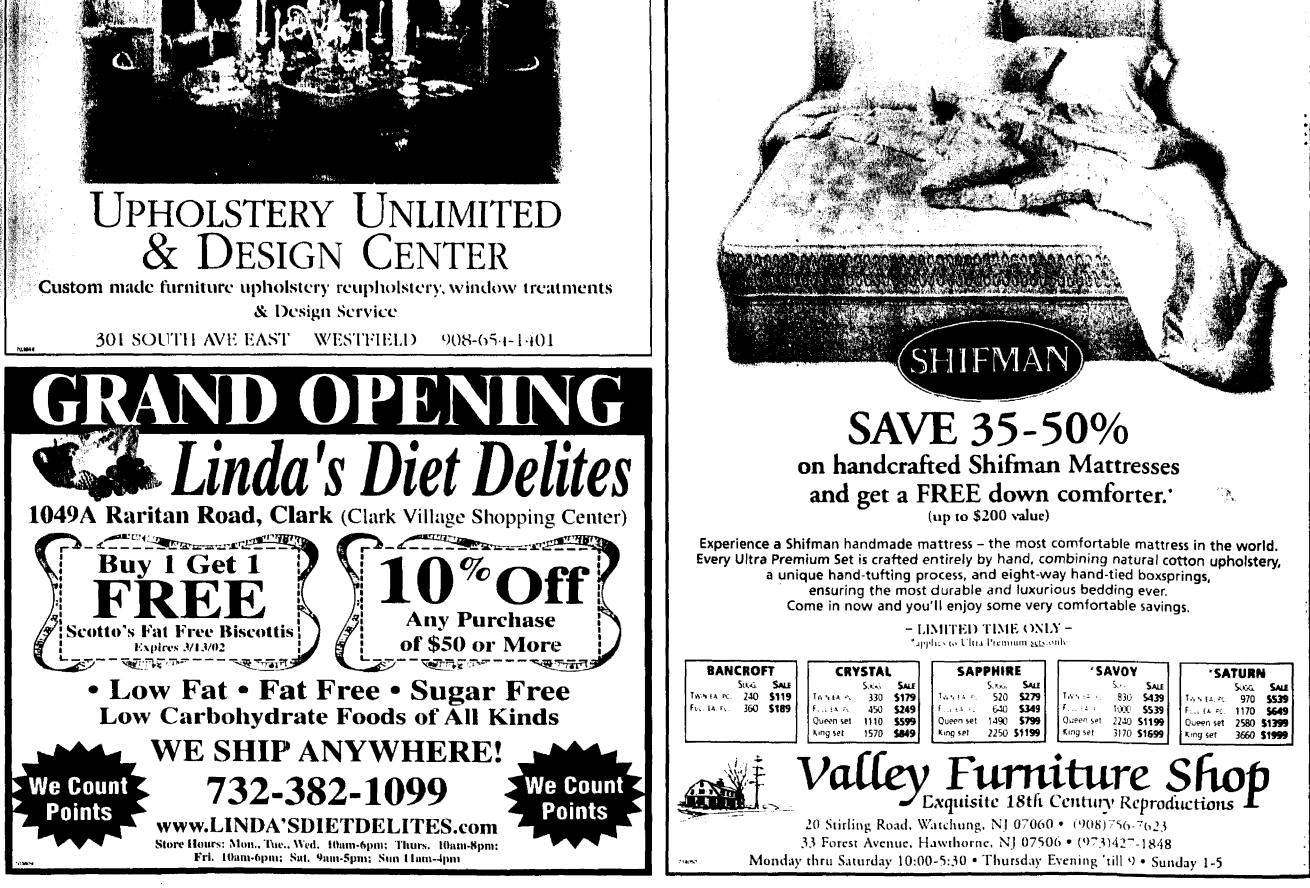
To celebrate Middle Level

middle schools will conduct tours. On Tuesday, March 19, Terrill Middle School will be open for interested parents and residents to tour the building while classes are in session. Park Middle School will host tours Wednesday, March 20. The middle school tours both begin at 9 a.m. and will last about 90 minutes.

School administrators and PTA representatives will be on hand to answer questions at both tours. Parents of current third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders are particularly encouraged to visit the middle Education Days, the district's two — schools and ask questions.



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**Record-Press** 

### **Pair face drug distribution charges after arrest in Westfield**

#### WESTFIELD

A New Brunswick resident reported Feb. 18 an act of criminal mischief to her motor vehicle as it was parked on North Chestnut Street.

The Fairview Cemetery reported on Feb. 19 an act of illegal dumping. \*\*\*

Miguel Ronquillo, 36, of Chalet Drive, Woodbridge, was charged Feb. 19 with supplying false information to the police on a motor vehicle stop. Ronquillo posted bail of \$250 and was released.

Charles Boulding, 30, of East Seventh Street, Plainfield, was charged Feb. 19 at East Jersey State Prison on a Westfield criminal warrant.

Boulding was also charged Feb. 20 on a contempt of court warrant from Plainfield. Boulding was held on \$500 bail.

A Central Avenue resident reported Feb. 19 an identity theft.

Douglas Cosmetics on Central Avenue reported Feb. 19 an incident of shoplifting.

Francesca Santos, 24, of Madison Avenue, Plainfield, was charged Feb. 19 on an outstanding warrant out of Westfield. Santos was released upon posting a \$50 bail.

Luis Macaluso, 25, of South Avenue, was charged Feb. 19 on an outstanding warrant out of Belmar. Macaluso was released on his own recognizance.

Maealivo was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Cristopher Williams, 47, of Parkway, New Memorial Brunswick, was charged Feb. 20 on a contempt of court warrant out of New Brunswick. Williams posted bail in the amount of \$102.

James E. McCoy, 24, of Riley Place was charged Feb. 21 on a warrant out of Berkeley Heights. McCoy was processed and released upon posting \$165.

A Garwood resident reported Feb. 21 that a car was stolen from the parking lot at Lord & Taylor. The vehicle is a silver colored, 1997 Taurus.

Natalie Vasquez, 19, and Michael Brown, 19, both of Rahway were charged Feb. 22 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be cocaine), possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be cocaine), possession

### Police Log

Also charged was Eugene Kolb. 20, of Rahway, who was charged with resisting arrest, obstruction of the administration of law and disorderly conduct.

Kolb and Vasquez were released with summons. Brown was held pending posting bail.

A Sancher Circle resident reported Feb. 22 that someone dented his car on the driver's side.

A Scotch Plains resident reported Feb.22 that someone entered his vehicle and a car phone was stolen.

Norma R. Paíge, 57, of Rolling Peaks Way, Scotch Plains, was charged on a \$79 traffic ticket out of Westfield.

Dominic Frangipane, 18, of Outlook Boulevard, Cliffwood Beach, was charged Feb. 22 on a warrant out of New Brunswick. Frangipane posted bail of \$200.

A Seneca Place resident reported Feb. 22 the theft of a bicycle from the northside train station.

Christopher Burger, 21, of Scotch Plains, was charged Feb. 22 on a warrant out of the Westfield Municipal Court. Burger was

the business. Rusiko Iluridze, 47. of Roselle

released after posting \$300 bail.

Ebony Johnson, 28, of Bradford

Street, Plainfield, was charged Feb.

23 on East Broad Street on a war-

rant out of the Bloomfield

Municipal Court. Johnson posted

Westfield police headquarters on a

contempt of court warrant and

posted bail of \$150 and was

James West, 44, of Raymond

Thomas Boylan III, 21, of Scotch

Plains, and Jason Semple, 22, of

Fanwood were charged on Feb. 24

with possession of a controlled dan-

gerous substance (marijuana,

released on their own recognizance.

Broad Street, reported Feb. 24 the

theft of cash and a strong box from

Boylan and Semple were

Cosimo's Restaurant, East

Street was charged Feb. 23 on a

warrant out of Harrison. West post-

ed bail of \$73 and was released.

Johnson was also charged at the

bail of \$150 and was released.

released.

Iluridze was issued a summons and released on her own recognizance.

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

An East Second Avenue business reported Feb. 18 that someone damaged the front window sometime over the past two days,

A 15-year-old Scotch Plains boy was taken into custody on Feb. 18 on allegations of possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana).

The juvenile was also a suspect in two incidents involving harassing phone calls made overnight within the township. Complaints are pending in juvenile court. The youth was released to responsible adults, according to police.

An East Second Street business

reported Feb. 20 that a small amount of cash was taken from the cash register sometime during the late afternoon while the business was closed. There was no sign of forced entry.

A Hetfield Avenue resident reported Feb. 20 that a bicycle was allegedly taken by an acquaintance in November, was not returned and cannot be recovered.

A Greensview Court resident reported Feb. 21 the theft of jewelry from the residence sometime during the day. There was no sign of forced entry.

An East Second Street business

reported Feb. 22 an attempt to gain entry to the premises overnight, Prv marks were found near a rear window and door.

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There was a report Feb. 24 that a bottle was used to break a window of a vehicle parked on Cook Avenue sometime overnight.

Harry Sorenson, 63, of South Broad Street, Elizabeth, was charged Feb. 24 with burglary and criminal mischief for allegedly smashing out a window to a business in the 1900 block of Route 22 West and entering the premises.

Police responded to an alarm activation found the suspect inside the building Sorenson was processed and released on a summons.

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Park, was charged Feb. 24 with shoplifting from Lord & Taylor.

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March 1, 2002

# Commentary

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### Paper only reports the news

"12 students are arrested when police raid party" shouted the headline, which stood next to a four-column picture of a lovely, well-kept Victorian home in Cranford.

And the echoes keep coming.

The display caused pain, one reader complained. The owners work hard keeping up their home, they shouldn't be embarrassed, another said.

Nobody who called expressed any outrage that between 50 or 60 young people — 12 of those arrested were Cranford High School students — were illegally drinking alcohol at a house when the homeowners were out of state on vacation.

One of the young people was so intoxicated the Cranford First Aid Squad was called.

Intoxication kills.

So do drunk drivers. Or did all those young people walk to the party?

The story was newsworthy for two other reasons. It was the first time that Cranford police enforced a controversial municipal ordinance passed a year ago that allows police to enter private property if there is a reasonable suspicion of unsupervised underaged drinking.

Police Chief Harry Wilde made a speech defending the ordinance at a Township Committee meeting and called on parents to take a more active stand against teen drinking.

The raid also came on the heels of complaints by high school student leaders that the district's zero tolorance policy violated their rights by punishing students for actions not committed on 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.

If a student leader were at that house, he/she should be stripped of that position of responsibility. Participating in a drunken, rowdy party demonstrates neither the responsible nor mature attributes that are essential for students in leadership roles.

Irresponsible young people who are a danger to themselves and possibly others is newsworthy and this newspaper would be derelict if the story were played down. It is not this newspaper's job to preserve the vision any community has of itself or to spin the news so as not to embarrass members of the community.

It is our job to report what happened. It's up to the parents — and the community — to make sure we never have to report such an event again.

### The Record-Press is here for you

The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into *The Record-Press*: Call Editor Kathleen Phillips at (908) 575-6686 with ADDED SECURITY ADDED SECURITY

### Captive bolt killing is inhumane

#### To The Record-Press:

The New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife has approved a private company, White Buffalo, to conduct a large-scale massacre of innocent deer in Princeton.

The plan calls for a wide-scale capture of deer in nets. The terrified animals are then killed by the captive bolt method, which drives a bolt into the animals' skulls. But because the deer are struggling when they are captured in the net, it often takes

many strikes before they are killed.

This is hideous and intolerable. Killing by riflebearing sharpshooters, and not the usual hunters, would be more humane.

Please contact Governor McGreevey to intervene with his state agency and White Buffalo. His address is Gov. James E. McGreevey, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625.

George Toenes, Westlield

### **Business owners come through**

#### To The Record-Press:

Heartfelt thanks to all the local merchants, shop owners and restaurateurs who gave so generously to support our annual parents social fund-raiser. So many worthy causes have asked for donations this year, but these dedicated entrepreneurs still reached in their pockets again to show tremendous

### Good neighbors make a difference

support for a school in our community and, most of all, for our children. We in turn shall show our support for you.

VIVIAN STRANO Treasurer, Jefferson School PTO Westfield



Jersey Boy

Here's another reason to hate Valentine's Day: The flu.

It may be just coincidence, but have you noticed the great amount of people who have gotten ill since Feb. 14?

That's the day when we come in close contact with loved ones and we have more important things on our minds than washing our hands before taking another plunge into a box of chocolates. There is also a lot of hugging, kissing and embracing — all of which can contribute to the reckless spread of disease (especially if you're giving your child a Valentine's Day hug.)

As usual, I avoided contact with humans on Valentine's Day; perhaps that's why I'm feeling fine today while others have been waylaid by the flu.

There is also another theory about the recent flu outbreak the germs were brought to our shores by all the foreigners coming to America for the Olympics. This is what happens when people share a luge.

Though I have had colds in the past years, it's been a decade since I last had the flu — May 22, 1991 — and about seven years since I had an intestinal virus. I'm overdue.

As a child, I looked forward to getting sick. The bother of going to the doctor and getting a shot was worth the gift of staying home from school for two or three days and watching reruns of "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and reading Hardy Boys books. Of course, I don't have that luxury now. As a student, you can always make up the lesson; but as a journalist, you can never catch up on the news. If you're not there when it happens, the story is gone and can never be brought back. If I stay at home watching Dick Van Dyke reruns, I feel as if

story suggestions, questions or comments.

For sports, call Dan Murphy at (908) 575-6698.

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#### To The Record-Press:

Many of us residents are blessed by God with good neighbors and former neighbors.

My former neighbors, Jim and Ethel Brady, have enriched my life with their kindness and knowledge.

I'm proud of the fact that the Brady family is Irish and Germanic, like I am, and that we share a love of animals.

Ethel and Jim have provided me with good advice during times when I was insecure. I'm grateful to God to live in a wonderful town like Cranford, and to have good friends like the Bradys, who are intelligent, thoughtful people.

Martha McLoughlin, Cranford

### **Goose droppings are a nuisance**

#### To The Record-Press:

I totally agree with Angela and Peter Lisciotto concerning the goose problem. It is impossible to spread a blanket in Nomahegan Park and it is even difficult at times to walk the paths in the park without stepping in goose dung. I walk past Sperry Park every day on my way to the train station and constantly have to dodge goose droppings. Their numbers are expanding and every year they move farther up the hill. I am concerned and feel something should be done.

MARY J. WILFORD Cranford

### Still no green light in Kenilworth

#### To The Record-Press:

As of Feb. 19, 61 days after winning the threefamily controversy, the fire inspector refuses to sign permits for the house at 480 Washington Ave, to be finished. He and the fire chief are the only people who will not let the house be finished. Every other inspector has signed off on his permits.

Aren't there a mayor and council in this town of Kenilworth? Or do these other two people run our town? It seems they do. The fire inspector refuses to put down in writing what is requesting they do. How can the Puglieses fix what he has problems with if they aren't told what the problems are?

The Board of Adjustment approved the threefamily continuance on Dec. 20. But our beloved mayor and council don't choose to have their people abide by the law either. They have chosen to take a back seat to this problem their taxpayers are having. What's more, they appointed both of these men for their positions. It is a direct reflection on the mayor and council and their integrity or obviously, lack of. They choose to let the fire chief and fire inspector to do as they wish.

There are a few people who have expressed their concerns on this issue. They know what's happening isn't right. But why are they so afraid to stand up? It's not like they don't have other jobs. Is it the status their title holds? In my opinion, what's the point in having a title if you can't do the job the right way?

SHEILA K. SPINOSO Kenilworth

### Fire chief should get with program

#### To The Record-Press:

What now?

**480** Washington Ave. is still subjected to the whims of the volunteer fire chief.

Who's in charge here? Haven't the Puglieses been put through enough political rhetoric regarding the issue of whether or not 480 Washington Ave, was and always had been a three-family dwelling?

I might add that the Pugliese family did prevail in truth and that they did indeed do their homework to assist them in the outcome. What I feel was troubling is that they (the borough) held all the information in their own borough records and historical background.

One can state it certainly was a learning experience.

I believe the Puglieses have a right to construct a driveway which will allow their tenants ample enough parking and to also alleviate the on-street parking in our neighborhood. And, keep in mind, permission was granted to begin with, but then was rescinded and the only opposition was the volunteer fire chief, why?

I see no reasoning to justify his actions given the fact that there are two other existing driveways that also face the front of the firehouse. Something is amiss here. Where's the justice for all?

And then, more importantly, how about no law/no ordinance to substantiate? What's the deal? By the way, let's not leave out the being reasonable and fair toward others.

So what's the problem? It seems to me that the volunteer fire chief should attend to more important matters than to be bothering citizens for trying to accommodate their tenants and the borough to free up parking places on the street. Will this ever end?

JANET A. YENDRICK Kenilworth I'm missing something important. And I can't stand being scooped by a microbe.

There are no secrets to staying relatively healthy. I keep bottles of Tums and Excedrin in my desk; I take these as a preventive measure. I chew on Tums before I go to lunch and I swallow Excedrin three hours before deadline. To keep my blood pressure under control, I get away from my desk at least five minutes every hour and I try to make myself laugh even when faced with editing a story that was written in cuneiform. I repeat to myself that life is too short to have heart palpitations over a dangling participle or a misspelled name. There is still too much life ahead of me to endure an apoplectic fit that ends with brain matter shooting out of my ears at 65 miles per hour.

I don't get enough exercise and my diet, like most people who work too many hours, is not particularly healthy (have you ever heard one of those pimpled counter workers --- those walking sources of staph -say, with the forlorn solemnity generally reserved for bartenders refusing to serve a drunk, "Sir, there really is no rational reason to have both onions rings and fries with that Whopper?") But I do not over-indulge in anything; I engage in all my bad habits in moderation. Perhaps that's the key to good health.

What would make this country healthier is to get rid of health insurance that covers visits to the doctors for simple ailments such as colds. Your body and your health insurance premiums will be much better in the long run if you just stayed at home and watch Dick Van Dyke repeats. The human body has a wonderful way of healing itself, if you simply rest and let the antibodies do their thing. Unless you're retching up something that looks like the devil's guacamole or have unexpected fluids oozing from unusual orifices, you'll better off not going to the doctor.

Getting sick is your body's way of forcing you to slow down. And slowing down in your normal pace of life will keep your from getting sick. And next Valentine's Day, don't share any chocolates with a luger from Norway.

### G. Ginger Heald; helped found SP library

Ginger Heald, 72, a longtime Republican Party officer who helped found the Scotch Plains Public Library, died Feb. 20 at Brick Hospital.

She campaigned for the establishment of the Martine Avenue library and was appointed to its first board of trustees. Mrs. Heald founded the Friends of the Scotch Plains Library, a form of library auxiliary, and helped establish similar organizations in other towns. As an active member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA she helped form libraries in elementary schools and set up training programs for school librarians throughout the state.

Mrs. Heald was president of the Union County Republican Women's Club for seven years and a former secretary to the chairman of the county Republican Organization. The longtime GOP committeewoman was a legislative aide to Assemblymen William McGuire, Ed Gill and Peter Genova. She also was an assistant to the vice president of the Fahnestock brokerage firm.

A founder and charter member of Scotch Plains-Fanwood YES, Mrs. Heald was a former NJ 08724.

WESTFIELD - Jesse W. Huff, 85, died Feb. 21, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 1987 after 40 years as a biochemist at the Rahway plant of Merck & Co. and Merck Sharp & Dohme.

Mr. Huff was born in Penn Township, Pa. He lived in Lansdale, Pa., before moving to Westfield in 1957.

He was a teacher at Duke University Medical School before joining Sharp & Dohme Co., a predecessor to Merck. Mr. Huff earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate from Duke.

As a member of the Flintlocks, Mr. Huff was among at Whitemarsh Memorial Park, the senior men who built docks, buildings and picnic tables for by Gray Funeral Home.

Plains YMCA. For five years she was a co-chairman of American Cancer Society crusades in Union County.

She was active in the Senior Adventurers program at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, where Mrs. Heald taught Sunday school and partieipated in programs for the handicapped.

Angeles. She lived in Austin, Texas, before moving to Scotch Plains in 1957.

Robert L. in 1995; and her parents, Henry and Molly Mueller.

Surviving are two sons, Robert S. of Ramsey and Richard H. and wife Debra of Brick; a daughter, Tracy A. Heald Burns and husband Rick of Farmington, N.M.; a sister, Bernice Holle of Austin; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday at First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Donations may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, NJ 07090 or Heald Educational Trust, 20 Oak Knoll Drive, Brick,

### Jesse W. Huff

Boy Scouts' the Camp Winnebago in Rockaway. He recently donated a sizable amount to the Flintlocks for a large building that will be used. by the Boy Scouts.

He was active for 25 years in Boy Scout Troop 172, sponsored

A daughter, Karen, and a son,

Surviving are his wife of 58 Huff; two sons, Randy of Exton, Pa., and David Thomas Huff of Westfield; a daughter, Debra-Huff Evans of Malibu, Calif.

Services were Wednesday at Wayside Chapel Ambler, Pa. Arrangements were

### Norma Lang

SCOTCH PLAINS - Norma L. Eberhardt Lang, 74, died Feb. 18, 2002 at her home in Berkeley Heights. She once was a checks clerk with Ortho Pharmaceutical Co. and the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

Kenilworth, Oakland, Florham nephews.

SCOTCH PLAINS - G. trustee of the Fanwood-Scotch

Mrs. Heald was born in Los

Deceased are her husband,

### **Obituaries**

### Monica L. Byrne

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WESTFIELD - Monica L. Robert and wife Gay of Wyckoff Byrne, 76, died Feb. 19, 2002 at The Medical Center at Princeton. She had been a volunteer at St. Lawrence Center Rehabilitation in Lawrenceville.

Mrs. Byrne was born in Millburn and had lived in Westfield before moving to Lawrenceville in 1992. She was a parishioner of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Lawrenceville.

Deceased are her husband, Thomas J.; her parents, Frederick Libertino and Genevieve Saber Libertino; a daughter, Monica Di Tomasso; and a son, John M.

Surviving are five sons, Thomas J. and wife Sue of Readington, Fred and wife Ann of Maiden, N.C., Paul and wife Sue of Woodinville, Wash.,

He was born in Roselle and

WESTFIELD

Clark.

### John R. Montag

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John Association of Retired Persons Richard Montag, 85, died Feb. chapter in Westfield. 16, 2002 at Francis E. Parker

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

and William and wife Elizabeth

of Gilroy, Calif.; four daughters,

Mary Jo Armstrong and hus-

band Jack of Lawrenceville,

Teresa Baldwin and wife

Richard of Woodbury, Conn., Jill

of Annandale and Eileen Ruth

and husband Lindsley of Mooresville, N.C.: 27 grandchil-

dren and three great-grandchil-

Services were held Friday at

Poulson & Van Hise Funeral

Directors, Lawrenceville, fol-

lowed by a funeral Mass at St.

Ann's Church. Burial was in

Memorial donations may be

sent to St. Anthony Messenger,

28 W. Liberty St., Cincinnati,

OH 45210 or St. Ann Faith

Development Center, 1253

Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville,

Fairview Cemetery.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

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

Surviving are a son, George B.

Services were held yesterday

Plainfield, followed by a Mass at

St. Bernard's Church. Burial was

Mary's

St.

Plainfield.

Cèmetery,

### George Sanford Jr.

SCOTCH PLAINS -- George B. Sanford Jr., 74, died Feb. 25, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been in the insurance field for more than 30 years, retiring as a manager with Maryland Casualty Co. of Morris Plains.

Mr. Sanford was born in Jacksonville, Fla., and had lived in Providence, R.I., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1966. He had resided in Edison since 2000.

was a member of He Nomahegan Swim Club in Westfield and the Italian-American Social Club in North

### **Esther A.L. Simon**

in

### **Charles Leslie Fritz**

WESTFIELD - Charles Leslie Fritz, 88, died Feb. 23, 2002 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. He retired in 1978 after 10 years as an industrial engineer at the Union plant of Schering-Plough Corp.

He was born in Bayonne and lived in Westfield before moving to Millington in 1950.

Mr. Fritz graduated in 1934 from Lehigh University, where he was a swimmer and cross country athlete. He was a member of Beta-Theta Pi fraternity at Lehigh.

His wife, Ruth MacEvoy Fritz, died in 1979.

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Rose

Nursing

Keats, 83, died Feb. 25, 2002 at

Rehabilitation Center. She had

been a past-president of the

New York City and Florida sup-

port chapters for the Children's

Hospital for Asthmatic

Mrs. Keats was born in New

York City and lived in Boca-

Raton, Fla., before moving to

Scotch Plains in 1999. She was

Hadassah chapter in Roca

former member of a

Research, based in Denver.

Ashbrook

Raton.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Harold , and wife Anne of Gladstone; a sister, Loretta Poole of San Diego, Calif; and a grandchild.

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A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, af Church of St. John on the Mountain, 379 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville.

Arrangements are by Bailey Funeral Home in Peapack. Donations may be sent to Morristown Memorial Health Foundation, 100 Madison Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960 or Peapack-Gladstone First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 14, Peapack, NJ 07977.

### **Rose Keats**

and

Her husband, David, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Elaine Levy, Dianne Steinberg and Ricki Gutner; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held ; Wednesday at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

morning at Rossi Funeral

Home, 1937 Westfield Ave. A

Divine Liturgy will follow 10

a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle

Byzantine Catholic Church,

Entombment will be in the

Center for Hope Hospice, 176

Donations may be sent to

Rahway.

Fairview

Route 27,

mausoleum at

Cemetery, Westfield.

### **Stephen Kostovich**

SCOTCH PLAINS -Donna Sue Durand, Debra A. Bihler and Diane M.; three Stephen Kostovich, 74, died Feb. 25, 2002 at his home. He sons, Stephen J., Kenneth J. served in the Army during the and Daniel T.; a sister, Olga Riccardi; and a brother, ; Korean War and was a supervisor with two companies prior to George. his retirement. Services will be 8:45 this

Mr. Kostovich was born in Bayonne and lived in Colonia before moving to Scotch Plains in 1980. He worked for Greif Brothers Container Corp. in Rahway from 1974-94 and PPG Corp. in Elizabeth before then. A brother, John Stark, is

deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Irena A. Sokol Kostovich; three daughters, Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

sented local firefighters and 14.

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lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1960.

by Benjamin Franklin School. of the Westfield Historical Society and the American

Larry, are deceased. years, Catherine B. Bedsworth

held

Robert; and her parents, Jake Eberhardt and Matilda Rees

Eberhardt. Surviving are a son, Robert

John Lang Sr. and wife Patricia of North Plainfield; a daughter, Heidi of Maple Shade; a sister, Mrs. Lang was born in Joan Van De Vaarst; four grand-Elizabeth. She lived in children; and many nieces and

Services were held Friday at

Plainfield. A parishioner of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield, Mr. Sanford served in the Navy during World War II. His wife, Margaret "Dolly," died in 1997.

of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Barbara Jane of Edison; two grandchildren and a greatgrandchild. at Scarpa Funeral Home, North

Arrangements are by Gray

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

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

Park. Stamford, Conn., and Scotch Plains before moving to Berkeley Heights.

She once was an active mem-Willow Grove ber of Presbyterian Church.

Deceased are her husband, Edison, NJ 08818.

Ippolito Berkeley Paul Memorial in Berkeley Heights. Memorial donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, 65 James St.,

### **Beverly Levitt**

Levítt, 64, died Feb. 24, 2002 at -Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington. She once was a teacher's aide and bus driver for special-education students in the Westfield school system for 15 years.

A native of Watchung, Mrs. Levitt lived in Westfield before moving to Readington in 1998. She most recently was the recreation coordinator for Avalon Assisted Living in Bridgewater.

Her parents, Alfred Bennett and Florence Eager Bennett, are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Mark of Raritan Township and Scott of

WESTFIELD - Beverly E. Forks Township, Pa.; three sis-witt, 64, died Feb. 24, 2002 at ters, Gertrude Napoli of Bushkill Falls, Pa., Florence Knowles of Wyalusing, Pa., and Mary Ann Hilliker of Alpha; a brother, Bennett Jr. Alfred of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren and a niece.

Services were held Tuesday at Clover Hill Reformed Church in Hillsborough. Burial was in Clover Hill Cemetery, Hillsborough.

Arrangements were by Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington. Donations may be sent to Hunterdon SPCA, 576 Stamets Road, Milford, NJ 08848.

### **Edith Middleton**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Edith Andrea L and Kimberly L, all of Middleton, 78, died Feb. 19, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She retired in 1996 after 15 years as a teacher's aide at Roberto Clemente Elementary School in Newark.

A native of Oxford, N.C., Mrs. Middleton lived in Newark before moving to Scotch Plains in 1978.

Surviving are her husband, Fred; three daughters, Janice L., Plainfield.

### Sarah T. Znyski

WESTFIELD - Sarah T. Amoroso Znyski, 81, died Feb. 25, 2002 at Union Hospital. She retired in 1982 after 21 years as a cafeteria worker at Central 5 Jefferson School in Union.

Mrs. Znyski was born in Kenilworth and lived in Union before moving to Westfield in 1995. She was a former Girl Scout leader at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Maplewood.

A son-in-law, James McHugh,

Scotch Plains; a brother, Walter Roberts of Newark; four sisters, Ruth Hodges of Long Island, N.Y., Josephine Bishop and Inez Bronson, both of Newark, and Lillian Morris of Irvington; and two granddaughters, Shavon Adams and Brittney Black, both of Scotch Plains.

Services were held Saturday at Judkins Colonial Home in

### is deceased Surviving are her husband, Joseph V.; two daughters, Carol

Wysocki and Sharon McHugh; a son-in-law, John Wysocki; a brother, James Amoroso; a sister, Rose Mangini; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Galante Funeral Home, Union, followed by a Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery, Union.

WESTFIELD — Esther Adell Lewis Simon, 72, died Feb. 22, 2002 at her home. She served on the board of the Westfield Community Center and had been a longtime housekeeper to many Union County families.

Mrs. Simon was born in Warsaw, Va., and had lived for many years in Westfield. She was a member of Centennial Temple 246, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the

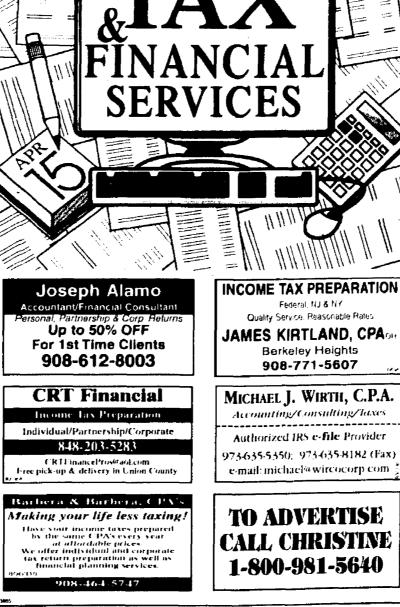
World; its Third District Council of New Jersey; and its Grand Temple.

Surviving are her husband, Henry Lee Simon; a son, Calvin H.; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a nephew.

Services were held Tuesday at Bethel Bantist Church, of which Mrs. Simon was a member for 57 years. Arrangements were by Plinton Curry Funeral Home.

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# **Community Life**

### **Briefs**

#### **Tinsel** painting demonstration set

WESTFIELD - Laurie and Amy Mills will present a program from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum on the art of tinsel painting. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. Call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 for more information. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave.

#### Adult school semester begins

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Adult School has begun its spring semester.

Courses are open to all adults regardless of where they live. Most courses are held at Westfield High School. The courses that begin this month: Monday, March 4 — "Organize Your Information"; "IRA and 401(k) Distribution

Strategies"; "Healthy Skin at Any Age.' Monday, March 11 - "Dining Adventure" (at Stage House Inn,

Scotch Plains); electronic medical billing; "Travelogue of the American South by Rail"; a scrapbooking workshop; a St. Patrick's Day seminar.

Tuesday, March 12 - "Say Cheese," tasting at Town & Country Fine Wines and Spirits Marketplace, Westfield.

A full list of courses is in the Adult School catalog mailed to all homes in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

For registration and additional information, visit www.westfieldnj.com/adultschool or phone (908) 232-4050.

### Natural gardens on meeting agenda

SCOTCH PLAINS --- The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society meets 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

"Designing Dish and Natural Gardens" is the program topic. All are welcome.

#### **Fanwood Republicans**

**RON WALTERS/CORRESPONDENT** Alicia Fairfax performs a jazz solo at the Westfield High School tribute to African-American culture on Feb.

### **Students celebrate** black heritage

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School Awareness Club hosted its 12th annual African-American Celebration & Dinner at the high school on Feb. 21.

The celebration included poetry readings by Mikaela Cruz and Ronald Allen, performances of African and contemporary dance and solos by Alicia Fairfax. The University High School Choir made a guest appearance.

**RON WALTERS/CORRESPONDENT** 

Robyn Jeffries Mikaela Cruz and Ebony Rowe perform an African dance at the school's black history celebration on Feb. 21.

### Shop owner lets pupils 'go to the videotape'

### \$500 gift funds camera purchase

WESTFIELD - For the second consecutive year, Exxon Tiger Mart owner Joe Faris has helped the future reporters and camera operators at McKinley School.

The Westfield Exxon Tiger Mart awarded a \$500 grant for the purchase of a digital video camera that can be used with the school's new "imovie" editing software.

A unique program offered by elementary school, the "McKinley Kid TV is a studentrun televison news program that is created for kids by kids," said teacher Cathy McGarry.

At McKinley Kid TV, fourthand fifth-grade students work





### to hear Ferguson

FANWOOD - Rep. Michael Ferguson (R-District 7) is the guest speaker for the Fanwood Republican Club meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday at the North Avenue railroad station.

Mayor Louis Jung and Borough Council President Joel Whitaker are scheduled to give reports. A Women's History Month program planned.

For membership information. phone Sophie Kauchak at (908) 322-3241. Refreshments will be served.

together each month to produce a show. The students have the opportunity to generat ideas for news stories write, rehearse and videotape the program. Students do all of the camera work and help put the show together through the editing process.

McGarry and five other McKinley teachers volunteer their time to make the program work. The teachers are Joe Paradise, Kathy Speir, Lisa Kvalkauskas, Yeako Knaus and Allison Hooper.

Student Malcolm Lee interviews Joe Faris, owner of the Westfield Exxon Tiger Mart, who donated the video camera that classmate Jeannette Sharpless is using to capture the moment.

### This week

### FRIDAY MARCH 1

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Chocolat," "Oscar bait" release from late 2000. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

STATIONS OF THE **CROSS** — "through the eyes of Mary." St. Helen's Church. Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield. 7:30 p.m. (908) 232-1214.

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

### 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. AFRICAN VIOLETS -

meeting of Union County Chapter, African Violet Society, Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 1 p.m. (908) 276-3221.

### 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.

**RUG HOOKING** — as done by Judy Truedson. Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 889-4137

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

**SILHOUETTES** — snipped by Evelyn Kennelly. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

### MONDAY MARCH 4

**CARD GAMES** — with Monday Afternoon Bridge Group. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, 12:45-3:45 p.m. All levels welcome. (908) 889-1620. CONGRESSMAN

Fanwood Republican Club meeting with Rep. Michael Ferguson. Railroad station, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. (908) 322-3241.

### TUESDAY MARCH 5

'LADIES NITE OUT' - for women in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Terrill Middle School, 1301 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (908) 654-4441.

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

FIRST WEDNESDAY -Westfield Historical Society luncheon with Nat Bodian. B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield, noon. Reservations: (908) 233-2930 by noon March 4.

MID-DAY MUSICALE -Christopher Kenniff, classical guitar. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon. Concert free: lunch \$5 extra. (908) 233-2494.

### THURSDAY MARCH 7

NURSING? - La Leche League of Westfield meeting for mothers of toddlers. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford,

789-4772. 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' annual musical of Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 4 p.m. Adults \$3; students \$1. (908)

9:30 a.m. (908) 301-1339 or (908)

### FRIDAY MARCH 8

789-4470.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -"What Women Want," Mel Gibson hit from Christmas 2000. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -- "through music." St. Helen's Church, Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 232-1214.

'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' - annual musical of Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. March 8, 9. \$8/advance, \$10/door. (908) 789-4470.

### SUNDAY MARCH 10

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. Adults \$5; under 6 free. (908) 753-8218.

KIDS CARNIVAL -- annual event of Temple Emanu-El, 756

E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (908) 232-7663.

**BANQUET** — for swimming team at Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 1 p.m. Registration: (908) 889-8800, Ext. 219.

'SIMNEL SUNDAY' - how mothers nurtured children in the 18th century. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776. GREEN DANCE

— St. Patrick's dance for disabled people. Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 3 p.m. \$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. Free, (908) 232-6770.

### **COMING UP**

WOMEN'S SEDER --- third annual Passover-related meal. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. March 14. Registration: (908) 889-8800, Ext. 209.

BOOK DISCUSSION - on "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. March 14. (908) 322-6700.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK ---

"Moulin Rouge," Oscar-nominated musical from last spring. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. March 15, Free. (908) 322-6400.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — "through the life of a family." St. Helen's Church, Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield. 7:30 p.m. March 15. (908) 232-1214.

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.

WORLD PREMIERE "Chosen Ghosts," book of writings by Adele Kenny. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave.,

Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. March 21. Free, (908) 322-6400. FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK ---"Shrek," major box office hit from last year. Fanwood

Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. March 22. Free. (908) 322-6400.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -- Good Friday ritual at St. Helen's Church, Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield, 7:30 p.m. March 29, (908) 232-1214.

'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 signup: lbieber@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, Ext. 253.



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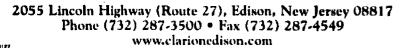
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### **Poetry reading** at Fanwood Library

FANWOOD --- Dan Weiss. executive director of the Fanwood Memorial Library, invites the public to a poetry reading featuring Fanwood resident Adele Kenny.

The reading will be held at the library on March 21, 7:30-9 p.m., and will introduce Kenny's latest book, Chosen Ghosts, a copy of which will be presented to the library by the author. The new book is a 112-page collection of poems that draw upon the natural world, people, and places, including Fanwood and Scotch **Plains, for their content and** authenticity.

Kenny has been a Fanwood resident for nearly 30 years. Her poetry, reviews, and non-fiction have been widely published throughout North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Her poems have appeared in books and anthologies published by McGraw-Hill, Charles E. Tuttle and Crown. She is the author of 20 books and is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including two poetry fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a HEART Grant, an Allen Ginsberg Award, a Writer's Digest award, four Merit Book awards, the Henderson Award, and a Women of Excellence award in journalism and public relations.

An open reading will follow the feature, and local poets are invited to bring a poem of their own to share. Admission is free.

### Jeremiah People coming to church

SCOTCH PLAINS --- The Jeremiah People, America's premier Christian musical theater company, will perform at Scotch Plains Baptist Church on March 10 at 6 p.m.

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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. March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16; 2:30 p.m. 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. March 1, 2; 3 p.m. March 3. Adults \$13; seniors, students \$12 (no discount Saturday).

#### VILLAGERS THÉATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710; www.villagerstheatre.com "Fuddy Meers," comedy by David Lindsay-Abaire. 8 p.m.

March 1, 2. Admission \$10.

#### COMING UP

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1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226: www.ucac.org

• "No Matter What," black musical based on the Old Testament book of Job. 3 p.m. March 9. Adults \$28; seniors \$25; under 18 \$15.

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- "Keeping the Faith," March 2. "Pots, Pots, Peruvian Pots,"
- March 9.
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(Friend Wanted) 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10 Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org • A comic tale told in Spanish. Free admission; tickets required. A COMEDY OF **ERRORS: ABRIDGED** 3 p.m. March 9, 16; noon March 10, 17; Villagers Theatre

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710 · Shakespeare work in shortened form with the Kidsvill troupe. Admission \$6.

#### MARTHA 1 and 3:30 p.m. March 10 Theatre at Raritan Valley **Community College**

Route 28. Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre • A new story from the duo who wrote "The Red Balloon." Admission \$9.

**TWO FROM ERIC CARLE** 1 and 4 p.m. March 10 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org

• "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "The Very Quiet Cricket." Admission \$14, \$12.

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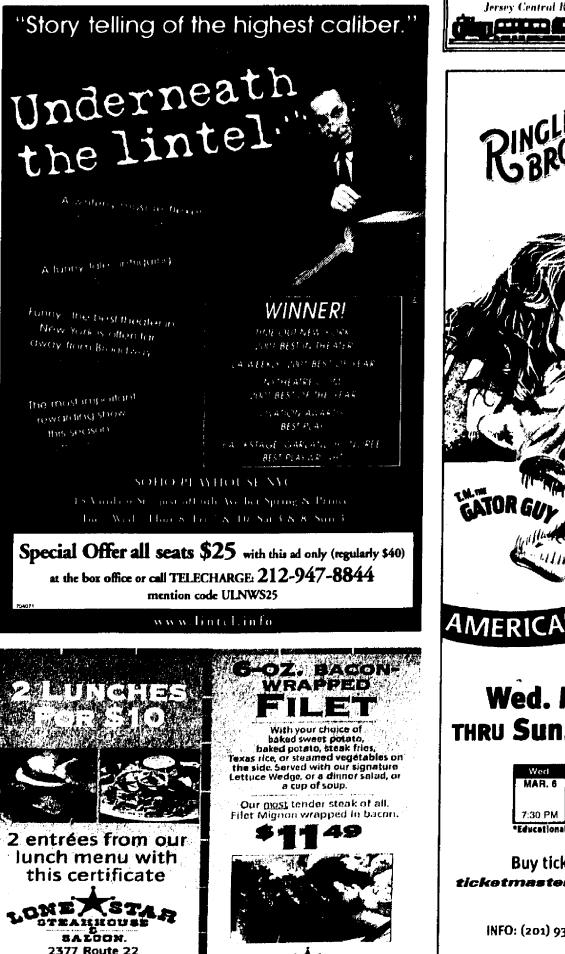
Gallery talks 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

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

Spirit Beasts in the Tang Dynasty Clan" with Yang Lu, March 8, 10.

### Concerts

JOAN BAEZ 8 p.m. Friday, March 1 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick



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4 p.m. Sunday, March 3 United Reformed Church 100 W. Main St., Somerville (908) 725-4545 • A capella ensemble sings

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#### & THE FLECKTONES 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick

(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Manhattan-based klezmerstyle band. Admission \$32-\$20. HEROES AND VAUDEVILLIANS 7 p.m. Saturday, March 2 Theatre at Raritan Valley **Community College** 

Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre Tomas Kubinek, Jim Jackson and Al Simmons. Admission \$27.

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8 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190

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sion. Related workshop for children 8 p.m.; bring 2 teaspoons. W.C. HANDY ALL-STARS

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### **Events**

 Touring edition of New Yorkbased circus troupe, March 9-31. Admission \$43-\$12; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

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Show dates and times are March 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m.; March 17 and 24 at 2 p.m.; and a high school matinee on March 22 at 10 a.m.

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Tickets are \$15, \$12 for senior citizens and \$8 for students. For more information about the production, call Professor Choate at (908) 527-7090 or e-mail choatet@kean.edu. To reserve tickets call the box office at (908) **527-233**7.

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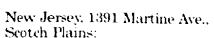


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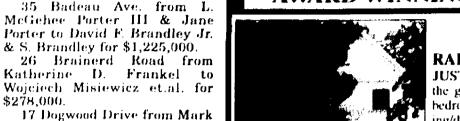
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### **Blue Devils top Vineland for 18th state title**

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

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EWING - They weren't slow nor were they the fastest, but the Blue Devils were steady, relying once again on their depth to capture a state championship.

The Westfield High boys swimming team won just three of 11 events, but had the depth to overcome Vineland in the Public A championship Sunday at the College of New Jersey 88-82, securing the team's 18th state title - one shy of the record held by St. Joseph's of Metuchen and Trenton.

The Westfield girls squad

but the results were far different as the juggernaut squad defeated the Blue Devils 120-50

Vineland had the star power, winning six of eight individual races and two relays, but Westfield took two of the top three spots in nine events while also winning the 100 free, 100 butterfly and 200 free relay.

"We've never had superstars," said sophomore Ryan Bartholomew. "As long as we get 2-3-4 and the team wins, I'll take that over a bunch of firsts. "It's awesome (winning a

state title). It hasn't sunken in vet. We all know about the tra-

also squared off with Vineland, dition and want to get the record (for most state titles). But we also wanted to do it for (Head Coach Bruce Johnson). He puts so much time and effort into the season it's a great reward for him."

Westfield trailed 34-28 at the break, but never lacked confidence. The second half has been the strongest for Westfield all year, and it showed immediatelv

Vin Shen (56.33) and Jay Sobala (56.69) finished 1-2 in the 100 butterfly, then Zack Coppa came from behind to win the 100 free (49,43) and Bartholomew took third (51.59) to give the Blue Devils a 50-44

lead they would never relinquish.

Westfield then won the 200 free relay by 1.2 seconds behind a powerful third leg from Bartholomew and a strong anchor from Coppa and also grabbed third to increase the lead to 68-56 with three events left. John Chiesa (58,77) and Tim Kolenut (1:01.1) went 2-3 in the 100 back and Westfield finished second and third in the final race, the 400 free relay, to finalize the 88-82 victory.

"The whole season we knew our strength was after the break," said Bartholomew. "We knew we could come back. A lot of people stepped up."

The girls squad reached the final after a controversial victory over Bridgewater-Raritan in the semifinal. The meet finished in an 85-85 tie, which Westfield won on a 3,900-3,847 power point advantage. In the 100 free Bridgewater's Allison Page finished second but was disqualified because B-R Head Coach Bill Fritchie filled out the entry card incorrectly, giving Westfield a 51-43 lead. The Devils went 2-3-4 in the 500 free and 1-3 in the 200 free relay to take a 70-54 lead, before B-R rallied back.

Against Vineland in the final Westfield's only victory came from Danielle Heffernan in the

50 free in 26.08.

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### **Raiders win first district** championship in 24 years

#### By DAVID LAZARUS

#### RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD -Scotch Plains wrestling coach Dave Bello had it all figured out. Winfour weight classes and we win the team title was his thought as the final round of the District 11 Wrestling championships held Friday and Saturday at Westfield High School began

The coach's calculations were as accurate as his teams' execution. The Raiders outscored defending champion Cranford for the team title by placing four champions and eight wrestlers overall into the Region 3 tournament, which began Tuesday at Union High-School. The Blue Devils qualified seven, all underclassmen, including four runner-ups. which enabled them to finish fourth out of nine teams.

While titles, both team and individual, were important, the maior goal for each team was to keep as many wrestlers as possible competing in the regions, which could help explain the sense of urgency that pervaded the Scotch Plains and Westfield

wrestling teams on Saturday. "We did exactly what I

"We could have done a little better but overall, I'll take it ," said Westfield coach Glen Kurz.

Leading the youth brigade for Scotch Plains was freshman Steve Mineo who made it look easy in a 6-2 victory over Tom-Murray of Cranford and sophomore Derek Francavilla who defended his title with pins in all his matches including the final over Rahway's Ryan Ludington.

Francavilla was joined as a defending champion by his older brother Lucas, a tidy 9-1 victor over Lee Tomasso of Westfield. It was his third victory this year over the game Blue Devil.

"We know each other pretty well so I had to try some new said the older things." Francavilla, who was happy to share the spotlight with his talented younger brother. "I'm on my way out. He's on his way in. He's a tremendous talent."

The other senior on the team, Matt DeNicholo was the Raiders' fourth champion with a dominating 15-0 victory over Chris Patino of Elizabeth. The only two Raiders to lose their finals, sophomore Eric Connelly at 119 and junior Matt Loomis at 215, lost to Amin Queen of

Blue Devils also had junior Jake Kramer(125), freshman Tom DelDuca (130) and Dan McDonald (152) finish second.

"Sure it's disappointing to lose four finals," said Kurz. "But, let's remember that all seven of our wrestlers going to the regions will be back next year. We just need to convince them that the season isn't over. Let's hope we can win some matches next week."

Perhaps the biggest pressure matches of the day were the consolation round which would end the season for the loser of the match. Westfield and Scotch Plains wrestlers took five of those seven crucial matches. For Westfield, sophomore Rob Mench bounced back from a very tough loss in the 103 semis to take his match, while juniors Joe DeCampo and Ethan Powell pinned their opponents at 119 and 135 respectively.

For Scotch Plains, sophomores Charlie Bachi (160) and Andrew Silber (171) won their consolation matches.

At the Region 3 preliminary round Tuesday in Union and Connelly DeCampo – advanced at 119 and Tomasso advanced at 140. Mench, Kramer, DelDuca, Powell, expected," said Bello. "We had a Elizabeth and Greg Donofrio of MacDonald, Bachi, Silber and The season. - tournament resumes 6 p.m. tonight at



great tournament. To get eight Cranford, who have won three Loomis all fell, ending their into the regions with such a and four district titles respecyoung team is something I will take anytime."

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In addition to Tomasso, the Union High.

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Lucas Francavilla captured his second District 11 title by beating Westfield's Lee Tomasso 9-1 in the final Saturday, Both will be back in action tonight in the Region 3 tournament.

### **Cougars heat up in fourth to eliminate Raiders**

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

#### RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD - You live by the three or die by three and after three quarters of shooting woes had the Cranford High boys basketball team's season life support, Chris on DeSimone brought them back to life.

another Watchung In Conference slugfest between two evenly matched teams the Cougars got their shots to finally fall and had more experience down the stretch to knock off Scotch Plains 56-54 in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament Tuesday night in front of a loud

capacity crowd at Cranford. The Raiders played an intense, gutsy game throughout, with Adam Bendik leading the way with 16 points, but Cranford's state tournament experience finally showed

through in the final quarter. Cranford shot just 18-for-55 through the first three-and-ahalf quarters and trailed 44-42 before DeSimone got hot from his favorite spot on the floor, knocking down a three with 5:14 left to give the Cougars their first lead since the beginning of the second quarter 45-44.

Mike Brennan hit two free throws to regain the lead for Scotch Plains, but DeSimone

answered right back with a three from the same spot on the right wing just seconds later for a 48-46 lead Cranford would never relinquish.

DeSimone was 0-6 before knocking down the two shots, but Cranford Head Coach Tom Johnstone stuck with him, believing he was due.

"They told me to keep shooting, because that's all I do is shoot threes pretty much," said DeSimone. "Luckily I was able to hit two big ones. They left me open and that's my spot.

"At the beginning they were leaving me open and I wasn't capitalizing. In fourth quarter I had to step up for them and I was happy to do it.

Kasim Rajahn converted a layup off a Jon Brown assist for a 50-46 advantage at the 3:50 mark, and Brown made a tough floater in the lane to put Cranford up 52-46 with 1:20 left.

Anwar Montgomery sandwiched six points around two free throws from Brown to pull Scotch Plains within two with 19.8 seconds remaining, but DeSimone knocked down two free throws to put the game away

"I thought at the end, in the last two minutes they looked a little hesitant and we looked like we were trying to win the game," said Johnstone. "That's the only time I think (experience) was a factor. You could see our seniors had been in that situation before.

"Scotch Plains, you have to give them credit, they played their butts off. Maybe those last two minutes was a learning thing for them like what we went through last year. Luckily tonight the bounces went our way, the crowd got into the game and the kids made some plays."

But it almost didn't come down to the last minutes. Bendik hit consecutive three's and Williams scored the next seven Scotch Plains' points as the Raiders took a 26-12 lead with two minutes left in the first half, and were thoroughly

outplaying Cranford. But Brown heated up for two threes and Davis added a basket around a hoop from Bendik to pull Cranford within single digits at the half, 28-20.

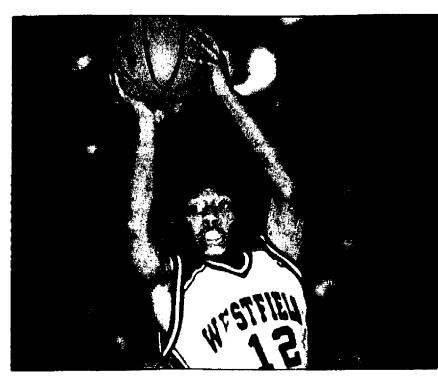
Scotch Plains had a six-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, but turned the ball over five times and shot just 4for 12 in the final frame.

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LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT Louis Mercer keyed a fourth quarter run as Westfield took control and defeated Union 69-53 Monday.

### Seniors step up to lift Blue Devils

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — With leading scorer Dan DeSerio receiving all kinds of attention, the Westfield High boys basketball team received key contributions from every player that stepped on the court Monday, knocking off Union 69-53 in the first round of the state tournament.

It was the third victory over the Farmers this season for the Blue Devils and propelled them into a North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 second round contest with Morristown Wednesday.

DeSerio was held to just two field goals and 11 points, but Westfield had four players score in double figures, led by Jay Cook with 18 points. Adam Turner turned in one of his best games, scoring 13 points, Jim McKeon added 11 points, with

Eric Turner and Louis Mercer each scoring seven.

"That's what I said to them going into the game 'this is it, there's no tomorrow for you guys you have to leave it all out there, for the seniors this is it, you have to leave it all out there," said Head Coach Kevin Everly. "And they did."

Union sagged its defense on DeSerio, but Westfield was able to knock down eight three-point shots — led by four from Cook, adjust to the Farmer's full-court press, control the glass and score easy transition layups in the fourth quarter.

"I've been talking to Jay the whole time 'you need to knock down shots,'" said Everly. "They're going to sag on Dan, and we're going to kick it out. If we kick it out and can knock it down they're not going to beat US.

"At halftime I told Jimmy to start leaking out. We were controlling the boards, and the kid he was guarding wasn't an offensive threat, so we told him when the ball went up to leak out and we got three or four easy baskets out of it."

A slow-paced and physical first half resulted in a 25-22 Westfield lead, but the Devils quickly came alive in the third period with a 16-10 run behind five points from Adam Turner, five from Cook, four from McKeon and a hoop from Eric Turner. Union trimmed the lead to six, but the spurt was enough to insure the Devils their first lead heading into the final quarter against the Farmers this season.

Mercer started the fourth quarter, and his ball handling skills were able to break the Union pressure and create scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates. The Devils seized control of the game with a 9-2 spurt in the first two minutes, sparked by five points from Mercer.

Union began to find holes in Westfield's 2-3 zone, and scored on four straight possessions, but the Devils were able to match them basket for basket, never allowing Union to get closer than 11 points.

The winner of Wednesday's game will face the winner of the Élizabeth-Montclair game today at the home of the higher seed. Westfield (69)

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# Automotive/Classified

### Picking a speedy European sedan is a matter of personality

#### BY MARK MAYNARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Horsepower is not always about going fast, and all-wheel drive isn't always about foulweather traction.

But, put them together, and what we get is a fast sedan that clings to the road better than its rear- or front-wheel drive counterpart.

I recently spent time in two all-wheel-drive European sedans, the BMW 330xi sedan and Volvo S60 2.4T AWD. There was no snow or rain during my testing weeks, but I challenged the all-wheel drive systems on a series of backcountry roads.

Daily commuting around San Diego County hardly calls for all-wheel drive, but, wow, what an incentive for winning the autocross cup.

I also found that AWD functions as an insurance policy on wet roads, keeping the car in line. For some, that reassur-ance is enough to justify the added cost.

The cars in this test are similar in size and price - give or take \$5,000 - but they have very different audiences.

The BMW is packaged as an ultimate 3-Series sports sedan. The Volvo isn't a sports sedan, but it is an unconventionally sporty family sedan. VOLVO S60 2.4T AWD

"Is that really a Volvo?" asked a male passer-by in a grocery store parking lot. And, later, a neighbor asked: "What's that car you're driving?"

Instant recognition seems to be just a blink away from anonymity in the "ReVolvoLution" of these cars.

The re-imaging of these cars leaves the sturdy, earth-shoes image of safety, but implants curves, a waist, shoulders and speed.

The styling of the S60 is aggressively modest. A sleek body with strong face and very

The BMW 330xi is for the family that likes to go fast.

identifiable rear end. The sidelines of the S60 arch with an . image of compressed energy and movement. The look is lively but safe - inside and out.

Driving the S60 feels youthful and light, but it's almost too eager.

The 197 horsepower, 2.4-liter 5-cylinder engine is turbocharged and ready to run. The front-drive S60 sedan with the same engine has surprising pull under hard acceleration. 5-speed automatic The Geartronic transmission allows manual shifts and has adaptive shift logic to conform to the driver's style.

Adding all-wheel drive dis-

tributes that pressurized power to four well-tired outlets and diminishes the pull at the steering wheel.

The big disc brakes feel overly sensitive - touchy, even and the steering is almost darty.

Some drivers might feel there's just too much sensitivity, but in time the owner will adapt, modulating inputs to the brakes, steering and - especially - the acceleration.

Pricing starts at \$34,000 and the test car with options was \$35,825.

All-wheel drive gives control in scary situations, especially when the driver is a little overenthusiastic entering a curve. The suspension is more compliant than the BMW and allows more body roll, which is amplified on a romp through the hills.

A little too much brake or steering input at the wrong time is easily corrected with a touch on the throttle to settle the car down and regain composure.

The electronically controlled AWD system does its job without getting in the way of driving. The system is integrated with traction control and monitors what the car is doing and what the driver wants.

When accelerating on a diffi-

cult surface, such as sand, fast and powerful engagement takes place. When cornering or parking at lower engine speeds, the system knows that the difference in speed between the wheels does not require engagement.

For \$1,100 more, dynamic stability traction control is available, which adds yaw control - rotation. But the added traction of AWD would seem to make that option unnecessary. **BMW 330XI** 

For many who will buy this car, the purchase might come at a time when family duty calls louder than enthusiast driving.

For those who missed their years of hot-shoe driving, the opportunity is packaged quite manageably in the 330xi.

The alpine white 330xi test car with the lacy, radial spoke 17-inch wheels sparkled at the curb and drew admiring glances on the road.

Pricing starts at \$36,385, and the test car with several enhancements topped out at \$39,385, which is about \$1,145 less than a similarly equipped 2001 model.

This is the top-line 3-Series model, but buyers can opt for all-wheel drive in the 325xi sedan or wagon. Both models come with a 184 hp, 2.5-liter straight six and 5-speed manual transmission or \$1,275 optional Steptronic 5-speed automatic transmission.

Prices start at \$29,495 for the four-door and \$31,895 for the wagon.

There seemed to be little compromise in picking the all-wheel-drive 330i. The turning radius is tight enough to make a U-turn on a neighborhood street, though it is about 1.4 feet greater than the rear drive 330i.

Though all-wheel drive adds 209 pounds, the 225 horsepower 3.0-liter in-line-6 engine seems not to notice. The 0-to-60

mph is 6.9 seconds, or 0.5 less than the rear-drive 330i.

Fuel mileage is competitive. too, at 20 miles per gallon city and 27 highway compared with 21/20 for the rear-drive 330i.

As equipped, the test car was a functional-luxury class of sedan, not as artistic inside as the Volvo S60, as plush as the Jaguar X-Type nor as streamlined as the Audi A4 Quattro.

The interior is as hushed as a sound booth, but it allows the good sound of the engine to be heard.

The 3-Series is well-balanced and responds faithfully to a steady hand at the wheel and a sensitive foot on the electronic throttle.

I saw the advantage of allwheel drive when I jumped on the throttle to accelerate away from a sticky situation at a curvy Y in the road. The blacktop was strewn with loose dirt and gravel from roadwork.

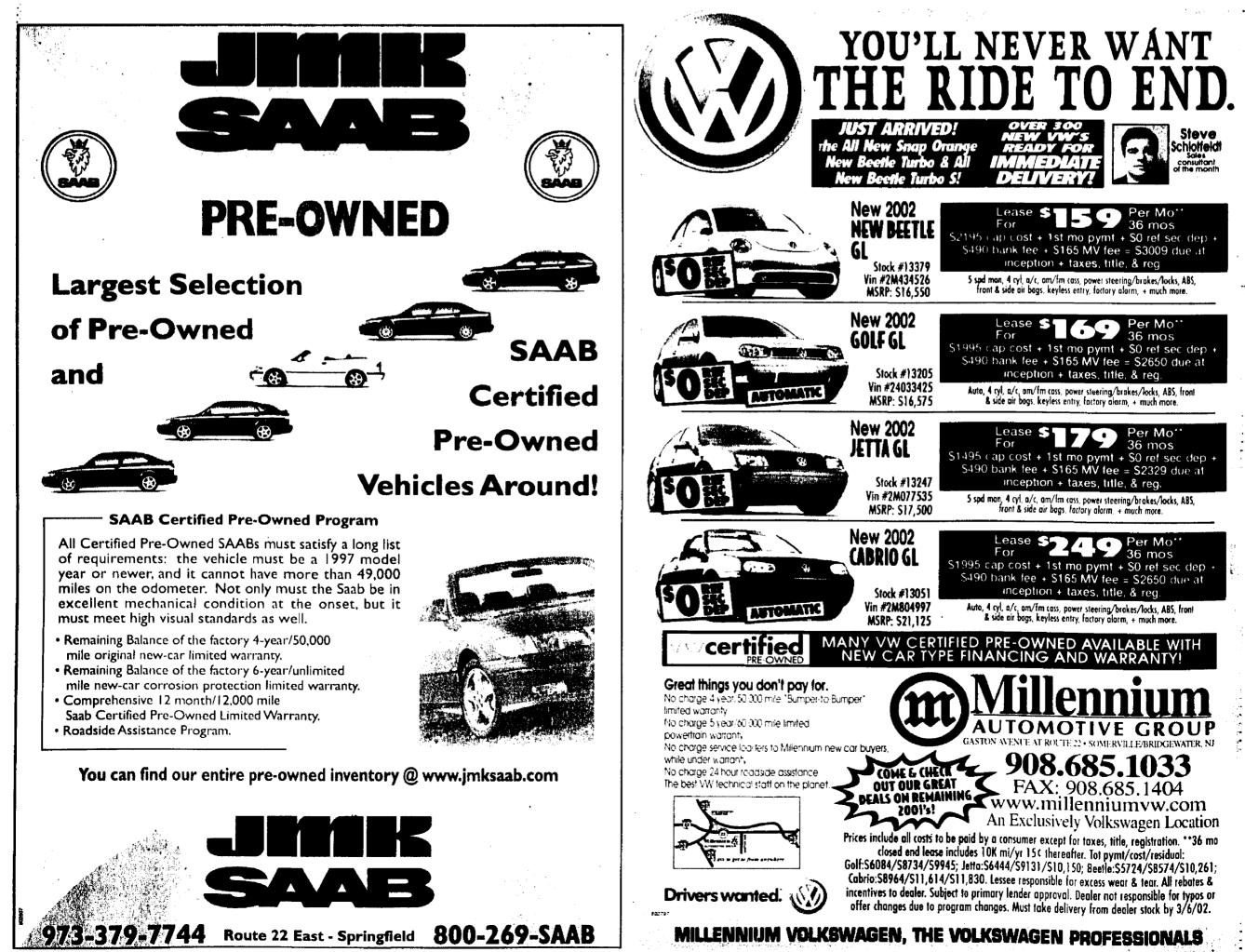
Powering uphill through the turn, I was prepared for some movement from the rear end as the tires spun through the stones.

But, there was no wheel slip, and I didn't have to back off the throttle or adjust steering but instead pressed harder on the gas just to feel the grip of the front wheels pulling the car forward in full control.

Hmm ... makes me wonder if an AWD 330i really is quicker through a slalom course than the rear-drive 330i?

Owning a BMW is more about "me" than those other people who might be taking up space in the other seats. Paying a premium for that exclusivity isn't an issue. A Volvo, as always, is about "us," and value to a Swede means getting the most for your money.

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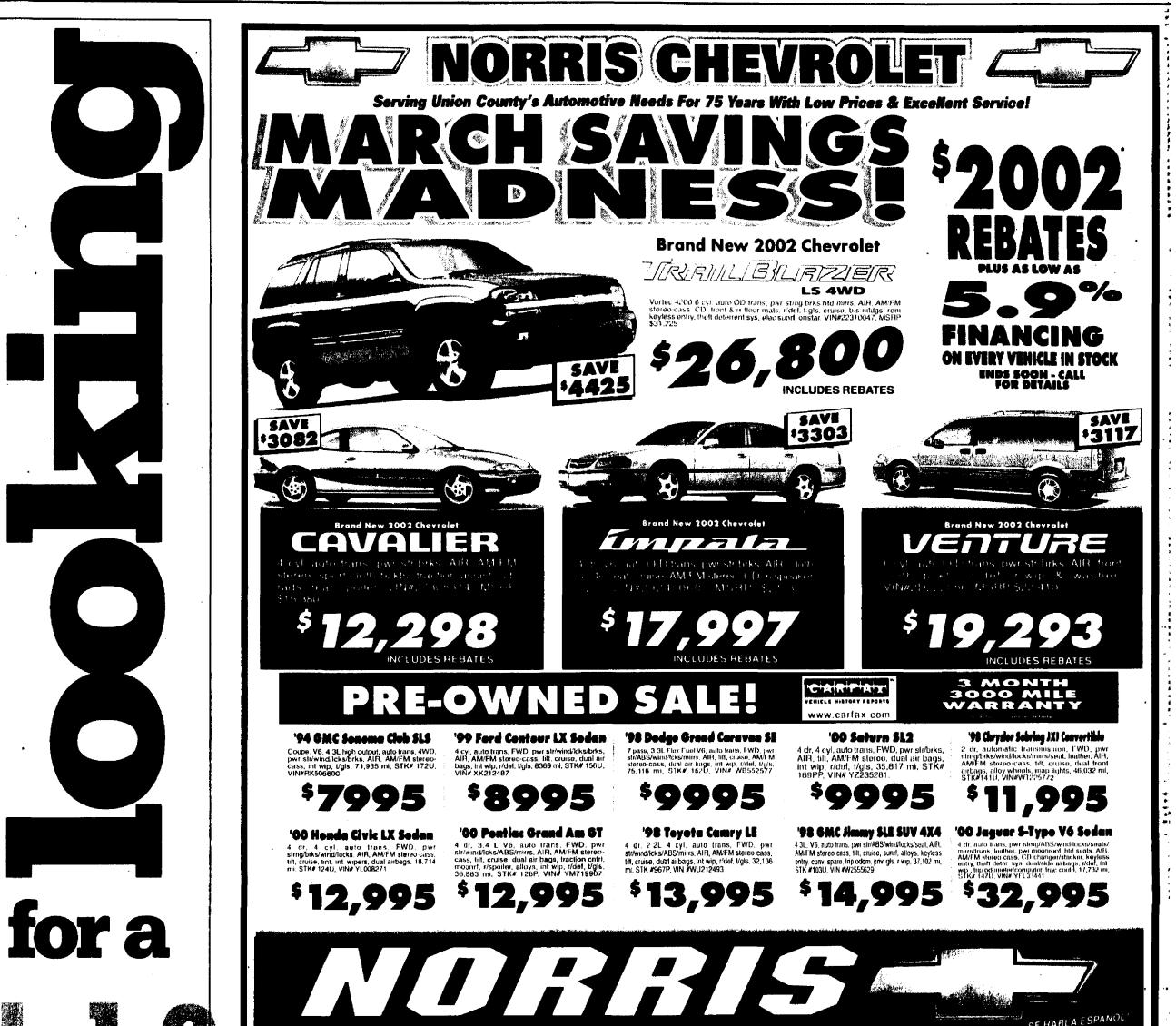
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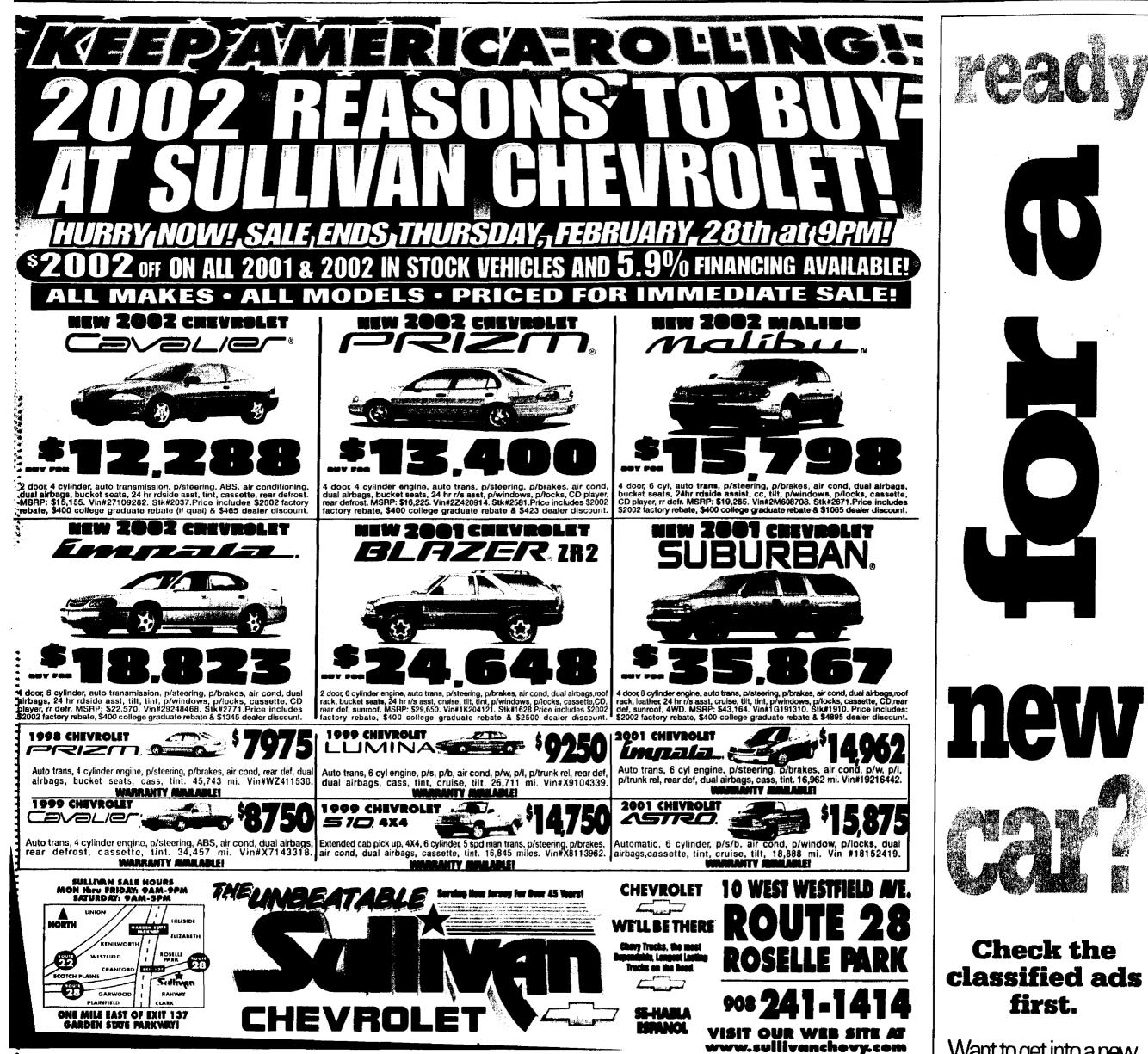
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