

Around Town



Raiders lose

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls basketball team lost to Shabazz in the sectional final Monday, 55-46. See story on Page C-1.

Celebrate Mother at Simnel Sunday

WESTFIELD — In early America, "Simnel Sunday" was a celebration of mothering held on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

Joan Barna of Scotch Plains brings a modern-day "Simnel Sunday" 2-5 p.m. March 10 to the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave. A "simnel cake" will be baked for all to sample.

As is the custom, docents in period dress conduct tours of the colonial farmhouse on the West Fields of Elizabethtown. The last tour leaves 4 p.m.

For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

2nd budget question likely for a while

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education will likely continue to offer a second question on budget ballots until current levels of enrollment flatten, said school officials.

Faced with a 3 percent cap on the budget increase and the prospect of little or no additional state aid, school officials are taking a hard look at multi-year projections for future school budgets.

In the April 16 election, the second question is likely to be about \$1 million and would fund additional staffing, technology and existing programs.

The exact amount of the second question is still under review.



Fill 'er up

Nicholas Musano, 2, is determined to eat his share of the pancakes at the Rotary Club's Pancake Day any way he can. Another photo on Page B-1.

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Westfield special counsel quits

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Ron Riccio, special counsel for the town in its litigation against the Ward Commission, resigned Tuesday night after a stormy public meeting.

"I decided to withdraw as counsel," said Riccio, when reached for comment on Wednesday. "I am no longer counsel for the town."

At its regular meeting Feb. 26, the council was presented with a

legal bill of nearly \$10,000 that among other things itemized time spent discussing various settlement issues in the Ward Commission dispute.

A number of councilmen expressed concern that they had not been involved in the selection of Riccio and also that they had not been informed by him of any proposed settlement.

The passage of a town resolution on Jan. 26 to intervene in a case against the Ward Commission called for the hiring of Riccio, a former dean of Seton

Hall Law School.

Riccio said Tuesday night that he believed the council resolution to intervene in the case authorized him to begin his research. He reported that he has spent more than 60 hours doing research, reviewing the Ward Commission Report and communicating with attorneys.

Council member Rafael Betancourt wanted to know why, as of late January, Riccio had not communicated with the council.

Based upon the resolution at the end of January and the fax-

ing of a retention letter on Feb. 11 to Jim Gildea, Riccio said he believed there was a mandate for him to act and no further communication was necessary.

Mayor Greg McDermott acknowledged seeing the Feb. 11 fax, but put it aside expecting a more formal document from Riccio.

"I am the client, and the way I do business, the client is contacted and kept up to date," said McDermott. "There is no town attorney representing the town. Mr. Riccio has to help me."

"I had my marching orders from the resolution," said Riccio, who added, that he hadn't moved to intervene and settle the case.

"Nothing has happened to present," said Riccio, who suggested that the case against the Ward Commission was not over, that he was working up additional claims against the Ward Commission.

Riccio said he was ready to raise claims more meritorious than the original claims.

"It may have stimulated the Ward Commission to want to settle," Riccio said.



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Coffee break

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools Superintendent Carol Choye meets with parents and residents at a coffee Tuesday in the Media Center at Park Middle School.

2nd teen pleads in sex assault

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — A second high school student pleaded guilty last Friday to acting as a lookout while a group of teens sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl in January.

Pursuant to a plea agreement reached with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Bryan Soriano, 16, a sophomore at Scotch Plains High School, will face up to five years behind bars. He could have faced a 20-year jail term.

Soriano pleaded guilty to first-degree aggravated sexual assault and agreed to offer testimony against the three remaining co-defendants in the case.

The teenager appeared before Superior Court Judge Rudolph N. Hawkins, Friday to voluntarily remove himself from the jurisdiction of the family court, where potential penalties are far less severe.

"In exchange for his cooperation against the others," said Assistant Prosecutor Casey Woodruff, "(Soriano) will be sentenced as a second-degree adult offender when he comes before Judge Malone in June."

Soriano will also face a review at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel to determine if he is a repetitive compulsive sex offender requiring treatment, said Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary.

Manuel Batista, also a sophomore at the high school, admitted last Tuesday to his role in the sexual attack just a short distance from the school. He also faces a five-year sentence and has agreed to testify against the other boys charged in the assault.

Both Batista and Soriano will be sentenced as adults and considered lifelong sexual offenders under Megan's Law.

Two other youths, who still face charges of kidnapping and sexual assault, remained detained at the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center.

Shared-services plan wins grants

Fanwood, Scotch Plains and school board can act on ballfields

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

Fanwood and Scotch Plains have received \$100,000 and \$50,000, respectively, toward their shared-services initiative with the Board of Education to improve ballfields at Park Middle School, the Vocational-Technical schools and the Little League field off Route 22.

Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education decided to commit \$100,000 each to improve the fields. The county "field of dreams" grants will match the

communities' contribution for a total fund of \$600,000.

The balance of the county's contribution will be paid once work is under way and at its completion.

Westfield also picked up \$9,175 to be applied toward a Needs Assessment Study of the town's recreational assets.

The program is funded through Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund approved by voters in November 2000. Grants were made available for the acquisition of land for field space and improvements to existing fields.

Municipalities were encouraged to work with local organizations and with each other on projects. Municipalities and organizations that submit joint applications have been given first priority.

"With this presentation ... the freeholder board is making this vision of increased recreational opportunity and green space a reality for all," said Freeholder Mary Routolo, who is chairwoman of the Union County Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee.

"Athletic fields and recreational programs are vital to our

health and well being in this county," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. "It all makes the county a better place to live."

The shared-services effort is coordinated by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Shared Services Council that consists of two members from each municipality, two members of the Board of Education and the business managers from each entity.

The council is presently reviewing a bid list from five engineering firms, said Fanwood Mayor Lou Jung.

Officials stunned by turnout at police chief's swearing in

By CANDACE WALLER
CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — Police Chief Marshall Nelson packed 'em in at his swearing in Feb. 26. All available seats were taken and people stood along the walls two deep and out in the hallway to see and hear the new leader of the police force.

Nelson, who started as chief on March 1, is the township's first African-American police chief.

"I'm flabbergasted at this turnout," Mayor Martin Marks said. "We've had various official functions here and before I was on the Township Council I came to meetings and I have never seen anything like this. That speaks volumes to the respect

from the administration, the Scotch Plains family and community at large."

Chief Nelson is hardly new to Scotch Plains. He first served as a patrolman in 1971 and worked his way up to captain in 1986.

"I've had the pleasure of working with you 30 years as a prosecutor, friend and attorney," said Douglas Hanson, the town attorney. "You've been a real asset to the community and I wish you all the success in the world."

Township Council members Guy Celantano, Geri Samuels and Frank Rossi along with Township Manager Thomas Atkins and Township Clerk Barbara Riepe praised the new chief. He was also given a roaring round of applause several times during his speech and swearing

in. Originally from Virginia, Nelson was brought up with the values of hard work and the importance of education. These are the values he hopes to pass along to today's youth.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan passed along some words of wisdom and best wishes for the new chief.

"Marshall Nelson is a proud and quiet man. I commend the Township Council. They made a wonderful choice. I have two pieces of advice. Understand no matter what you do there will be someone dissatisfied with your performance. Final piece of advice live each day as if it's your final day as chief, one day you'll be right."

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CANDACE WALLER/CORRESPONDENT
Marshall Nelson 4th holds the Bible for his grandfather, Scotch Plains Police Chief Marshall Nelson, at his swearing in on Feb. 26.

Westfield board seeks best way to reach all students

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education is exploring new ways to tap the potential of all the students in the district.

School officials want to develop in-district programs as an alternative for out-of-district placements. The district brought nine students back to the high school this year in

a new self-contained program.

With the funds saved, the district hired a new counselor and equipped the class with five new computers. As enrollment levels off, more space will become available in the schools and the board hopes to bring more special-needs children back to the district.

In addition, the Union County Educational Services Commission has renewed its lease for the

Lincoln School and the board is examining ways the commission could help meet the needs of some of the district's students.

The board is pushing to make differentiated instruction the standard for teaching excellence in the next three years. All second-year teachers are receiving training in differentiated instruction as part of the New Teacher Institute. Differentiated instruction is also

part of in-service activities for intermediate teachers this year and plans are being made to train high school teachers next year.

"Differentiated instruction is a way to meet students where they are — to give different learning experiences in response to different levels of readiness, interest, or learning profile," said Dr. Jane Edmonds, assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction and programs.

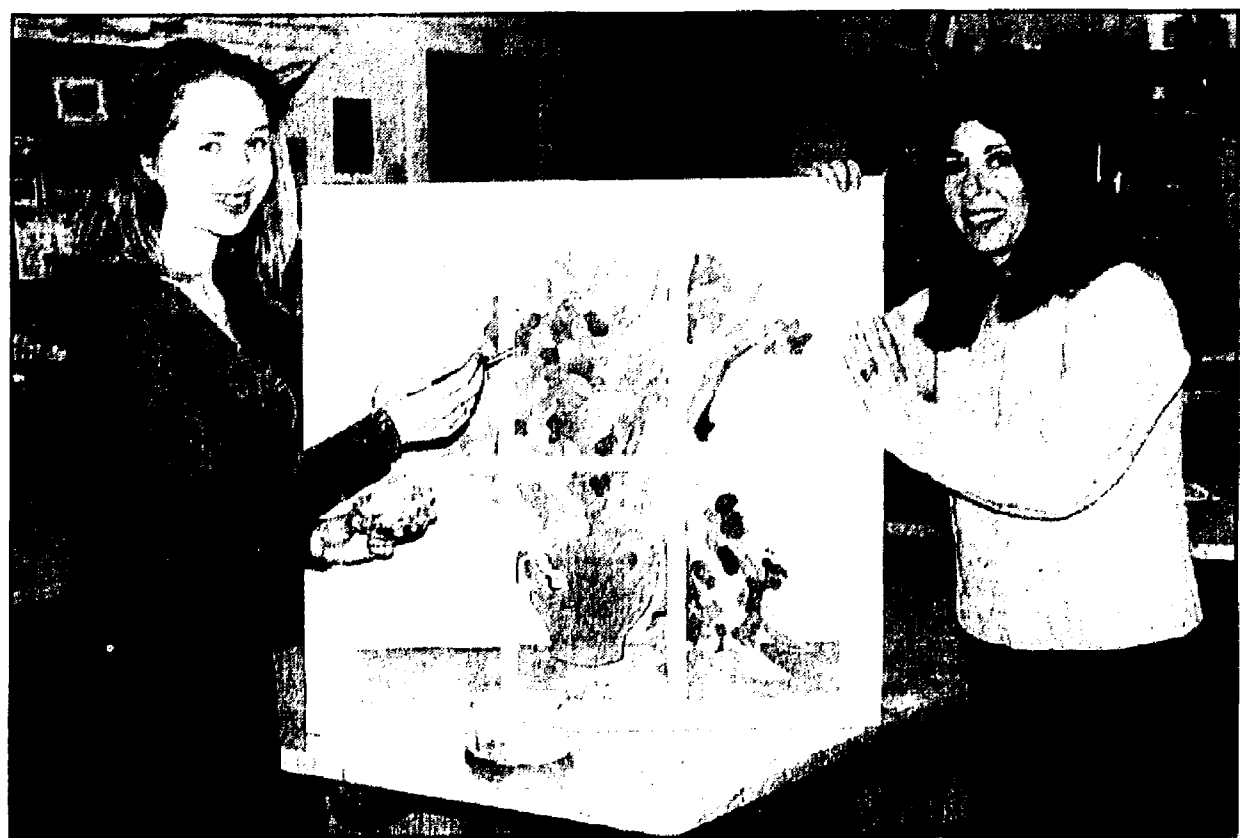
"Instead of doing the same thing to teach a lesson (teachers) will use different activities," Edmonds said. The activities will be based upon a pre-assessment of a child's skill. The teacher will assign students to undertake "different levels of the same lesson."

What it is not, is individualized lessons for each student in a classroom, which would be more like tutoring, Edmonds said.

The board is also considering

hiring a part-time coordinator for a Gifted and Talented program next year and hopes to begin a pilot program for the third and sixth grades.

Current Advance Learning Program (ALP) students would continue in their program. The district will consider clustering, acceleration, differentiated instruction and a pull-out program as ways to meet the needs of gifted students.



Student donation

Student artists from Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield are donating their art to the annual auction of the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at Temple Emanuel-El in Westfield. Eighth-grader Allison Siko, left, puts the final touches on her Van Gogh rendition of "Irises." With her is art teacher Anne Cohen.

Family tragedy inspires Westfield man's activism

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The illnesses of Mike Kenny's nephews is a heartbreaking story. As an angry and helpless onlooker to a disease that was devastating the family around him, Kenny has emerged as an advocate and president of AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey (ABC-NJ).

The AIDS Benefit Committee will hold its 14th annual auction Saturday. Proceeds of the event will go to agencies that provide help for people living with AIDS.

Kenny's nephews Anthony and Brian were hemophiliacs. When Anthony was 10 and Brian was 14, they shared a

batch of blood and contracted the HIV virus.

Kenny said his sister's family had to leave their home in Long Island because the boys were not allowed to go to school.

Resettling in upstate New York they tried to deal with the two life-threatening conditions. "It only got progressively worse for all of them," said Kenny.

Two years ago in July, Brian passed away. Anthony, now 22 years old, has full-blown AIDS. Patients are living longer, noted Kenny, but there's no cure.

"He is not doing well today," said Kenny.

"He lives in a group home with 10 to 12 other people,"

said Kenny, "It's been devastating for his parents as well."

Kenny hopes to bring Anthony to a home in Union County to ease the emotional impact of the illnesses on his sister.

"I got very angry when they contracted HIV through the blood transfusion," said Kenny, "I couldn't do anything with the anger. So I reversed it and put the anger to work."

The ABC-NJ is made up of volunteers dedicated to helping people with AIDS live as comfortably as possible. It reaches this goal through fund-raising that it distributes to organizations that help people live with AIDS.

A few of the organizations that will benefit from the auction proceeds are the Law Project, which provides legal assistance, the Angel Connection, Straight and Narrow, the Rainbow House in Trenton, and the Healing Community of Fairview Lakes.

The auction will take place at Temple Emanuel-El, 756 E. Broad St. An open bar, buffet, and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. A live auction with coffee and dessert begins at 8 p.m. Items being auctioned include art, antiques and services.

Scotch Plains Library hosts black history youth program

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library hosted a black history program on Feb. 26 that showcased the talents of community youth.

The program, The Tradition Continues: A Celebration of Black History in Poetry, Song and Dance, featured The St. John's Youth Choir, under the direction of Julia Jackson, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Gospel Choir, advised by Mary Williams.

Presentations were performed by the New Jersey Orators, Scotch Plains Chapter.

Rolanda Oliver did a portrayal of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech "I've Been to the Mountaintop." The Joy of the Lord Praise dancers, under the direction of Keva Otonuya, presented a spiritual dance and original poetry by Noel S. Morgan rounded out the program.

Gloria Young-Brody, the host of this event, said that it is important for all youths to know about the contributions African-Americans had on American culture. She praised all the groups on their presentations.

Stunned

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Nelson said he was pleased to see representatives from several police departments, former Mayor Joan Papan, town residents, members of Calvary Baptist Church, where he is a member, his family from Virginia and the leaders and congregation from St. John's Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kelmo C. Porter Jr., pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, advised the community to be fair and patient with the new chief.

"I want to say something to the black folks: Don't expect our chief to do miracles. He is here to serve the community at large. And to the white folks: Don't be so critical of my brother and friend as a man of color. Look at him as the most qualified."

Nelson says he was moved by the outpouring of support. After the meeting, festivities continued at Snuffy's restaurant.

"It touched me to come out and see this mass to support me. I look in the audience and see some guys I was in the academy with. I thank God for my mother who sacrificed so much for my education," Nelson said.

Nelson replaces Chief Thomas O'Brien who retired on Feb. 28.

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Block scheduling debate boils over in Kenilworth

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

KENILWORTH — The debate over block scheduling at David Brearley High School turned ugly again at Monday's Board of Education meeting, as board members and school administrators clashed over the pace of scheduling reform.

Following Brearley Principal Nancy Baton's statement that a new schedule could be instituted for the 2003-2004 school year at the earliest, several board members questioned whether the administration had dragged its feet on reform.

Board President George Schlenker was the most vociferous critic. Noting that parents first addressed the board with scheduling concerns in February 2001 and that the district is still studying the problem, Schlenker said, "I just think that's an inadequate response to what was very clearly a top priority in many people's minds."

Schlenker accused school and district administrators of not cooperating with an ad hoc block scheduling committee convened late last year. "That's despicable, because that's cheating kids," he said. "I think we've been stonewalled, and so have the public."

The district currently has a "four-by-four" block, in which students take four classes for one semester, then a different four classes in the second semester. Each class has a "block" of daily instruction roughly twice as long as traditional school periods.

Critics have charged the "four-by-four" system hurts student achievement and standardized test performance because students can go long periods without taking a core subject. Most critics have proposed not eliminating the block format but replacing it with a format that will allow full-year study of at least the core subjects. One such model is an "A/B block," in which students would take four classes one day, and the other four the next.

Baton, who objected to Schlenker's language as "rude and uncalled for," said teaching staff had some concerns about making a change. Teachers have already had to adjust to one block format, she said, and many now prefer the "four-by-four" model because it allows them to see fewer students per semester.

"They don't want to make this a knee-jerk reaction," Baton said.

But some board members

rejected those concerns. "Maybe the staff is very happy with what they have, but the employees are here to serve the needs of the district," Schlenker said.

"Maybe teachers are too comfortable with four-by-four," said Mark LoBello. "These are kids; they get one shot at this thing. If a teacher's uncomfortable, I don't care."

Other board members were more temperate, but also criticized what they said called a slow pace. "My concern is the amount of time taking to implement this," said Vice President Sue Washuta. "I was hoping for something more in September."

Baton said the school could move to the "A/B block" for next school year if the board so chooses. The only problem would be the required purchase of new textbooks, but Business Administrator Vincent Gonnella said that would not be a serious obstacle.

But when Baton asked if the board was directing the change to an "A/B" model, Schlenker said the decision should not come from the board. He referred the subject back to Superintendent Lloyd Leshuk, but said an administrative recommendation on scheduling reform should be forthcoming soon.



'Mame' comes to town

Mame Dennis, played by Laine Bonstein, left, and Vera Charles, played by Christina Perrotta, right, teach shy Agnes Gooch, played by Alex Grecco, center, to come out of her shell in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Repertory Theatre production of 'Mame'. Tickets for the show, which will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night and next Friday and Saturday nights at the high school, are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$3 for senior citizens and Renaissance cardholders. Other cast members include: Tuan Nguyen, Ian Wehrle, Jason Subble, Matthew Plagge, John DeLuca, Ryan Aspell, Katie Downey, Matt Capadicaso, Adam Corbin, Nora Weber, Laura Manzano, Jill Prefach, Ben Flath, Deanna Mustachio, Sam Slaugh, Ben Solomon, Laura Kavinski, Emily O'Connor, Stephanie Fowler, Steven Carroll, Chris Waliden, Anthony Saracino, Jen Marioni, Amanda Frank, Bobby Waliden, Justin Brennan, Abe Hiatt Carolyn L'Heureux, Lauren Perrotta, Erin Breznitsky, Emily Nguyen, Jessica Kim, Jen Howell, Melina Millonel, Tara Shashaty, Victoria Shelus, Kristen Kosovan, Lana Sacks, Katie Trombley, Rolanda Franklin, Irla Grimes, Christine DeLuca, Camille Vecchione, Melissa Franks, Courtney Veeck, Camille Tlangco, Ashley Esposito, Ashley McDonald, Kim Lorenzini, Erica Stuppeler, Jeannette, Franzione, Elizabeth Pilkington, Meghan Roberts, Jackie Tumolo, Katie Sprague, Nicole Tanguy and Brittany Hessemer.

Scholars' Circle fund-raiser will benefit the 9/11 victims

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — When it came time for the students of Cranford High School's Scholars' Circle to choose their annual community service project, there was not much question where to focus their efforts.

"We wanted a benefit to help families in Cranford" who had lost loved ones during Sept. 11, said Lisa Papandrea, a sophomore. "There was so much helping out in September — now another half year after, it's a great time to help out."

Also, said Scholars' Circle faculty advisor Eileen Dachnowicz, they wanted an event that would reflect their nation's response following the attack. "We wanted to get something indicative of the American spirit of industry and courage that manages to survive in difficult times."

The result is "The American Marketplace," a benefit event from 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the high school cafeteria. The "marketplace" consists of a silent auction of goods and services donated by local merchants, parents, and faculty, and a raffle contest with gift baskets for prizes.

The day will also feature

family activities such as face painting for small children and hair styling for teens. "It evolved a lot," said Kate Kuhn, another Scholars' Circle sophomore. It became less of an auction, and more for the entire family to come spend a day.

If the day is a success, it will be a testament to the students' work. In previous years, the circle's service projects have come in a supporting role. But with the marketplace, "we were called upon to go out, get an idea and run it," said junior Mike Dooley.

That work involved finding themes for the event, coordinating contributions, and generally organizing the event. "There were a lot of details," said Joanna Becker. "This is the first time I've ever done anything that took so much organization."

"They really became leaders, and civic leaders," Dachnowicz said.

But the students also pointed out they could not have organized the event without much help from their peers. "Everyone in the clubs donated time — it's really a schoolwide event," Kate said.

And the creative response of

teachers and community members to the request for donations revealed some "hidden talents," Dachnowicz said. Among the items to be auctioned are a caricature session from a social-studies teacher; a hand-dyed Shibori scarf from an art teacher; a red, white and blue Afghan from a math teacher; a parents' poetry workshop with an English teacher; and a free harmonica and one-hour lesson from a special-education teacher. Students can even bid for a one-on-one basketball game with the dean of students.

Sample gift baskets, Dachnowicz said, include a children's book basket and an Italian specialty foods basket.

The proceeds will go directly to the local families who lost relatives in the attack, she said.

The Scholars' Circle, which has about 30 members, is a selective enrichment program for interdisciplinary study of the humanities. Students attend classes during the summer after their freshman and sophomore years and work on a service project during the school year.

Mindowaskin Friends raise \$95,000 for granite overlook

WESTFIELD — The Friends of Mindowaskin Park, a nonprofit organization since the early 1990s, has raised more than \$95,000 to reconstruct the historic granite overlook.

"We have been overwhelmed by the amount of enthusiasm the community has toward this project. Once people could actually see the overlook being rebuilt, we received many inquiries to purchase engraved granite pavers and other items," said Nancy Priest, president.

The Town of Westfield appropriated \$222,000 in recent years to fund the overlook reconstruction using concrete. The Friends of Mindowaskin Park was challenged to raise the difference in the cost between concrete and granite.

The contractor, Tec-Con, completed the substructure part of the project about two weeks ago. Dave Rogers of Spring Valley Monument will complete the remaining part of the project installing the granite including pavers, ballisters, railings, urns and benches.

According to Mayor Greg McDermott, "This project has been a wonderful example of how a public-private partnership can work."

The Friends worked very hard to bring this project to fruition. Kris McAloon, assistant town engineer, who has been overseeing the substructure portion of the project said "this has been one of the easiest capital projects to manage, given the detailed plans prepared by Dave Rogers and the Friends of Mindowaskin Park."

According to David Foltz, treasurer of the Friends of Mindowaskin Park, "The Friends have raised more than

\$350,000 for the park since the group started in 1992. More than 93 percent of the funds raised have been put right back into the park, a statistic unmatched by many nonprofit groups."

Volunteer board members of the Friends of Mindowaskin Park include: Debby Burslem, Sherry Cronin, David Foltz, B. Carol Molnar, Melba Nixon, Nancy Priest, Marilyn Shields, Craig Stock, Barbara Vincentsen and David Williams.

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"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights and at 2 p.m. Sunday at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield. This comedic musical tale of Jacob's son Joseph features an eclectic mix of music ranging from country western to calypso to 1950s rock 'n' roll. The cast in alphabetical order: Kristin Aguero, Matt Anzalone, Lucas Baran, Mike Burns, Patrina Caruana, Ted Chou, Cally Costello, Stephanie Christiano, Aaron Eisenberg, Joe Faustine, Alex Forsteinhausler, Claire Fox, Kayley Graham, Annie Greenberg, Carolyn Haggerty, Tegest Hallu, James Hooper-Hammersley, Lauren Huff, Katherine Itz, Christine Kandigian, Noelle Kandigian, Emily Kleczykowski, Jane Kim, Bobby LaForge, Max Lazar, Rachel Mack, Stephen Markowski, Pat McCabe, Patrick McGowan, Greg Nelson, Jaclyn Nicoll, Julianne Niemiera, David Panayiotou, Alex Pitchen, Catherine Porta, David Purdy, Matt Renart, Ellen Scariati, Julie Shelman, Deborah Siegel, Allison Siko, Allie Sieto, Kathleen, Solan, Sean Sullivan, Elena Tinfow and Nichole Vendetti.

D.A.R. names Cranford man state's best history teacher

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — A quick glance at some of Paul Maloney's recent writing, and the most casual observer would know he is a born teacher.

"The lesson plan is everything!" Maloney wrote. "Nothing gives me a bigger 'charge' than a successful lesson plan."

Maloney, 43, is in fact a 15-year veteran at Hillside Avenue School, where he teaches eighth-grade social studies. He wrote those sentences in December for a Daughters of the American Revolution contest application. And they must have been convincing — at a Feb. 25 Board of

Education meeting, Crane's Ford D.A.R. regent Barbara Krause told Maloney he had been chosen the New Jersey D.A.R. Outstanding Teacher of American History.

The award is not the first acclaim Maloney has garnered. Last year, a Star-Ledger article described the way he conducts a "press conference" dressed as Abraham Lincoln to teach the Civil War.

This year, he and his student teacher Steve Bernich took the practice up a notch, with Bernich coming to school dressed as Robert E. Lee. The role-playing "encourages the kids to ask good questions," Maloney said. "I do the best I can to make social studies alive for kids."

Another way to make the material come alive, he said, is by connecting historical happenings to current events. While the current crisis has left teachers unsure about just how much detail to discuss, he said, it has also created educational opportunities. His students have compared Lincoln's rhetoric in the Emancipation Proclamation to President George W. Bush's "wanted: dead or alive" language, and studied 19th-century suffragettes in the context of the struggles of contemporary Afghan women.

Influenced by Cranford's "Teaching for Understanding" model, Maloney said, he works to "make the material relevant for kids in their own lives."

Westfield parking chief says he's raring to go

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Barry M. Sommers is "as hopeful as I can be" that the town can solve its parking problems.

In his new role as Westfield's parking director, Sommers says he's ready to act on years of study to help the town resolve some of its thorniest parking problems.

"As we know Westfield has been studied for decades," he said, "But it's time to act — action is long overdue."

During his first month on the job, Sommers has met with

groups ranging from downtown shop owners to high school students who drive to school.

"I'm making the rounds," he said, "absorbing everything I need to accomplish the task of enhancing the overall parking in Westfield."

Sommers has been in the parking authority business for the past seven years, most recently with the Staten Island Parking Authority. Though the suburban setting of his latest challenge may be worlds apart from the more urbanized Staten Island he hails from, the issues are the same.

"It's a parallel universe," he said, "Parking deficits — and what to do about it — are a widespread problem."

Sommers wants his office open to the public and open to their needs and concerns.

"Parking in this town is not a make or break issue," said Sommers. "It is a quality of life issue that must be addressed, and made as good as it can be."

Overall his first impressions are that the town is "going in the right direction" and learning to accept that there is not going to be a single correct answer to parking issues.

Festival spotlights teens' art

The Union County Teen Arts Festival takes place this week on the main campus of Union County College, in Cranford.

Festival hours are noon-4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday. All performances are open to the public. Assistive services are available.

The festival "showcases the artistic and creative abilities" of Union County teenagers, according to Lewis Mingo Jr., chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Students from more than 50 schools are scheduled to participate in performances, master classes, workshops and seminars. Visual arts, music, theater, dance and creative writing will be represented.

For a program brochure, phone (908) 558-2550.

The festival is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Sponsors include the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Union County prosecutor's office, Friends of Teen Arts, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and participating schools.



Virtual gift

Gail Lantz, left, of Management Recruiters of Short Hills donated two used computers to Carol Wenk of the Westfield Parent-Teacher Council, an umbrella organization for all nine Westfield public schools. The computers will be placed in the homes of some of the 8 percent to 10 percent of the Westfield students who do not have computers at home. The PTC is seeking donations of computers less than five years old to help out other Westfield students. To donate, email Wenk at (908) 654-3032.

Steakhouse, apartments win approval from Garwood's Planning Board

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

GARWOOD — The Planning Board approved an application Feb. 27 that will convert the abandoned Leather Warehouse building into a downtown restaurant and bar.

Westfield developer Robert DiStefanis of DiStefanis Properties, LLC, plans to open a steakhouse on the first floor of the property at 99 Center Street by August or September. The restaurant will include 61 seats, including a 15-seat bar.

On the second floor, DiStefanis will build two 2-bedroom apart-

ments, which will have a separate entrance at ground level.

"I think it's going to beautify the downtown," he said. "The building has been a blight for many years. We're going to be renovating the whole building inside and out."

In approving the application, the board authorized several variances permitting the restaurant and the small lot size, and most importantly, waived the parking requirement. According to municipal ordinance the proposed development would require 26 spaces, but there is no parking available on the site.

Tenants and patrons will be expected to park in public spaces,

said DiStefanis, who called the parking requirement "an economic and functional impossibility" in his application. He said this week the board had put no parking conditions on the approval of the application.

In a memo to the board, engineer Victor Vinegra noted the parking shortage has been the main cause of the building's eight-year vacancy. While he urged the board to set conditions for residential and employee parking, he wrote, "the existing structure appears in slight disrepair and does need revitalizations."

"No matter what application comes before the board, there's no parking, period," said Mayor Michael Crincoli, who sits on the Planning Board but had to recuse himself from the hearing because a zoning variance was sought.

DiStefanis said no final decisions have been made about the exterior appearance of the building. Architectural drawings submitted with the application indicate the building will be repainted and the windows replaced. Other design features include window awnings and mounted exterior lamps.

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Ladies Nite Out

Massage therapist Yvonne Thomas gives Carol Pysher a little pampering at the event sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee. The free treat, held Tuesday night at Terrell Middle School in Scotch Plains, was designed to help women relieve stress.

Briefs

Old Guard offers varied activities

Bob Bishie of Cranford bowled a high series of 526 and Everett Yacker of Plainfield teamed up to come in first at duplicate bridge at a recent Westfield Area Old Guard meeting. The Westfield Old Guard is a social organization of retired and semi-retired men founded in 1933. The group meets every Thursday from 9:30 till noon at the Westfield YMCA. In addition to weekly guest speakers, the group participates in many social activities. This spring will see the return of golf and shuffleboard. To join or get more information, call Bill Thornton at (908) 272-5759.

Westfield Vacuum gets a new look

WESTFIELD — Gerry Rubin,

owner of Westfield Vacuum and Allergy Relief has installed a new awning and sign to his store located at 249 E. Broad St. The improvements were funded in part by a Facade Renovation Incentive Grant by the Downtown Westfield Corp (DWC). One of the services offered by the DWC includes a limited matching grant program. This program can reimburse a maximum of one-half or up to \$2,000 for tenants and property owners to improve their facades within the Special Improvement District. Using historic photos and architectural details, Executive Director Sherry Cronin and the Design Committee recommended the grant be issued and that the Town of Westfield issue a sign variance. Gerry Rubin said, "Working with the DWC was a pleasure. They really went the extra mile in making this project happen. It's going to be great for business." Hudson Awning of Bayonne installed the new awning, and

Cheap Signs of Westfield installed the new sign.

Business group honoring women

WESTFIELD — For Women's History Month the BCW Business & Professional Women have scheduled a program "Moving Forward: Notable Women of Union County." The program is part of the BPW dinner meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Clark. A social hour 6:30 p.m. precedes dinner. "Moving Forward" is put together by the Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board. Featured in the display are Mary Minor, Florence Dwyer, Mildred Barry Hughes, Dr. Virginia Appar, Catherine Bauer Wurster, Sister Maria Borgia Byrne, Libby Sachar, Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolf, Mary Alice Kean, Nina Edwards Thomas, Betty McGhee, M. Elizabeth Chitty, Sister Jacinta Fernandez, Amalyn Lyle Kears and Jean Rae Turner. Cost is \$25. For reservations, phone Gerri at (908) 276-9502 by Monday, March 18.

Mary Higgins Clark is scheduled to appear at Junior League luncheon

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield will host its third annual literary luncheon benefit Friday, April 19, at the Berkeley Plaza, Berkeley Heights. Carol Higgins Clark, daughter of best-selling author Mary Higgins Clark and author of the "Regan Reilly" mystery series, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. Her mother, who has more than 50 million books in print, will also attend. Anita Diamant, author of the bestseller, "The Red Tent," New

Jersey resident J.P. Morrissey, author of "A Weekend at Blenheim," and children's author/illustrator Emily Arnold McCully, winner of the Caldecott Medal Award winner, "Mirette on the High Wire," will also attend. The authors will discuss their careers and autograph copies of their books, which will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the league's community service projects, supporting the league's mission of serving families and children in crisis.

Tickets are available at The Town Book Store of Westfield, (908) 233-3535, or by calling The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield at (908) 709-1177. The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield is an organization of more than 300 women drawn from throughout Union County. The league is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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Police Log

WESTFIELD

A Hyslip Avenue resident reported a theft Feb. 27.

Julio Ayalas, 22, of Sixth Street, Plainfield, was charged Feb. 28 on complaints of shoplifting from Lord & Taylor Ayalas was released with a summons.

A North Avenue West resident reported the theft on Feb. 28 of \$60 from a pocketbook.

Edgar Ortiz, 25, of Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, was charged Feb. 28 on two warrants. One was out of Elizabeth for \$549 and the other, Clifton for \$500. Ortiz was released on a total bail of \$1049.

Robin Christmas, 41, of Plainfield, was charged at South Avenue and Amsterdam in Roselle on a warrant. Christmas was turned over to the Plainfield Police.

A Prospect Street resident reported March 3 an identity theft of a credit card. A total of \$223.95 was missing and charged to the account number.

Natashia N. Bishop, 26, of Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., was charged March 3 with shoplifting. Bishop was processed and released on her own recognizance with a summons.

There was a report on March 3 of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle in municipal lot #5. A gas tank cover was broken off.

Mark A. Szarszewski, 27, of Marigold Court, Edison, was charged March 3 with driving while intoxicated on Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road. Subject was transported to police headquarters and later to Overlook Hospital.

Luis Macaluso, 25, of South Avenue, was charged March 3 on a warrant out of Hanover. Macaluso posted bail of \$104 and was released.

John Konstantindis, 29, of Mohawk Terrace, was charged March 4 on two warrants issued by the Hamilton Township Court. Bail in the amount of \$800 was posted and Konstantindis was released.

Rukmini Alonzo, 19, of Marshall Street, Elizabeth, was charged March 5 on an outstanding warrant out of Elizabeth. Alonzo was released on his own recognizance.

SCOTCH PLAINS

A Stocker Lane resident reported Feb. 25 a burglary during the day. Entry was gained by forcing a side entrance open. Jewelry was reported taken.

A West Broad Street resident reported Feb. 26 that someone tried to gain entry to the residence during the day on Feb. 25 by prying open a rear window.

A Marlboro Street resident reported Feb. 26 the theft of \$1,300 overnight. There was no sign of forced entry.

A resident of Tisbury in Southwyck Village reported Feb. 26 that a missing credit card was used at different locations over the past two days to make fraudulent purchases.

A Hamlette Place resident reported Feb. 26 that the apartment was entered when someone pried open a door. A small television was reported missing.

A Union Avenue resident reported Feb. 28 being harassed by a student from Scotch Plains-

Fanwood High School.

A student from Union Catholic High School reported Feb. 28 the theft of a laptop computer sometime after school.

A student at the Union County Vo-Tech reported March 1 the theft of a wallet from an unsecured classroom.

A Park Avenue business reported March 1 an attempted entry to a basement storage area. An alarm alerted police. It appears nothing was taken.

A Westfield Avenue resident reported March 1 that fraudulent charges were made using his credit information for Internet purchases totaling about \$500.

FANWOOD

There was a house fire on Tillotson Road on Feb. 28 about 3:30 in the afternoon. The apparent cause of the fire was a furnace misfiring, police said. There was heavy smoke in the basement. The fire department responded, put out the fire and vented the basement. No one was injured.

There was a burglary reported March 3 to a South Avenue store. The owner went to open at 9 a.m. and noticed the rear door was open. \$800 was reported stolen.

There was an attempted burglary reported March 4 to a store located on Old South Avenue. A window was pried out, but nothing was missing.

A Madison Street resident reported March 4 that she received a credit report that listed an \$800 balance with J.C. Penney. She claims she never opened an account with J.C. Penney.

A Paterson Road resident reported March 4 that their debit card was used to withdraw \$1,260.

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Commentary

It's past time to end stalemate

It's time to end the teacher contract stalemate in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

That's not to say that the Board of Education should cave in and hand over the keys to the schools to the teachers.

It's time to compromise.

The district's teachers are home owners and property taxpayers too. They have continued to work in good faith under the terms of their contract which expired last June. They have to pay the orthodontist and replace the water heater and they need to know what their income is and what their benefits are.

Every three years the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities have gone without Back to School nights and put up with job actions by teachers who want to get the public's attention. This year, to the teachers' credit, they have been restrained. The nighttime Back to School event was canceled when the teachers refused to attend, but it was replaced by a modified daytime event.

Letters of recommendation have been written, classrooms are decorated and teachers are available before or after school to help students who are struggling with their school work.

Except for the Feb. 21 meeting, the teachers have been regularly attending Board of Education meetings. This has been the only public expression of their dissatisfaction that their contract has not been successfully renegotiated.

Starting salaries and health coverage appear to be the stumbling block.

There must be compromise.

Teachers need and deserve a fair compensation package. But they must not be greedy.

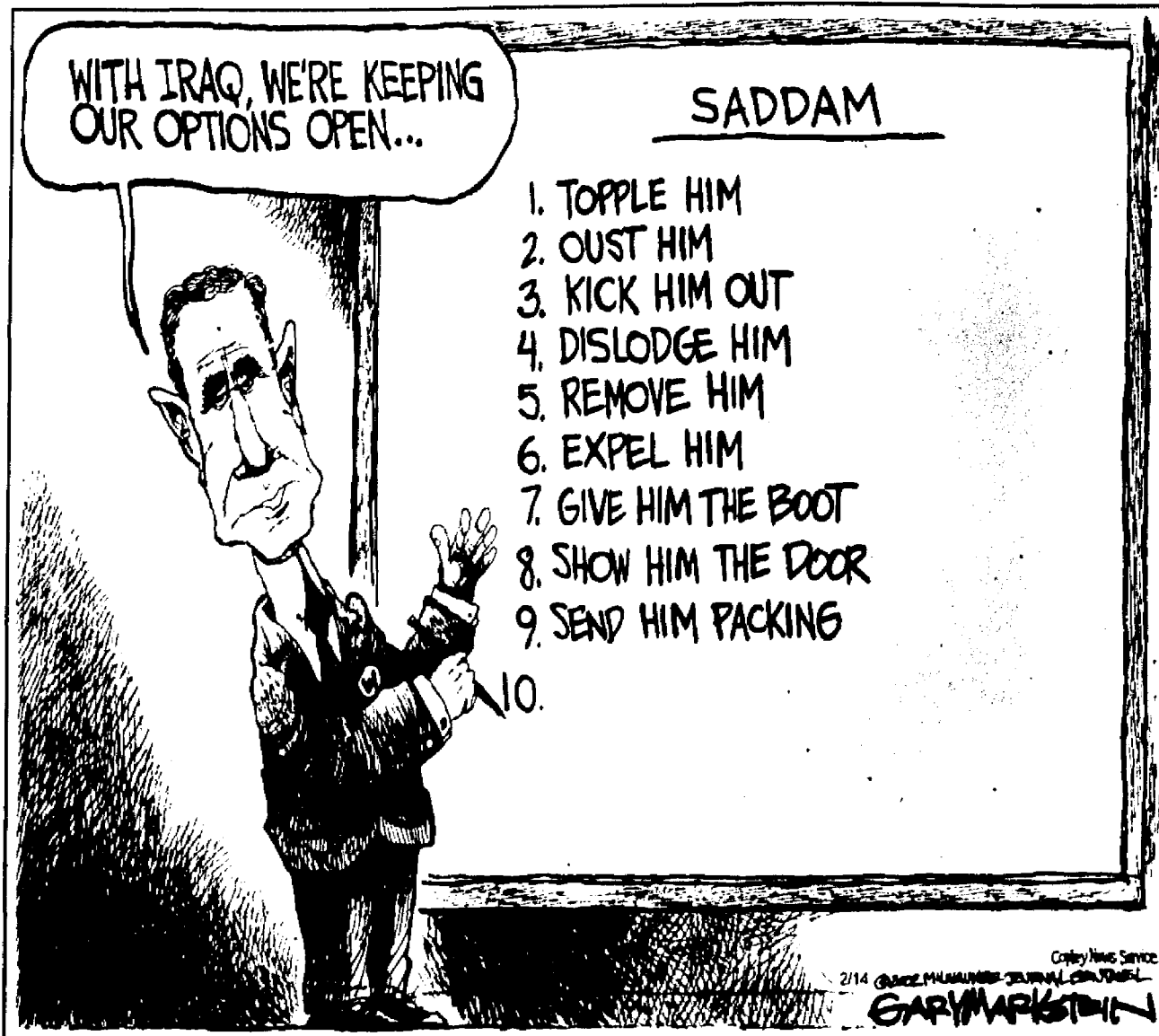
Some of the folks who pay the bills are retired and living on fixed incomes. Others are working for businesses facing tough times. Many have been laid off from Lucent, AT&T and other large employers. In many cases, salary increases in the private sector have been reduced or put off.

School property taxes have mushroomed with the passage of the bond referendum. The improvements are necessary, but the cost is high. An unanticipated increase in cost for faculty compensation could have a dire effect on some residents — and ultimately on the community and school district we take such pride in.

It's time to compromise.

The teachers and board must put this negotiation behind them so everyone's full attention is devoted to the schoolchildren who are counting on them.

Compromise is the only answer.



Letters to the editor

Ministers back temple parking plan

To The Record-Press:

The Westfield-Mountainside Ministerium Associates support the process to resolve the parking lot issue now under way between Temple Emanuel-El and its neighbors. We hope for and believe that the good will demonstrated by the temple and the leadership of the citizens' group UNITE will lead to an equitable resolution to this issue.

Further, we applaud the open dialogue initiated by the temple and UNITE. We fully understand the environmental and residential concerns that UNITE has communicated. At the same time, we assert that Temple Emanuel-El has significantly served and positively impacted families of this region for decades. We support their intentions to improve upon their ability to serve their congregants.

Change within our community is inevitable; similarly, the numerical and spiritual growth experienced in a congregation is positive change. We support and commend such positive change. We trust that the dialogue will lead to an understanding of the needs of all concerned and we hope for a change in attitude among those who are fearful.

The Westfield-Mountainside Ministerium Associates is composed of people in the religious and human service professions. We gather for the purpose of encouraging and informing one another; we focus on spiritual nurture, networking and informing ourselves about community issues.

The above letter was signed by 28 church ministers and officials of agencies affiliated with Westfield-Mountainside Ministerium Associates.

'Booze party' photo went too far

To The Chronicle:

As a lifelong resident of Cranford and a longtime subscriber to The Cranford Chronicle, I was both shocked and disappointed in the journalistic practices displayed in the reporting of the "booze party" which took place on Feb. 14.

Yes, the newspaper should have reported this unfortunate incident. However, using a photograph of the private residence where the "booze party" took place lends itself to sensationalism, and sensationalism only. No purpose was served here

except to humiliate and embarrass those involved.

We as parents, and the community at large, are aware of the problems and issues of teenage drinking. We would like nothing more to help our teens make safe and mature decisions concerning their social behavior. Nevertheless, this type of overzealous reporting hinders parents and their teenagers in engaging in honest and open discussions concerning teenage drinking.

Leslie A. Schreiber,
Cranford

Flooding leaves long emotional scars

To The Chronicle:

The Township Committee should be applauded for obtaining the Camp, Dresser and McKee evaluation of Killam Associate's proposed flood improvement plan and now, based on those findings, for agreeing to move forward with the flood bonding. While the bonding process moves forward, every effort should, and I am sure, will be made to design express storm sewer lines and a swale that ease the impact on those most directly affected, while still effectively preventing flooding from stormwater runoff.

The impact of flooding goes far beyond having to "replace the furniture and DVD players." Prior to Tropical Storm Floyd, I had no conception of that impact, even though we live only two blocks from

homes that flood frequently. We had only 34 inches of water in the ground floor of our home, and with flood insurance and no basement, we had far less physical and financial damage than those living closer to the river. Even so, it took over a year to get our home back the way it was. The trauma takes far longer than that to fade from memory. Volunteer to help one of your Cranford neighbors the next time we have a flood and you will get a small taste of what it is like.

There is no excuse to let flooding continue that is simply the result of stormwater runoff that cannot reach the river. Let's pull together like the great community Cranford is and work to prevent future flooding.

JAMES R. SILKENSEN
Cranford

Ice hockey team grateful for support

To The Chronicle:

The Cranford High School ice hockey team, Friends of CHS Ice Hockey parent group, and coaches Rich Hurley and Brad Biernie would like to express our appreciation to all the townspeople and businesses that supported our team this past season. As many of us know ice hockey receives only minimal funding by the school system, it is a costly program primarily due to ice time fees. With the support from fund-raisers, the individual student cost can be significantly decreased.

Our sincere appreciation to Frank and Kim DiTullio and the Cranford Hotel staff for their continued generosity in hosting our annual Pasta Night fund-raiser. Once again this year, the Feb. 10 event was a tremendous success due to an overwhelming response from our supporters. The food was delicious, the staff exceptionally accommodating and a great time was had for all involved. The Cranford Hotel has been a tremendous source of assistance to our team each year; the downstairs restaurant is reserved solely for this ice hockey fund-raiser with food and drink

donated by the hotel. Our thanks again!

Thanks to all our supporters who contributed to the success of our team this year. We had a great season with a final record of 12-10-3. Whether you attended Pasta Night, bought an advertisement in our booster book, donated money during our town collection or made some of our games, we thank you for your continued support.

I would express my gratitude to all the wonderful people I've come to work with over this past year. Thank you all for doing extraordinary jobs in whatever was delegated your way. Special thanks to Dave D'Amico, Chris Ahern, Roseanne Lanz, Janet Ozolnieks and Cindy Dellaserra for going above and beyond in all they did. Lastly, I'd like to thank each member of the ice hockey team. Watching their games was truly one of my life's simple pleasures. Continued success!

The writer is the outgoing president of Friends of CHS Ice Hockey.

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Cranford

Library volunteers win kudos

To The Chronicle:

The Cranford Public Library is now open in its renovated and expanded building. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who have been working so diligently to help us reshelve the thousands of books that were in storage during the construction. This work continues and we hope to have the entire

collection back in place within the next few weeks. In the meantime, we invite everyone to come see our wonderfully refurbished facility and take advantage of the many resources we have to offer.

JOHN MALAR
Director,
Cranford Public Library

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Celebrate heritage of mutts

St. Patrick's Day is soon approaching and everybody who isn't Irish will make a symbolic and occasionally pathetic attempt to be Irish. People will wear green, drink green beer, eat corned beef and cabbage, sing "Danny Boy" off key and speak in an accent that even the late actor Barry Fitzgerald would find revolting. If I were Irish, I would be insulted.

I won't be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. I've got nothing against the Irish; I've learned more from James Joyce than any other writer (though, of course, it doesn't show). But I'm not Irish. I'm half Hungarian and half Dutch and it would be inappropriate for me to pretend to be something I'm not. If the Irish would celebrate St. Ladislaus Day or Rembrandt's birthday, then maybe I would be more inclined to celebrate their day in return. After all, do Christians celebrate Purim? Do Jews observe Easter?

By being half Hungarian and half Dutch, I've never had a holiday to celebrate my ethnicity (pure-bred WASPS, that vanishing and unfairly maligned breed, also have no day to call their own.) Whenever Columbus Day or Pulaski Day rolls around, I am again reminded that I may be the most American of all breeds — the mutt. The mixed blood in my veins has left me without any distinctive ethnic traits. Though it is a relief not to be burdened with any ethnic stereotypes, I sometimes do feel left out that there is no holiday to revel in my heritage.

Being a mutt has left me pretty devoid of ethnic character. The opposing Hungarian and Dutch attributes cancel out; the Hungarian exuberance is balanced by the Dutch reticence. The Hungarian quest for the wild life on the open road is tempered by the Dutch discipline to remain at home to mind the tulips and dikes. The only common ground between the two ethnic types is a tendency to brood and to explore the dark corners of the soul. But even that doesn't last too long; the Hungarian lust for life and the Dutch work ethic usually put me right back on my feet.

As America enters a new century, the third and fourth generations of the wave of immigrants arriving on these gold-paved shores around 1900 have become mutts too, as ethnic boundaries have worn thin. Towns in Central Jersey that used to be dominated by a single ethnic group are becoming more diverse (what better way to start a new century than a Polish mayor in Raritan and an Italian mayor in Manville!) These are positive signs the audacious American experiment of tolerant diversity is still working.

But the test of this experiment remains in what happens to the wave of immigrants that have landed here in the last two decades. Will the Latinos, Russians and Africans be accepted into the mainstream of American culture or will they face decades of prejudice, discrimination and unfair stereotypes? It is up to us mutts to remember the obstacles faced by our grandparents and pledge that a new generation of immigrants should be treated better.

I've decided this year to celebrate my heritage as a mutt on the Fourth of July, the most American of all holidays. On that day we all should have at least one slice of white bread and a bowl of potato salad made with the finest grade of mayonnaise, a communion with our bland national identity. But bland can be beautiful, just as a mutt can be beautiful. We may not have the grace and perfect beauty of a pure-bred, but we are friendly, loyal and housebroken. Our fair disposition makes us the perfect companions because we accept all differences as being natural.

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SP-F High names honor students

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

Grade 12 — Erin L. Breznitsky, Naor Chazan, Matthew DeNichilo, William C. Gonch, Jessica Green, Jennifer L. Harrison, Jacqueline A. L'Heureux, Caitlin Mahony, Pamela Matamoros, Daniel S. Nelson, Sharon R. Opila, Matthew T. Ortyl, Hana C. Pardon, Magdalene Q. Pepe, Jonathan J. Quijano, Eva Stepanowicz and Yevgeniya Zhurbinskaya.

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Patricia Ann Schieffer and Christopher Morgan Owens plan to marry in Kokomo, Ind., in August.

Patricia Ann Schieffer to wed Christopher Morgan Owens

John M. Schieffer of Kokomo, Ind., has announced the engagement of his daughter, Patricia Ann to Christopher Morgan Owens, son of Cathy and David Owens of Westfield. The couple will be wed on Aug. 10, 2002 at St. Patrick's Church in Kokomo.

Mr. Owens is a member of the Westfield High School class of 1998. He will graduate with honors from Purdue in August with a Bachelor of Arts degree in health and fitness. Following their wedding, the couple will reside in Irvine, Calif., where Mr. Owens has accepted a position as a strength and conditioning coach with MVP Sports and Physical Therapy Centers.

Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

RESPECTING BOUNDARIES

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Community Life

Briefs

My County posters due by March 22

All schools in Union County have been sent guidelines on a poster contest that will promote County Government Week, which this year falls April 7-13.

The contest is open to all Grade 4 students throughout New Jersey. Pupils will be asked to design a poster that depicts the characteristics of "My County" and how it relates to the county government.

Posters must be submitted by March 22. Prizes for Union County winners will be awarded at a ceremony at the county courthouse in Elizabeth. A number of posters from Union County will be on display in the courthouse rotunda between April 8-12.

For more information, phone (908) 527-4999 weekdays.

The poster contest is sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey. Contest coordinators in Union County are Sheriff Ralph Froelich, Surrogate James LaCorte and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi.

Courthouse history outlined in pamphlet

WESTFIELD — "A History of the Union County Courthouse Complex" can be found in a brochure now available from the county annex at 300 North Ave. West.

"For more than 330 years a government building has been located at Broad Street and Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth," County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said.

The present courthouse was erected in 1903; its most recent addition is a two-story entrance that opened in 2000.

Courthouse visitors are welcome. Tours for school groups and other organizations are available by appointment; phone (908) 527-4787.

Kindergarten sign ups continue

Children who expect to attend kindergarten in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools in September are now being registered in each of the district's elementary schools. To be eligible, a child must be 5 years of age on or before Oct. 1, 2002.

Initial registration forms have been given to parents of children currently attending elementary schools in the district. Families who have not yet had a child enrolled in the district's schools may obtain a registration form from the elementary school in the attendance area in which they reside. The form should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Following receipt of all initial registration forms, the schools will inform the parents about the procedures necessary to complete the registration process.

Free Pre-K program sign ups continue

Now through April 30, 2002, preliminary applications are being accepted for admission to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools' Title I prekindergarten program for 2002-2003. Preschool children residing in Scotch Plains or Fanwood and who will reach 4 years of age on or before Oct. 1 are eligible to be considered for the program.

The applicants will be evaluated by district staff in May. The program, which will be available based on revised federal regulations, will be taught by certified early childhood teachers during half-day sessions five days a week. The program is without charge to the families of participants.

Preliminary applications are available at each of the district's elementary schools or from the Title I Office, 889-0559.

Fitness class offered for seniors

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y has developed a beginning "Senior Strength Training" class for those who want to improve their health and fitness.

Classes are 9:15-10 a.m. Monday and Thursday in the Westfield Y at 220 Clark St. Cost is \$35 for Gold and Silver members, \$70 for Basic members. Written permission from your physician is required.

For more information, phone Michael Johnson at (908) 233-2700, Ext. 251.



Renate Marony gives a tour Sunday and talks about the Victorian parlor at the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains. The house, at 1840 Front St., is open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month. Tours can be arranged by calling (908) 322-6700.

House offers glimpse of the good old days



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mike Kirkland, 7, watches Judy Trudson of Scotch Plains as she demonstrates the art of rug hooking at the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains on Sunday.

Stack 'em up

Members of the Westfield Rotary Club and volunteers make pancakes at the 37th annual Pancake Day Saturday in the high school cafeteria. The event is the club's major fund-raiser. It's foundation annually grants \$60,000 in scholarships to worthy town residents who are attending college.



Scotch Plains author reads success differently

By GREGORY SHORO
CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — Every day, publishing houses toss aside the manuscripts of aspiring writers, and along with the tons of unread paper that hit the wastebasket, go the dreams of those very writers.

Gwyn English Nielsen decided that she would not allow that to happen to her.

Disappointed, but not disheartened at the underwhelming interest in her first children's book, "Torey the Turkey Goes Skiing," Nielsen, 43, did what any motivated person armed with a dream would do in this situation. She started her own publishing house.

"It was a rough process," said Nielsen, a resident of Scotch Plains and president of CGS Press in Summit. "I sent the story out and I always got rejections. After awhile that starts to rain on you and you stop believing in yourself. So many good books get passed up that way."

Nielsen, who also illustrates her books, owes much of

her success to her 11-year old daughter Saxony, who throughout the period of constant rejection notices and a divorce, was there seeing her through to finish the dream she started.

"If I didn't have a child, I probably would never have written a book," said Nielsen. "A child is a blessing and I wanted to give something back."

In December, Nielsen received a Heart grant from Union County. The funds are given to those applicants whose projects will serve as a cultural resource to the area. She is presently using the grant to visit schools in Union County where she treats the children to a fully costumed reading from one of her books.

While most authors complete their duty at the turn of the final page, Nielsen's reading comes with a lesson: "Anyone can make their dreams come true through effort, time and a strong belief in the power of the individual."

"Children represent the purity in all of us," said Nielsen who taught high

school for several years after college and would like to pursue a career in elementary teaching in the future.

"I get inspiration from their newness, freshness and innocence, and after a show there's nothing more gratifying than to receive a hug from one of them."

Nielsen is currently in the process of selling her video rental business, Video Station, which over the years has played a major role in covering the costs that come along with being a self-published author.

The former stage actress and director has said that after the sale she does not wish to concentrate on her publishing business for the sake of profit, but rather keep it as a resource for her to continue her dream of producing thoughtful works. Her latest, "Teaching a Love Life," is an autobiographical collection of original poetry.

"Money is not success in my eyes," added Nielsen. "It's nice to be comfortable and it's nice to pay the bills, but it's nothing like going out there and inspiring people."



Gwyn English Nielsen appears in costume as her character Bonny the Bunny with her daughter, Saxony, 11.

Chester A. Ring III; water company executive

SCOTCH PLAINS — Chester A. Ring III, 74, a former executive with Elizabethtown Water Co. and a past-president of the American Water Works Association, died Feb. 27 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

He retired in 1992 after a 42-year water industry career, the final five years of which were as Elizabethtown Water president. A licensed professional engineer, Mr. Ring began his career designing water distribution systems for the American Water Works Service Co.

In 1959 he became the chief engineer of the Plainfield-Union Water Co., which was acquired by Elizabethtown Water two years later. Mr. Ring rose through the ranks to become senior vice president for operations and later an executive vice president. He remained a director of Elizabethtown Water until last year.

Mr. Ring also was president of the National Association of Water Companies and a director of the Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. After serving in the Navy during World War II he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maine in 1950.

He was a past-president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, which honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow. Mr. Ring was a past-president, former director and former trustee of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. He also was a trustee of the Plainfield Country Club in Edison, where he scored holes-in-one in 1995 and 2000, both times on the 11th hole.

Mr. Ring was born in Bangor, Maine, and lived in Scotch Plains from 1959 until he moved to Plainfield in 1989. He and his wife, Joan Price Ring, would have celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary next month.

In addition to his wife, surviving are three sons, William J. of Summit, Michael A. of Carteret and Joseph E. of Melbourne, Fla.; a daughter, Mary L. of Fanwood; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Helen B. Kelly

FANWOOD — Helen B. Keller Kelly, 84, died March 1, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She retired in 1987 after 14 1/2 years as a secretary in the special education department of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

A native of New York City, she lived in Plainfield before moving to Fanwood in 1941.

Mrs. Kelly was long active in the American Cancer Society and a former secretary of the board of managers of its Union County unit. She also was a longtime member of the Laurel League of Plainfield and its many programs.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic

Church in Plainfield, where Mrs. Kelly was the parish's delegate to the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Union County.

Deceased are her husband, Frank J. in 1973; a son, John E. in 1966; and a brother, Edward J. Koller in 1965.

Surviving are two sons, Philip E. and Frank J.; a daughter, Barbara Parish; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Higgins Home for Funerals, Plainfield, followed by a Mass at St. Bernard's Church. Burial was in St. Teresa's Cemetery, Summit.

Donations may be sent to St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, P.O. Box 2844, Plainfield, NJ 07062.

Anne Graglia

FANWOOD — Anne Constandi Graglia, 70, died March 1, 2002 at Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville, Fla. She had been with Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield for 33 years, retiring in 1995 as a patient account coordinator.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Fanwood before moving in 1995 to Reeders, Pa.

Mrs. Graglia was a volunteer with the Deborah organization and Leukemia Society of America. She was active in the catechism program at Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church in Tannersville, Pa.

Surviving are her husband, Mario; two stepsons, Peter and

Matthew, and a stepdaughter, Marilyn, all of Pennsylvania; two brothers, Dominic Constandi and Frank Constandi, both of Scotch Plains; four sisters, Sister Virginia Constandi of Clark, Margaret Ritchie of Middlesex, Mary Sorbo of North Plainfield and Helen La Piere of Fanwood; three stepgrandchildren; an aunt; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mass was offered yesterday at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, Plainfield, following services at Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung. Entombment was in Gate of Heaven Chapel Mausoleum, East Hanover.

Obituaries

Stanley Chiemingo

WESTFIELD — Stanley L. Chiemingo, 85, died March 2, 2002 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. He had been an Army Air Corps sergeant in World War II and a welder with Ford Motor Co. after the war.

He was born in Burlington and lived in Elizabeth before moving to Westfield in 1975.

Mr. Chiemingo retired in 1984 after 38 years with Ford at its vehicle assembly plant in Edison. He was a member of United Automobile Workers

Local 980 in Edison and for 66 years a member of Elks Lodge 996 in Burlington.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Dorothy V. Wade Chiemingo; and a daughter, Marlane V. of Westfield.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church with arrangements by the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

Margaret Clark

WESTFIELD — Margaret M. Walsh Clark, 92, died Feb. 28, 2002 at Rumlins Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

A native of New Bedford, Mass., she lived in Westfield and New Providence before moving to Berkeley Heights in 1998.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the New Providence Senior

Citizens Club. Her husband, Thomas, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas of Watchung and William of New Hampshire; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial in Summit.

Margaret Eschle

FANWOOD — Margaret E. Wilson Eschle, 79, died Feb. 26, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She once was a clerk with Prudential Insurance Co. of America at its home office in Newark.

Mrs. Eschle was born in Keyport. She lived in Kearny, Irvington and Garwood before

moving to Fanwood in 1966.

Surviving are her husband, Karl W.; two sons, John and Andrew; three daughters, Catherine Jones, Ellen Alvino and Theresa Bousquet; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Margaret Leavitt

SCOTCH PLAINS — Margaret R. Leavitt, 85, died Feb. 25, 2002 at her home in Brick. She retired in 1985 after 18 years with the tax department of the Siemens Corp. plant in Iselin.

A native of Plainfield, she lived in Scotch Plains from 1960 until she moved to Brick in 2000.

Mrs. Leavitt earlier was with the accounting department of the former Art Color Printing

Co. in Dunellen from 1946-66. She was a member of the North Plainfield High School Alumni Association.

Surviving are a son, James; a brother, Joseph Repac; a sister, Dorothy Kigby; and two grandchildren.

Mass was offered Friday at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church in Brick. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Arrangements were by Colonial Funeral Home in Brick.

John A. Walsweer

WESTFIELD — John Anthony Walsweer, 64, died March 1, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been the president of Application Associates in Middlesex for 25 years.

Mr. Walsweer was born in Friesland, Netherlands, and came to the United States in 1939. He lived in Glen Ridge and Illinois before moving to Westfield.

He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Bradley University. Mr. Walsweer was a member of the

Porsche-BMW Club of America and the Westfield Jaycees.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Jane Daley Walsweer; four sons, Christopher, Jonathan, Daniel Lynch and Dennis Lynch; three daughters, Mary Jane Prybylski, Betsy Gonzalez and Katy Brown; a brother, Christopher; a sister, Janet; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church with arrangements by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the American Lung Association.

Robert S. Clauss

SCOTCH PLAINS — Robert S. Clauss, 72, died Feb. 27, 2002 at Center for Hope Hospice in Elizabeth. He was an Army photographer in the Korean War and from 1952-89 owned a Roselle Park photography studio under his surname.

He was born in Newark and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Clark in 1992.

Mr. Clauss once photographed major battle sites of World War II and opened a photographic laboratory in Marseilles, France. He was a member of the Deutscher Club of Clark.

His wife, Therese, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Robert S. II of Toms River; a daughter, Susan Wadiak of Clark; a sister, Carol Smith of Blairstown; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, followed by a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was private.

Memorial donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, 176 Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

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Anna Di Nizo

SCOTCH PLAINS — Anna Passucci Di Nizo, 87, died March 2, 2002 at her home. She retired in 1979 after 10 years making pocket-books for Markay Bags in Plainfield.

She was born in Montazzoli, Italy, and settled in Scotch Plains when she came to the United States in 1959.

Mrs. Di Nizo was a member of the St. Nicholas Women's Auxiliary to the Italian-American Club in Scotch Plains. She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the

Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Deceased are her husband, Nicola; a son, Sabatino "Joe," a brother and two sisters.

Surviving are four daughters, Angelina DiFrancesco, Ersilia DiFrancesco, Edie Della Ventura and Mimi Vetri; a son, Romano, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Dorothy Meyer

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy L. Stewart Meyer, 79, died March 3, 2002 at Rumlins Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. She was a secretary with Mack Truck at its former Plainfield plant prior to her retirement.

She was born in North Plainfield and had lived most recently in Scotch Plains.

For 15 years Mrs. Meyer was a volunteer in the Adult Day Care Center at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She also was a volunteer and active supporter of the Deborah Heart and Lung Center.

Deceased are her parents,

Agnes and Walter Stewart; a sister, Helen Gendall; and a brother, Army Staff Sgt. Walter R. Stewart.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur A. Sr.; a son, Arthur A. Jr.; four daughters, Ruth A. Bender, Elaine C. Barney, Debbie L. Boyton and Mary Lou; a sister, Grace S. Arnold; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

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

M. Louise Barnes

WESTFIELD — M. Louise Barnes, 74, died March 2, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She owned the C. Barnes & Sons building supply company in Elizabeth for many years.

Mrs. Barnes was born in Elizabeth and had lived for many years in Westfield. She studied art at Union County College in Cranford and had several of her paintings in Union County art

shows. Her husband, Clarence, is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Cheryl, Renee and Kim; two sons, John and Parrish; and three grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains. Arrangements were by Nesbitt Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

Briefs

Project Graduation donations requested

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School PTA will host Project Graduation 2002, an all-night celebration for graduating seniors, on Wednesday, June 19.

The PTA sponsors this event annually to provide a final social event for the senior class in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment on what is statistically the most dangerous night of the year for high school students.

The event is run with lots of volunteer support and is financed through donations from parents and guardians, the district PTAs, the Board of Education, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance, the Union County Board of Freeholders, local businesses and civic groups.

The Project Graduation Committee 2002 encourages all community members to support the event by sending a check to Project Graduation, SPFH PTA, SPFH, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

All donations will be acknowledged in a special handout at the evening graduation ceremony.

Nonprofit seeks new volunteers

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Center for Women and Families is looking for a few good volunteers.

The 18-year-old nonprofit organization offers sliding-scale professional counseling to adults, youths and families, free half-hour legal consultations, support groups for adults and children, community education seminars, workshops, job skill training, help-line referrals and more.

"In addition to assisting with our counseling programs, we are also seeking people who can provide liaison and outreach services with the municipal governments and local business communities in Union County," said Marilyn Vidovich, the group's president. "We welcome retirees, students, interns — anyone who has some spare time and a desire to help."

The organization, which is headquartered at 1801 E. Second St., is planning a children's theater benefit, a fashion show, potluck supper and other fundraising activities.

For more information call (908) 322-6007.

Theater tickets offered at discount

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

The final shows of the current

season are the musical "Jerry's Girls" featuring the music of Broadway composer Jerry Herman and the Ray Cooney British farce "It Runs in the Family."

To purchase individual memberships, make your check payable to Westfield Community Players and send it to Hudak at 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090.

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

Westfield shops displaying artwork

WESTFIELD — Residents and shoppers in Westfield will find the downtown store windows decorated with an array of art created by local public school students.

For the seventh consecutive year, the nationally proclaimed Youth Art Month is being celebrated by 69 downtown merchants who are displaying artwork produced by more than 350 students.

Student works of art include paintings, drawings, sculpture, and painted furniture designed by students of all ages from each of Westfield's nine public schools.

Fine Arts Supervisor, Linda King, commended the students, teachers and local merchants for making this annual event possible.

Seminar March 24 for softball coaches

The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with the Amateur Softball Association/U.S.A. Softball, will conduct an "ACE" Softball Coaching Certification Program on from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at the Union County College Athletic Center in Cranford.

The "ACE" Program will cover topics that include the psychology of coaching; legal issues in sports; first aid; the organization of practice; coach/umpire relations; and skills specific to softball. Participants in the program will receive the 90-page ACE Coaching Manual and will be eligible for liability insurance and other softball-related benefits.

The fee is \$20.00 per coach. Checks should be made payable to NJASA and mailed to: NJASA, 14 S. Derby Road, Springfield, NJ 07081.

The Union County College Athletic Center is located on the campus at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford, across from Nomahegan Park.

For more information about the ACE Program, please call Pat Spirito at (973) 467-4034.

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Spring term set to begin Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Community School of Scotch Plains-Fanwood begins its spring term Monday.

New courses this term are "Website Design," "Introduction to PowerPoint," "Retooling for the Workforce," a hands-on workshop; "Cool California Grillin'"; recipes from Northern California; and "Talking to Your Children About Difficult, Delicate Subjects," with Karen McDermott, counseling supervisor for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

"Education Savings Plans and Their Relation to Financial Aid" is a new financial seminar, along with "Tax-Free and Tax-Deferred Investing."

Other adult courses include boating, "Slenderizer," French, Irish, Italian, Spanish, ballroom dancing, "Club Dancing for Couples," "Advanced Painting," calligraphy, horsemanship, golf, "Buying Your First Home" and computer classes using Microsoft Office.

Enrichment classes for younger people include beginning golf, intermediate golf, horsemanship and "Pencil Cartooning Encore."

High school students can take advantage of SAT review and driver training classes.

"EduTravel" trips include the Moiseyev Dance Company, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center; Grant's Tomb, Grand Central Station and the Forbes galleries in Manhattan; the Roosevelt estate and Vanderbilt mansion in the Mid-Hudson Valley; the Winterthur museum and garden in Delaware; the New York Pops Birthday Gala at Carnegie Hall; and a "Family Saturday" in May in Mystic, Conn.

A complete list of courses is in the Community School brochure available at the Scotch Plains Public Library, Fanwood Memorial Library, Fanwood railroad station and local shops. For more information, phone (908) 889-7718.

Campus notes

Nine students in The Record-Press area achieved academic honors during the fall 2001 term at the Newark Academy, a college-preparatory school in Livingston.

High honors went to Julien M. Colbert of Westfield, Grade 9; and Nina Subhas of Westfield, Grade 7. Each had grades of A minus or higher.

Honors went to John N. Acquandro and Stefanie D. Forman of Westfield, Grade 12; Maria Hove and Eric M. Weinberg of Westfield, Grade 10; Zachary Harris of Westfield and Alexandra Smith of Scotch Plains, Grade 7; and Michael S. Forman of Westfield, Grade 6.

This week

FRIDAY MARCH 8

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.

"JOSEPH and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," annual musical of Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. March 8, 9, 2 p.m. March 10, \$8. (908) 789-6130.

SATURDAY MARCH 9

AIDS AUCTION — 14th annual auction for AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey, Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6 p.m. (908) 928-1600.

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.

INTERFAITH SINGLES for single men and women over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. March 10, 17, 24, 31. \$2. (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

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.

PTA Council offers parenting workshop

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council presents "The 15-Minute Child Break" in local elementary schools next week.

Times for the parenting workshop are 7:30 p.m. Monday at McGinn School; 10 a.m. Tuesday at Brunner School; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Coles School; 9:45 a.m. Thursday at School No. 1; and 10 a.m. Friday, March 8 at Evergreen School.

For more information, phone Liz Knodel-Gordon at (908) 889-7498.

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.

MONDAY MARCH 11

BLOOD PRESSURE — screening at Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-noon. (908) 322-6700, Ext. 209.

BACK TALK — "Don't Blow That Disc" with Joseph Frasco, chiropractor. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Registration required: (908) 232-2700, Ext. 251.

DIVORCE TOPIC — Linda Horvath on "How to Start the Case Information Statement." Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Registration: (908) 322-6007.

THURSDAY MARCH 14

WOMEN'S SEDER — third annual Passover-related meal. Jewish Community Center of

Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. 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. (908) 322-6400.

FRIDAY MARCH 15

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Moulin Rouge," Oscar-nominated musical from last spring. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. 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. (908) 232-1214.

"KISS ME KATE" — winter musical of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. March 15, 16, 22, 23; 3 p.m. March 17. Adults \$10; students, seniors \$8. (908) 889-1600.

SUNDAY MARCH 17

MAPLE SUGARING DAY — annual event of Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

COMING UP

C.R.E.A.M. — "Smart Financial and Investment Tips for Women" with Christine McGinley. Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. March 18. Registration: (908) 322-6007.

"MOVING FORWARD" BPW dinner program on "Notable Women of Union County." Crowne Plaza hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark, 7 p.m. March 19, \$25. Reservations: (908) 276-9502 by March 18.

THE MUSE student literary reading for Alumni Association of Scotch Plains Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. March 19. (908) 889-2089 or (908) 232-4132.

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.

MONEY TALK "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them." The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 7 p.m. March 21. Registration: (908) 789-7827.

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.

"VINTAGE GERMAN FIN-ERY" Beethoven, Wagner and Brahms, all with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. March 23, \$60-\$25. Tickets: (908) 232-9400.

VERBAL ABUSE information and guidance with Elaine Hewins. Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. March 25. Registration: (908) 322-6007.

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 sign-up: bicbete@ccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, Ext. 253.

WINE TASTING benefit for Westfield High School Band Parents Association. Knights of Columbus hall, 2400 North Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. April 12, \$20. Tickets: (908) 233-6014.

is underway for residents and begins March 11 for non-residents; phone (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221.

Senior Citizens Day

All seniors in Scotch Plains and Fanwood are invited to Senior Citizens Day at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School on Thursday, March 21.

The annual program is sponsored by the high school's Student Government Association. Bingo, a Show Choir performance and "Name That Tune" are planned. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

For reservations, phone Hope Brand at (908) 889-8600 by Thursday, March 14.

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Tuesday, March 12 — "Music of the Theatre" with Vincent DeMeara, 10:30 a.m.



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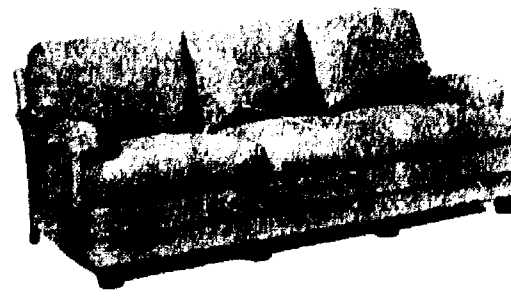
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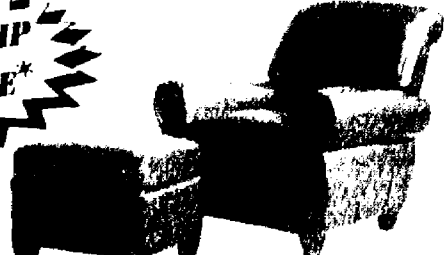
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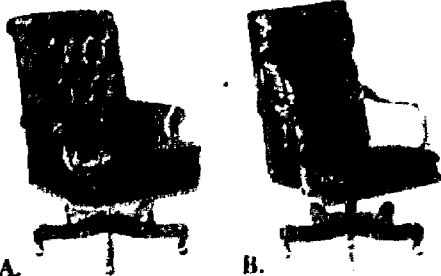


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Shakespeare comedy at Kean theatre

UNION — Teresa Choate, assistant professor in and assistant chair of Kean University's Department of Theater, is directing William Shakespeare's musical comedy "As You Like It" for nine performances in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. 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.

Written in 1598-99, "As You Like It" is one of Shakespeare's early comedies. Fleeing the corruption of an evil duke and urban violence, two best friends, Rosalind and Celia, escape to the forest of Arden to join other banished lords and their families. There they encounter other lost souls seeking love and salvation in the remarkably civilized wilds of the forest.

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 choate@kean.edu. To reserve tickets call the box office at (908) 527-2337.

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.

For almost 30 years, Jeremiah People has been on the cutting edge of Christian music theater, entertaining audiences throughout the United States with the best in Christian drama and music for the entire family. Comprised of seven actor/musicians, the Jeremiah People continue its tradition of laughter, tears and relevant ministry using the best in drama, music and testimony. Gather up the household, bring neighbors and prepare for an evening of fun-filled comedy, life-changing drama, hope-inspiring music and heart-felt ministry.

Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Ave., two blocks south of Route 22. The service is open to the public. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. For more information call (908) 322-5487.

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 Scott Book awards, the Henderson Award, and a Woman of Excellence award in journalism and public relations.

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

Organ, piano concert March 26

LESDEN — The Hammond Organ Society of New Jersey will present Don Hansen at the organ and Edna Hamblin at the piano in concert on March 26 at 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church Hall located at Orchard Terrace and Princeton Road.

Everyone is welcome. Donation \$9 at the door for concert and pizza. For further information call (973) 256-5480.

Local group really knows how to jazz it up

Trio becomes a quartet for March 15 performance

By THOMAS SCOTT
PRIME TIME

Shared musical influences like jazz piano masters Lennie Tristano and Sal Mosca are an acquired taste, but once acquired they can run pretty deep.

The unique improvisational style of Tristano and the ongoing mastery of Mosca have been pivotal to the playing of the Bluth, Messina and Chaitin Trio for 20 years.

On March 15 the trio will be joined by another kindred spirit, Jimmy Halperin, on saxophone, to round out a quartet for an evening of jazz at the Watchung Arts Center, in Watchung.

In addition to many jazz standards, the quartet will improvise



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on compositions by Charlie Parker, Warne Marsh, as well as a few of their own pieces — but most importantly, these musicians strive to create in the moment.

Bluth, Messina and Chaitin are no strangers to the local

venue having appeared there twice before, but this will be their first with Halperin. This concert coincides with the release of Halperin's new CD, "Cycle Logical" recorded with Messina and Chaitin live at the Arts Guild Of Rahway in April 2001.

National Endowment for the Arts award and has recorded with Warne Marsh, Barry Harris, Mosca, as well as with Stephane Grappelli, McCoy Tyner, Eddie Gomez, Jack McDuff, Clark Terry and others.

In 2000, Halperin recorded his first CD, "Psalm," on Zinnia Records with Mosca.

Halperin has "a head full of music, hands full of music, a heart full of music," said Mosca. "His palette is cosmic."

Bluth, Messina and Chaitin have three highly praised CDs on Zinnia Records and have recently finished a fourth. A few selections from their first Watchung Arts Center appearance appeared on the trio's second recording, "Five Concerts."

The trio's music was the subject of a two-hour documentary hosted by the Institute of Jazz Studies, (Rutgers University) and aired on WBGO-FM.

Messina, a Scotch Plains resident, and Chaitin have played with Mosca, Lee Konitz, Stanley Turrentine, Phil Woods, Judy Nemack, Ted Brown, Dick Katz and many more.

Performance will benefit the family of terrorism victim

BERNARDSVILLE — When New Jersey band Watershed performs on Saturday night, March 16 at the Stone Tavern in Bernardsville, guests will have the opportunity to support three-month-old Juliette Craig W. Staub of Basking Ridge, who lost her father Craig on Sept. 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center tragedy.

Juliette was born 11 days later, coincidentally on her father's birthday.

"Very few of us have remained untouched by the losses suffered at the World Trade Center," said Bridgewater resident and Watershed guitarist/vocalist Alan Grant. "When we heard that one of our local residents was effected, due to the unthinkable loss of a husband and father, we just knew we had to do something to help."

Those who attend the performance will have the opportunity to purchase a CD compiled by legendary musician, political activist and actor on The Sopranos, Little Steven, AKA. Steven Van Zandt. The CD, entitled "Little Steven's Cavestomp! Garage Rock Band Search Volume 1, represents the culmination of a nationwide search for unsigned garage bands. One hundred percent of the money from the sale of the CD on Saturday will be given to the Juliette W. Craig Staub Trust.

The CD's for Saturday's show

are being donated by Hugh Miller, Little Steven's co-producer, and Somerset County resident.

"Craig was a wonderful person, full of life, laughter and brilliance who simply had the misfortune of going to work on Sept. 11, never to return home again," said Miller, who was a personal friend. "We're raising money to help see that Juliette has a promising future, just as her father wanted for her."

"We're excited to provide some well deserved exposure to the bands who are giving rock and roll a much needed rebirth, and I'm glad that the effort will benefit an innocent victim of Sept. 11," he said.

Watershed, comprised of Alan Grant, Marty Secero of Basking Ridge, Ray Fyhr of Cranford, Dave Harikern of Maplewood, and Tom Minson of West Keansburg, plays a funky mix of acoustic percussive rock and blues with smooth vocal harmonies that range from popular covers, to steel drum reggae to upbeat, inspiring originals.

Watershed will perform from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Stone Tavern, located at 1 Mill St., just off Olcott Square in the center of Bernardsville. Phone (908) 766-6575.

In addition, checks can be made out to the Juliette Craig W. Staub Trust, P.O. Box 5111, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.



The Duprees will perform March 16

The classic 1960s group, The Duprees, will perform a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Raritan Valley Community College for the benefit of the Bound Brook Education Foundation. Tickets are \$25 and \$35. For tickets, visit the box office at the theatre 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or call (908) 725-3420 or (732) 563-2651.

Musical Club to present evening recital

WESTFIELD — The Musical Club of Westfield announced an evening recital to be held on March 13 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

Performers will include Olive Lynch, soprano, accompanied by Trent Johnson on the harpsichord singing Elizabethan songs "Let's Be Merry" and "Shepherd, Thy Demeanor Vary" by Thomas Brown.

"Trio Sonata in C Major" by Johan Joachim Quantz will be played by Eugenia Cline on the recorder, Janet Somers on the baroque flute, Wendy Romano on the bassoon and Paul Somers on the harpsichord.

"Konzertstück No. 1" by Felix Mendelssohn will be played by Robert Romano on clarinet and Wendy Romano, on bassoon with Victoria Griswold on the piano. Sonatina for clarinet, written by Paul Somers, will be played by Robert Romano on clarinet with Griswold on the piano.

Diantha Clark, mezzo soprano, accompanied by Griswold on the piano, will perform a group of art songs. Olive Lynch accompanied by Johnson on piano will sing "Early in the Morning" and selections from Horowitz's "Women's Voices."

Clark and Lynch with John on piano will conclude the program with "Ah guarda corolla" from "Cosi fan tutti" by Mozart.

Refreshments will be served by the hospitality committee chaired by Daniel Belcher.

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9 Livingston Ave.
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(732) 246-7717;
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• "The Sisters Rosensweig," drama by Wendy Wasserstein. To March 10. Admission \$45-\$30; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

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5 S. Greenwood Ave.
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• "Foxfire," little-known comedy. 8 p.m. March 8, 9, 15, 16; 2:30 p.m. March 10. Admission \$24 Saturday, \$22.50 other days; discounts available.

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• "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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PeopleCare Center, 120
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• "The Odd Couple," Neil Simon standard with all-woman cast. 8 p.m. March 15, 16, 22, 23; 3 p.m. March 24. Adults \$10; seniors \$5 (discount for matinee only).

WILKINS THEATRE

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• "As You Like It," Shakespeare comedy with music. 8 p.m. March

15, 16; 2 p.m. March 17. Adults \$15; seniors \$12; students \$8.

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• "Gladiator"-style epic retold by the Grigorovich Ballet Company. Admission \$38-\$20. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

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is being offered this winter and spring.

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

Classes are offered for elementary and middle school students once a week for nine weeks. Classes for the spring session begin on March 24 and run through June 9. This is the first time The Enrichment Center is offering a second session during the winter/spring term. Classes are offered seven days a week to accommodate everyone's sched-

ule. The hand-on approach used by the state certified teachers at The Enrichment Center ensures that children will be excited, challenged, and motivated. Classes are offered for basic level students and gifted students on the elementary and middle school level.

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

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hour at a time, to allow for maximum learning and schedule flexibility. The Enrichment Center offers the smallest classes in the area for SAT review, with a maximum of eight students in a class. Students pay as they attend to help parents with budgeting. Real College Board materials are used. Students learn educational techniques and skills, as well as the strategies needed to take the test. There are new Junior Only review sections for the March, May, and June test dates. This is a new option The Enrichment Center offers. The classes are pre-set for seven weeks to enable those students with more limited time to take an intensive class. SAT II review classes are in place for the June test date. Students may also study for the SAT I and SAT II privately.

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

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

Home schooled children can also be aided at The Enrichment Center. Many times parents are just out of their league in certain areas: reading, science and math. State certified, experienced teachers can help in a one on one or small group setting.

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The new web site has all of the class and center information. Go to WWW.TheEnrichmentCenter.net.

Booklet tells how to deal with parenting

(NAPSI)-The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is offering a new booklet to help parents tackle the day-to-day challenges of raising children.

"Adventures in Parenting: How Responding, Preventing, Monitoring, Mentoring, and Modeling Can Help You Be A Successful Parent" offers parenting tools that can be used with children of any age.

"Parenting is the most important job in the world, but it can also be the toughest," said Duane Alexander, M.D., director of the NICHD. "Adventures in Parenting explains what we've learned from decades of parenting research. It describes the findings on what works, shows parents how to use this information in their own lives, and gives them the tools they need to help build strong relationships with their children."

The easy-to-read booklet draws on years of scientific

research to give parents strategies for parenting, as well as insights from parenting experts. It includes stories of how some people have used the booklet's techniques in their day-to-day activities in parenting children

based on scientific research. Parents, step-parents, grandparents anyone who cares for children-can benefit from this booklet and will find value in the information it provides."

Dr. Ramey co-chaired the 1999

"It gives people a framework for making decisions based on scientific research. Parents, step-parents, grandparents anyone who cares for children-can benefit from this booklet and will find value in the information it provides"

from birth through the teen years.

"Adventures in Parenting isn't a one-size-fits-all formula; it's so much more," noted Sharon L. Ramey, Ph.D., an NICHD researcher and founding director of the Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "It gives people a framework for making decisions

parenting conference sponsored by the NICHD and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which served as the basis for Adventures in Parenting.

The Adventures in Parenting booklet encourages parents and others involved in raising children to use an approach called "RPM3." RPM3 involves responding to your children in an appropriate manner, preventing

Tips for parents of ADHD kids

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

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

"ADHD is not just a school-day disorder; it is an all-day disorder," said Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., Director, New York University Child Study Center which developed the national survey. "In addition to its proven impact on academic performance, results reveal that children diagnosed with ADHD face serious social development issues that affect their relationships with family and friends and impede their participation in after-school activities. Successful management of this condition needs to address all aspects of a young person's daily life."

More than 500 parents participated in the first ever national I.M.P.A.C.T. Survey

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

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

In addition, only 67 percent of parents of children who are receiving medication for their ADHD report being "very" and "somewhat" concerned about consistent medication during evenings and weekends.

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

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

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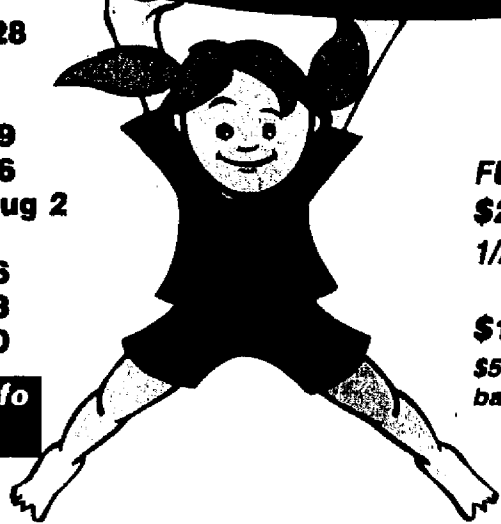
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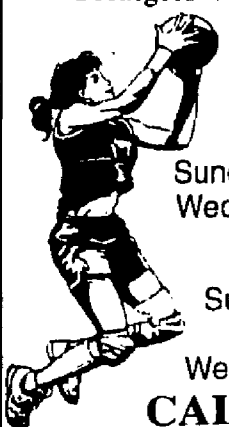
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Sports

Francavilla wins Region 3, ready for A.C.

Lucas Francavilla joins brother in states, Connelly, DeCampo place in region

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

UNION — The road which has been fairly easy for Derek Francavilla is about to get a lot harder, but won't be one he can't handle.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High sophomore remained undefeated for the season, improving his record to 30-0 with his first 103-pound Region 3 title Saturday and now his sights are set on placing in the state tournament this weekend in Atlantic City.

The tournament begins with pre-quarterfinals and wrestlebacks 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall. Quarterfinals and wrestlebacks are slated to begin at 3:30 p.m. Semifinals, wrestlebacks and consolations start 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with the championship round slated to begin at 2:15 p.m.

Francavilla won't be alone in Atlantic City, as older brother Lucas advanced with a second place finish in Region 3 at 140 and won 3-1 in overtime in the preliminary round Tuesday.

Scotch Plains Head Coach Dave Bello believes if Derek wrestles to his potential he can grab at least a top-six finish in the state.

"He should definitely be top-six," said Bello. "I'd be disappointed if he doesn't make the semis."

But anything can happen in the state tournament, and Francavilla will need to not only continue to wrestle the way he has, but step it up a notch as well after pretty much going untested in the district and regional tournaments.

"He needs to be a little more physical and a little more intense," said Bello. "Technically he's very sound, he just needs to be a little more physical and a little more intense. He's only been challenged two times all season, and he beat both those kids. Everything else has come easy."

Lucas had a very good Region 3 tournament winning by fall in 3:34 in the quarterfinals and decking his opponent 52 second into overtime in the semis before falling to Delbarton's Antonio Mangione in the final and will now get to

conclude his career on the grandest stage.

"Lucas has been wrestling very, very well," said Bello. "He deserves to be (in Atlantic City)."

Overall, the Raiders had a very strong Region 3 showing. Eric Connolly grabbed a third place finish at 119 and nearly advanced to Atlantic City, losing on criteria in double-overtime Tuesday.

"He wrestled as good or better than anyone on our team," said Bello. "He had a phenomenal region tournament. He

worked hard to get back and win (his consolation match). He had a great year."

Stephen Mineo took fourth as a freshman at 112, dropping two matches to opponents who are heading to the state tournament. Matt DeNichilo wrestled well, but came up just short.

Westfield advanced Lee Tomasso and Joe DeCampo into the quarterfinal round Friday, with Tomasso (140) falling to Mangione but DeCampo grabbing a 7-5 decision at 119. DeCampo won 3-2 in the semis, before falling to Amin Queen of Elizabeth in the final. DeCampo fell 11-4 in the preliminary round Tuesday.

Klimowicz pours in 27 but SP-F falls in final

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

ROSELLE — Nobody expected the Raiders to come this far, and few gave them a chance in the final.

But as they have all season the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team rode the soft shooting touch of freshman Hillary Klimowicz to a surprising performance in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 title game Monday at Roselle Catholic.

Though the outcome wasn't what they had hoped, a 55-46 loss, the Raiders battled a Shabazz team — winners of 26 straight including 55-34 and 55-35 wins over Scotch Plains — that many believe to be the best in the state down to the final minutes.

"You've got to step it up a notch when it comes to the state tournament," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Brian Homm. "We did that. The kids played a great game, we kept it close and we had a shot. The kids did a great job."

"I'm proud of these kids. They had a great year. Nobody gave us a chance, but it was anyone's game in the fourth quarter."

After trailing by 13 points in the opening minutes of the second half, the Raiders adjusted to Shabazz's triangle-and-two defense as Klimowicz scored all 14 of her team's points in the third quarter, and helped slice the lead to four points with 2:29

GIRLS HOOPS

left. Shabazz answered with five straight points and clung to a 42-35 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Shabazz spread the floor and began trying to kill the clock early in the fourth but the Raiders didn't wilt, cutting the lead to 46-42 when Lindsey Pennella knocked down a baseline jumper with three minutes left in the game.

But forced to foul down the stretch, that's as close as Scotch Plains would get. Shabazz knocked down nine of 12 free throws over the final 2:11 and claimed the sectional title 55-46.

"It's disappointing now," said Homm. "It's a tough loss now. But if you have to lose you want to lose to one of the best and we did. And we gave them a fight."

Shabazz focused its defense on keeping the ball out of the hands of Klimowicz, and equally as important, point guard Jenny Burke with a triangle-and-two defense. But in the third quarter the Raiders adjusted to both. Burke was able to get the ball in the backcourt and quarterback the offense, as Klimowicz set up on the right block and turned into the paint to score on seven of nine Scotch Plains' possessions over a four minute span.

Klimowicz finished with 27 points, seven rebounds five blocks and four steals.

"She's tough," said Homm. "She wants the ball, she's a gamer. She wanted it, she took it to the hole and did a great job."

While Klimowicz sparked the Raiders' surge, Shabazz was able to maintain its lead with clutch three-point shooting and athletic play. Jamillah White knocked down two three's and Princes Porter had one in the third quarter to help the Bulldogs keep Scotch Plains at arm's length. Shabazz finished with five three-pointers on the night. Scotch Plains was without its top outside shooter Maura Gillooly, who was sick.

"They shot the ball well from the outside," said Homm. "They can shoot and they've got good one-on-one players who can go to the basket."

Through the first six minutes of the game Shabazz looked like it was going to cruise to the easy victory many expected, racing out to a 15-5 lead with hot shooting and dominating play on the boards. But Scotch Plains regrouped and closed the first quarter with an 8-2 run, sparked by six points from Klimowicz, to cut the deficit to 17-13.

Scotch Plains (46)
Burke 1-0-0-2, Feeley 0-0-2-2, LaForge 1-0-2-4, Pennella 1-1-0-5, Klimowicz 9-0-9-27, Russell 2-0-0-4, E. Gillooly 1-0-0-2. Totals: 15-1-13-46.

Shabazz (55)
Alajon 4-0-2-10, Myricks 1-0-1-3, Jefferson 3-0-5-11, Jones 1-0-0-2, Porter 0-1-3-6, Gordon 1-1-0-5, Days 0-0-0-0, White 0-3-0-9, Williams 3-0-3-9. Totals: 13-5-14-55.

Shabazz (27-1) 17 13 12 13 - 55
Scotch Plains (21-5) 13 8 13 11 - 46



LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT
Kate Feeley and the Raiders battled Shabazz to the end, but fell in the sectional final 55-46.

Seniors led SP-F to breakout year

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Led by a senior-dominated club, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball team accomplished everything it set out to do this season.

The Raiders finished with a 12-13 record, but qualified for the state tournament, won a Union County Tournament game and competed with super powers of the Watchung Conference.

"I think we (played to our potential)," said second-year Head Coach Dan Dougherty. "Our goals were to make states and that's what we did. It's always tough in our conference and we did what we had to do to get there, things just didn't go our way."

The Raiders registered impressive regular-season road wins over Irvington, Somerville and Cranford, two wins over Rahway and a victory over arch-rival Westfield in the final home game.

Scotch Plains trip to the state tournament resulted in a disappointing four-point setback to Cranford, the only other Watchung Conference club in the section, who went on to knock off the top seed and could have found itself in the sectional final, if not for leading scorer Jon Brown coming down with the flu and able to play just 16 minutes.

"After the (Cranford) game I talked to the underclassman about how I hoped they watched how the seniors

bought into everything and how they worked at it," said Dougherty. "Hopefully that rubs off on them and hopefully they were able to learn from that."

"Other coaches talk about how they have a problem with this kid or that kid, but we never had a problem with (the seniors). They were just good solid kids, very coachable, and they give you everything they have."

The Raiders will lose all five starters to graduation. Anwar Montgomery led the team in scoring with 18.1 points per game, and Mike Brennan followed with 15.8. Steve Williams contributed in all areas of the game, and Adam Bendik helped share the ball handling duties while demonstrating a dangerous outside touch. Center Mike Hughes was the scrapper inside who take care of all the dirty work necessary to win games.

Leading the team next year will be junior Kyle Adams, whose role will expand from a defensive stopper to a go-to-guy and freshman Lakeem Lockery. The junior varsity squad won 15 games, including three wins over of the much heralded Cranford JV, and the Raiders hope 6 foot 4 Lance Thomas, and eighth-grader at Park Middle School can step in and contribute. It appears unlikely 6-8 phenom Derek Character of Terrill Middle School will play for Scotch Plains next year, though Dougherty has yet to rule it out completely.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Anwar Montgomery led Scotch Plains in scoring, averaging 18.1 points per game.

Devils establishing new hoops tradition

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

BOYS HOOPS

The seniors on the Westfield High boys basketball team led the Devils to plenty of wins this season, and could have a hand in successful seasons to come.

Westfield's season concluded with a 65-47 setback to Montclair Feb. 27 in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 tournament. Senior center Dan DeSerio led Westfield with 18 points, while senior Jay Cook added 13 and junior Eric Turner had 12. But Westfield was unable to overcome 29 turnovers.

While it wasn't the Blue Devils best showing, the senior-dominated squad had a tremendous season, winning 16 games including victories in the state and Union County tournaments. Head Coach Kevin Everly hopes the breakout season changes the culture of Westfield basketball and convinces future classes that Westfield can compete and win in the conference, county and section.

"It was a great run," said Everly. "16-9 in the best record in 25 years and we achieved a lot of the goals we wanted to. Our goals were to have a winning record, reach the state tournament and win games in the state and county tournament and we accomplished all of that."

"When I first got the job people said 'why do you want that job, you'll never win' and we fed off of that. This group worked

at it, got better and hopefully it's the start of a whole different tradition at Westfield where the expectation is to win and get better."

The work ethics of the senior class has already begun to rub off on the future of the program. More players are getting involved with AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) teams and are anxious to get in the weight room and the gym to keep the momentum rolling.

DeSerio led the team in scoring with 23.7 points per game and rebounding with 12.9 per game. Cook averaged 13.5 ppg and 5.9 rpg and Eric Turner averaged 10.5 ppg and led the squad in three-pointers with 45. Louis Mercer led the team with 85 assists on the season.

"This group of seniors — Dan, Jay, Jimmy (McKeon), Adam (Turner), Louis (Mercer), Terrence (Jenkins), all love the game," said Everly. "I think they established a new tradition and a work ethic. The young kids have that attitude, they want to play and love to play."

If the underclassman can duplicate the work ethic of this year's squad the future looks bright for the Devils. Brian Cienniecki, a former Westfield standout, helped guide the junior varsity squad to a 16-5 record, while the freshman team finished 12-5.

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The St. Helen's 5th/6th grade girls basketball team won the Middlesex County CYO Championship on Saturday beating St. Francis of Metuchen 38-24.

St. Helen's used a balanced scoring attack led by game-MVP Danielle Infantino, who finished with eight points. Erin Miller followed with seven points, while Nina Brownstone and Stephanie Slodyzcka had six points each. Alli Macdonald chipped in with 4 points. In addition, Elizabeth Harbaugh, Kate Sheridan, Cassie Simcox, Rose Driscoll, Krissy Wendel and Allison Oberlander all scored in the game.

With the win, St. Helen's set an all-time St. Helen's basketball record for the girls winning their 50th game of the season against just eight losses. Earlier in the day, St. Helen's defeated St. John's of Clark 49-3 behind a tough defense. Stephanie Slodyzcka led the team with 12 points. Elizabeth Harbaugh followed with eight points and Alli Macdonald had 6 points. In order to reach the CYO finals, St. Helen's defeated 3rd place finisher Mary Mother of God of Hillsborough 54-12. Erin Miller led the scoring with 14 points. Stephanie Slodyzcka had 12 points, Alli Macdonald and Elizabeth Harbaugh had eight points each. Krissy Wendel had 7 points.

In the IHM super league finals, St. Helen's lost to Clark 26-20 in a hard-fought contest. Clark finished the season in super league undefeated. The St.

YOUTH SPORTS

Helen's girls have made it to the Our Lady of Peace in New Providence tournament final where it will face Berkeley Heights sometime next week, and are looking forward to March Madness and hopefully a rematch with Clark.

GYMNASTICS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA A and B division gymnastics teams hosted a combined meet Feb. 23. The A team competed against the gymnastics teams from Madison Area YMCA, Westfield YMCA and Montclair YMCA.

Allegra Kenwell, Rachel Skolnik and Katie Azleski competed Level 9. Zaleski earned an all-around score qualifying her to compete at the regional and national championship meets. Skolnik previously qualified for the same meets. Kenwell had qualified under Level 8 rules and will be competing at the developmental level at nationals.

The Level 8 gymnasts competed in three age groups. In the 10 and under group Gina Pelosi earned first on vault and second on balance beam. Lindsay Robinson was third on floor exercise.

Jenna Skoller competed in the 11-12 age group, earning first place on the uneven bars, second on the balance beam and brought home the second place award in the All-Around competition.

The 13 and over age group had three gymnasts from Fanwood-Scotch Plains competing for awards. Laurel Devlin

received third place on balance beam and fourth on floor. Erika Blaes was third on uneven bars and fourth on vault. Jessica Franko was third on vault, second on beam and fourth all-around. Pelosi, Franko and Devlin's All-Around scores qualified them to compete at the regional and national championship (developmental level). The entire 11 member A team has now qualified for nationals at Niagara Falls in July.

The B Division gymnasts competed against teams from Madison and South Brunswick YMCAs in three age groups. Allison Zeller competed in the 11 and under group. The 12 year old group saw Francesca Lunetta take second place all-around, supported by her second place on uneven bars and floor, and third place on beam. Magda Mierzejewska received third place all-around honors. Mierzejewska took home first on the beam and third on floor. Rebecca Keiser received second place award on vault and third on uneven bars.

Barie Salmon competed in the 13 and over age group, along with twin sister Tracy Salmon, who was second on balance beam and third on uneven bars. Karen Lucey was second on floor and third on vault. Samantha Searinci took home third on balance beam.

The end of the B division meet saw Fanwood-Scotch Plains team in third place with a score of 89.35. South Brunswick earned 89.85 and Madison 95.725.

SPORTSCENE

S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinics

The Westfield Recreation Department headed by Bruce Kaufmann has arranged four S.A.F.E.T.Y. (Sports Awareness For Educating Today's Youth) clinics for 2002. This program has been coordinated so potential coaches in any sport may attend, however seating is limited. To assure a seat, please complete and mail in the pre-registration form at least seven days prior to the date of the clinic. A minimum number of pre-registration forms received seven days in advance of the clinic are required or the clinic may be canceled or postponed.

To obtain a pre-registration form, please contact Westfield Recreation at 789-4080. Clinic dates during 2002: Monday, March 25, 7 p.m. Westfield Town Hall, sponsored by Westfield Lacrosse Club; Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m. Westfield Town Hall, sponsored by Girls' Softball League of Westfield; Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. Westfield Town Hall, sponsored by Westfield Soccer Association; Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m. Westfield Town Hall, sponsored by Westfield Basketball Association. Walk-in registration begins one-half hour prior to the clinic start time. No one will be admitted once the clinic has begun. The clinic will take approximately three hours and will cover a variety of topics, including legal and psychological aspects of coaching, training and conditioning and first aid. Please bring a pen or pencil. The cost to the attendee is \$26 for the materials provided. The sponsoring sports associations and Westfield Recreation will bear all other costs related to providing the clinic.

U-12 SOCCER

The Westfield Soccer Association is pleased to announce the formation of a U12 Girls' soccer team this spring. This team will play in the fun and competitive Intercountry Youth Soccer League (ICYSL). For those interested please complete a 2002 Spring Registration form and return it with a check payable to WSA for \$85 (to cover \$40 registration and \$45 jersey/shorts/socks) by March 9 to Bill Wallace at 718 Warren Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. No uniforms may be ordered. You may obtain a registration form from Bill Wallace by calling 654-9494. The U-12 intercounty team will have its first practice on Saturday, March 16, 2002 at 1:30 PM at Unami Park, Cranford. Please plan to attend or inform Bill Wallace by phone of your interest to play immediately. The plan is to hold one practice per week and play one game per week on Saturday or Sunday. The season runs from mid-March to early-June depending on the weather and field availability.

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Westfield's Edison School names honor roll students

WESTFIELD - Following is the list of students named to the honor roll at Edison Intermediate School for the second marking period:

Sixth Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Jessica Anderson, Ben Baron, Kristen Boersig, Lauren Brachman, Kelsi Browning, Nina Brownstone, Emma Byer, Andrew Calvaruso, Scott Camuto, Alex Chaves, Smanatha Chu, Catherine Cognetti, Julie Daurio, Alison Donohue, Keriann Dooley, Katherine Douglas, Connor Doyle, Evan Einstein, John Falzon, Renee Ferio, Travis Fox, Evan Friedman, Matthew Gelmetti, William Goltzeiler, Katie Goelner, Elizabeth Harbaugh, Jonathan Holt, Neil Hursey, Evan Kelley, Angela Kerins, Jaclyn Kirna, Kaitlin Kominsky, Alexander Kopp,

Alison Lambert, Toni Ma, Hrvoye Markovic, Michael Melillo, Holly Messina, Christopher Miller, So Miwa, Ravi Netravali, Ellen O'Brien, Stephanie Pinheiro, Michael Rediker, Meredith Rivera, Anna Smith, Jacqueline Sull, Kelli Sullivan, Liane Sullivan, Christine Tolias, Charles Tripp, Julia Valentin, Alexander Wang, John Wilt and Stephanie Zolayvar.

Honor Roll

Rebecca Ackerman, Lindsey Archambault, Samantha Avis, Dennis Bartsch, Jeremy Bender, Danielle Bercovicz, Rebecca Bieber, Mitchell Brouwer, Brittany Bryan, Jennifer Cadeello, Gil Chapman, Ellen Chu, Patrick Clancy, Christina Cognetti, Craig Cognetti, Elise Colananti, Caitlin Comforti, Marlena Cortese, Melvin Diep, Alex Falk, Caroline Fallon,

Andrew Foltz-Morrison, Jamie Freeman, Olympia Gaglioti, Kathryn Galasso, Anne Galligan, Lynne Ganley, Brian Gibbons, Julie Greener, Joshua Gribbin, Allen Gurdus, Diane Hagmann, Jessica Harmer, Claire Harris, Thomas Hogaboom, Alexandria Hurt, Matthew Jekels, Henry Kaye, Ross Kleiman, Kristen Koepfler, Stephen Koepfler, Stephanie Korunow, Christine Kowalski, Robert Kudla and Alex Kuska.

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Sickle, Nicole Venezia, Bethany Verdore, Paul Waksman, Dylan Wallace, Gwendolyn Walsh, Arielle Wegbreit, Lauren Weiner, Reece Weiner, Kristian Wendel, Caitlin Whitlock, Cathryn Winchester, Mikayla Winfield and Matthew Wolski.

Seventh Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Amy Altszuler, Derek Anderson, Brian Bayne, Amy Behr, Matthew Bogen, Emily Bregman, Beth Budnick, Brian Cherchio, Christina Chen, Brian Corra, Kathryn Cronen, Kristen Dilzeli, Elizabeth Falzon, Lauren Finestien, Kaitlin Flock, Jason Frost, Lindsay Goldberg, Andrew Goldman, Marissa Goldner, Kelly Ann Hausseguy, Hana Kaplan, Valerie Keil, James Kelly, Erika Kettleson, Neha Lamaye, Nathan Margolin, Pauline Martin, Erin McCarthy, Katherine Morgan, Carolyn Mulvey, Caitlin Murphy, Stephanie Musat, Jeffrey Mysel, Jarret Petrillo, Justin Petrillo, Stephanie Raphael, Daniella Regencia, Jessica Riegel, Melanie Schor, Allison Simon, Jenna Skoller, Arielle Smekinson, Caroline Steller, Satya Tagat, Julie

Tiedrich, William Uhr, Josh Wasserman, Kathryn Werner, Ayn Wisler, George Xing, Tiffany Yang and Chloe Zeitounian.

Honor Roll

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Eighth Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

David Ackerman, Katharine Anderson, Kevin Block, George Braun, Samantha Coulson, Patrick Daurio, Sarah Degel, Christine Deserio, Monica Doss, Matthew Early, Alissa Eisenberg, Lindsay Elbaum, Laura Fernandez, Allison Fleder, Lucy Fromtling, Jesse Gartinkel, Sarah Godfrey, Kaitlin Gorman, Jessica Graham, Ben Harel, Eric Hewitt, Alexander Hodara, Erik Jacobson, Matthew Leong, Rachel Leopold, Jessica Lipschutz, Kari Lohrutto, Rachel Louie, Jessica Moskowicz, Gianna Pafumi, Annie Peyton, Christopher Pinheiro, Jason Rea, Kay Rogers, David Weinstein and Jennifer Zhu.

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Erin O'Brien of Westfield danced in three works Dec. 7-8 within the fall performance of the Bucknell Dance Company at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

She appeared in "Coming to Fruition," set to the music of Philip Glass, "Noche caliente," set to the hit songs of Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez, and "Hymn of Angels."

O'Brien is a freshman on the dean's list at Bucknell University. The daughter of JoAnn O'Brien graduated from Westfield High School.

Derlen Chiu of 305 Wood End Road, Westfield, earned dean's honors in the fall 2001 semester at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dean's honors students have a grade point average of 3.5-3.74 on a scale of 4.

Chiu is a sophomore majoring in economics at Case Western Reserve.

Laura Gosciaki of Scotch Plains has been named to the Dean's List at The State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz.

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If you really have to do it, here is how you clean up grout

BY GENE GARY

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Q. I recently read your article regarding tile replacement. I hope you can help me on a related subject. What is the best method of cleaning grout between tiles? I am aware of some commercial products. However, I am looking for a mixture that really works.

A. Grout is porous and easily stained by dirt, grease, spilled foods, mildew, soap scum and hard-water deposits. Stains that deeply penetrate the surface are often permanent.

White or light colored grouts are easier to clean than colored grout, which can become bleached and discolored with cleaning treatments. Any cleaning methods for colored grout should be pre-tested in an inconspicuous area beforehand.

For cleaning grout, the Tile Council of America recommends applying a thick paste of scouring powder and hot water. Apply like a poultice and let stand for five to 10 minutes. Rinse. If the stain remains, apply undiluted bleach for at least five minutes, then rinse well. If that fails to lighten and brighten your grout, it doesn't necessarily mean that the grout has to be replaced.

Among commercial products on the market is the "Zap" line of grout cleaners and restorers from Sirius Products Inc. Call toll free (818) 993-0023 for local distributors. The Zap Professional Restorer is recommended for heavily stained areas. Follow manufacturer directions carefully, testing first in an inconspicuous area for results.

Another product is Tile Grout Coating from Homax Products. Assuming the grout is in good condition and has never been sealed, this product can be used to restore the stained grout. It is an expanding polymer liquid that soaks deep into the grout to hide the stains and produce a watertight protective seal. It is available in bright white and five colors and comes in a small squeeze bottle with a sponge applicator tip. Just apply the coating on the stained grout joints.

You should plan on treating the grout

lines in the entire area to assure a consistent color match. Allow to dry. Then buff the tiles with a cotton terry cloth towel to remove any residue that remains on the tiles. This product is available in home centers and hardware stores, or contact the manufacturer for outlets in your area. Homax Products, Box 5643, Bellingham, WA 98227.

If these methods fail to produce satisfactory results, consider re-grouting the surface layer. This is a relatively easy project. Remove approximately one-quarter inch of the old, discolored grout with a grout saw (available from your tile dealer). Be sure to remove all crumbling, loose or cracked grout so you have a solid foundation for the new layer of grout.

Vacuum the grout joints and clean the tile with a 10- to 20-percent solution of muriatic acid or a tile cleaner. Wear rubber gloves. Be careful when working with an acid solution. Avoid splashing and don't let the solution get on painted woodwork, window glass, etc. — it can mar these surfaces.

Follow manufacturer's directions for mixing new grout. If you are using ready-mixed grout, check to make sure it has not begun to set around the edges near the lid. If it has, remove the stiff grout and throw it away. Do not attempt to mix it back in with the rest of the grout in the container.

Dampen your work surface by spraying it lightly with a spray water bottle. Apply the grout with cupped fingers. Try as your may, you just can't find a better tool for this task. Your fingers are ideal because you can feel when the grout has actually filled the joint and starts pushing out.

Use a rubber grout float, positioned at a 90-degree angle, working diagonally across the surface to compact the grout into the joints and remove excess from the tiles. Continue cleaning away excess grout and residue with a slightly dampened sponge. It is important to get all excess grout cleaned up as soon as possible. Once it begins to set, it firms up quickly. Dried on grout can be very difficult to remove.

Next, dampen a cloth with a commer-

cial tile cleaning liquid and again clean the tile surfaces thoroughly. Dry completely, buffing with a clean soft cloth. Protect your grout from future staining by applying a grout sealer after the grout has been allowed to cure for approximately a week.

For durability, I would recommend one of the silicone sealers, such as Aqua Mix Grout Sealer. Sealer is best applied with a small artist's brush, carefully painting the grout lines with the sealer and immediately wiping off excess sealer from the tile surface. Two coats of sealer can provide up to five years of protection.

Q. I have a problem with rust stains in the toilet bowl. I have used a number of household cleaners with no success. Is there anything you can recommend that might solve this problem?

A. There are numerous commercial products developed to clean rust-stained toilet bowls. The success of a product will sometimes vary depending on the mineral content of your water

source. I would recommend you try one of these products:

CLR (a chemical treatment for removal of calcium, lime and rust deposits) is available at home centers and supermarkets.

Whink Rust & Iron Stain Remover is another; call toll-free (800) 247-5102 for a source in your area.

It is important to drain the toilet bowl of water prior to treatment with any chemical solution. Turn off the water at the tank or its original source and flush your toilet and sponge dry prior to treatment.

Acid solutions are also effective in removing buildup scale. Try a solution of oxalic acid applied with a mop.

An even stronger solution would be muriatic acid (one part muriatic acid mixed with nine parts water, or even stronger at 1-to-1). Pour acid into the water when mixing, not the other way.

Take precautions when working with acid solutions or any strong chemical cleaners. Wear eye goggles, rubber gloves and old clothing and avoid splashing. Another household solution that helps clean and prevent scale is white vinegar, heated and applied with a rag or mop.

When applying any of the cleaners, let the solution remain on the encrusted area for at least an hour (with commercial cleaners follow manufacturer directions), then rinse with clear water. After the solution has soaked the area, prior to rinsing, it may be helpful to scrub the treated area with stiff bristle brush.

Finally, there is the tried and true cleaning method for porcelain, using an old fashion pumice stone and lots of elbow grease.



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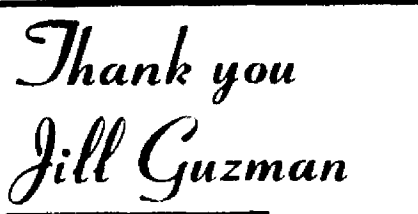
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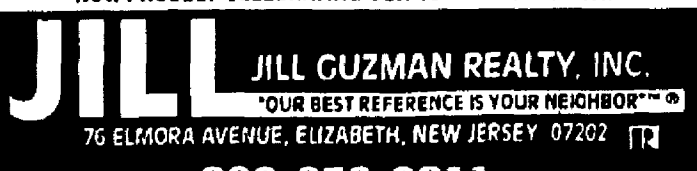
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Don't judge a car by its cover

BY JON WOODS
CORLEY NEWS SERVICE

It's OK to fall in love with a particular car simply because it has the most beautiful lines and paint job you've ever seen, but if you're thinking of buying one I urge you to be practical ... the "machine" under the paint must meet your needs otherwise the love affair won't last.

What are your needs? I think most "needs" fit into one of three categories: 1) Can you afford the vehicle? 2) Is it the right size? 3) Does it have the amenities and features you need? Let's take them one at a time. (Yes, I know there are other "needs" too; I'll touch on those later).

Can you afford the vehicle? If you just won the lottery you can skip this paragraph — or have your butler read it to you while you're having tea later. When considering a vehicle, don't just think about the purchase price or the "monthly payments," think about operating and maintaining the thing.

Huge vehicles (sport utility vehicles) get less gas mileage than smaller cars, so gasoline expense can be significant if you do a lot of driving.

Have you ever paid a cool grand for a set of good tires?

Well, not in your little Sentra or Escort, but when it comes to the "biggest SUV on the road" category, after the taxes, mounting, and balancing, your \$1,000 gold certificate will be all but mined out retreading the beast.

Some of the high-end, and name-brand cars come with high-end relative operating and maintenance costs. Insurance costs may also be a concern. There is an old saying among auto mechanics: some people can afford to care for the car they own and some can't. Make sure you can afford to maintain and operate the car you buy.

Is this car the right size? Whew! I could write about this subject forever. Let me just say that in most people's cases trade-offs will have to be made.

The questions you should ask yourself are:

Do I take long drives or short? Bigger vehicles are more comfortable on long trips but if you only make one "long trip" every three years, it might be better to own a smaller car and rent a big one for that occasional trip.

Does this car fit my physical body? (Forget your existential body for now)

Does it fit the size of my family?

Does it fit the size of my parking space — at home, work, shopping center, doctors underground parking?

How big of a vehicle do I need to feel safe?

Does this car have the features and amenities I need? Don't buy things you'll seldom (if ever) use, they cost more money and they keep costing more money.

Take "four-wheel-drive" for instance. Most four-wheel drive owners almost never use the four-wheel drive feature, but while driving around in the two-wheel drive mode, they are getting less mileage than a similar vehicle not equipped with four-wheel drive. In addition, the cost of most of the repairs in a four-wheel drive vehicle are more expensive than their two-wheel drive cousins regardless of whether you use the four-wheel drive or not.

I realize there are other "needs" as well, the "need" to impress your date, neighbors or clients; the "need" for something you've "always wanted" regardless of it being practical for you, and the "need" to be surrounded by beauty and elegance. Only you can decide how important these kinds of "needs" are for you.

Trustworthy 1986 Buick Century was truly a member of the family

BY IRENE PROKOP

The expression "parting is such sweet sorrow" isn't usually applied to cars, but when I said good-bye to my favorite car — a 1986 Buick Century — it was truly with sweet sorrow for the memories we created together.

My attachment to the car was partly due to the fact that I got it new and took care of it as if it were a real, living being. It was washed, garage kept, maintained and driven lovingly over

the sixteen years we shared. The upholstery was spotless, the floor mats clean, the trunk spacious. In many ways my Buick became an extension of my personality. Although not a vanity vehicle, it was reliable, solid, and trustworthy. We traveled from New York to Colorado, from Maine to Georgia, and over many roads in between hauling tons of belongings, groceries and dump debris together, enjoying every one of the 198,353 miles the odometer record-

ed. Then, like me, age began to creep in. Knobs broke. The roof fabric sagged, the gas line cracked, the heating coil had to be disconnected. Even my mechanic tired of rigging systems to keep my Century running.

When people asked, "When are you going to get a new car?" I shrugged or invented some excuse. Truth was, I couldn't verbalize what that car meant to me. Then a Manhattan tow truck

driver said it perfectly: "You had this car for 16 years? It's a member of the family!" And, indeed, that Buick was part of all near and dear to me. Still, after the second tow in a month, with cold weather setting in and no heater, I knew the time had come to part. Sadly, I began shopping for a new car. "It's just a machine," my friends admonished. "You'll get a new one."

Yes, a car might very well be "just a machine" to most drivers, but that

Buick Century was a machine with a heart to me.

I have a new car now — a 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE. It's bold, sassy and quick. I find myself getting dressed up to drive it, and so far we're meeting like new lovers — cautiously, with a bit of reserve. I'd like to fall in love with this car, too, and perhaps in time I will.

For now, though, nothing can quite take the place of my first, true love — my favorite car.



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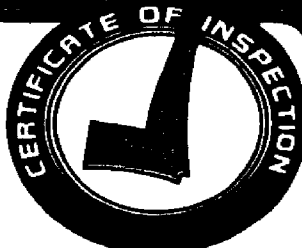
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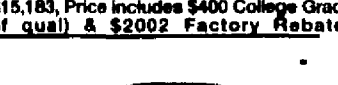


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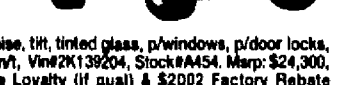


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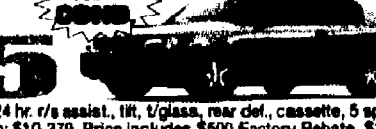
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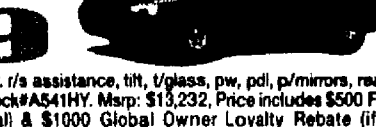


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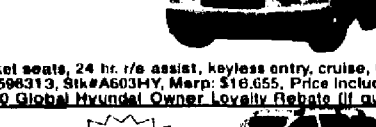


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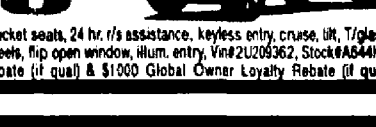


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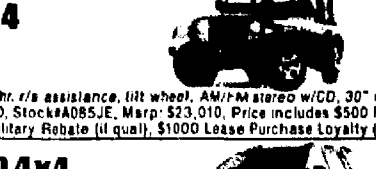


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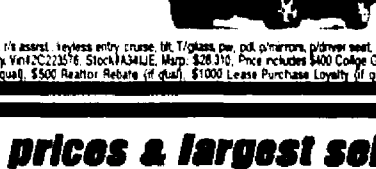


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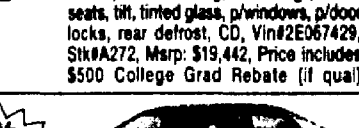


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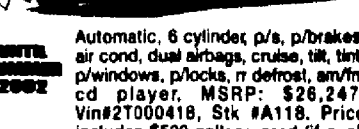


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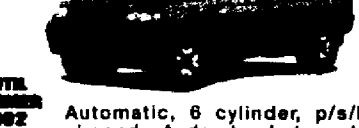


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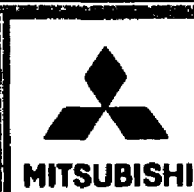
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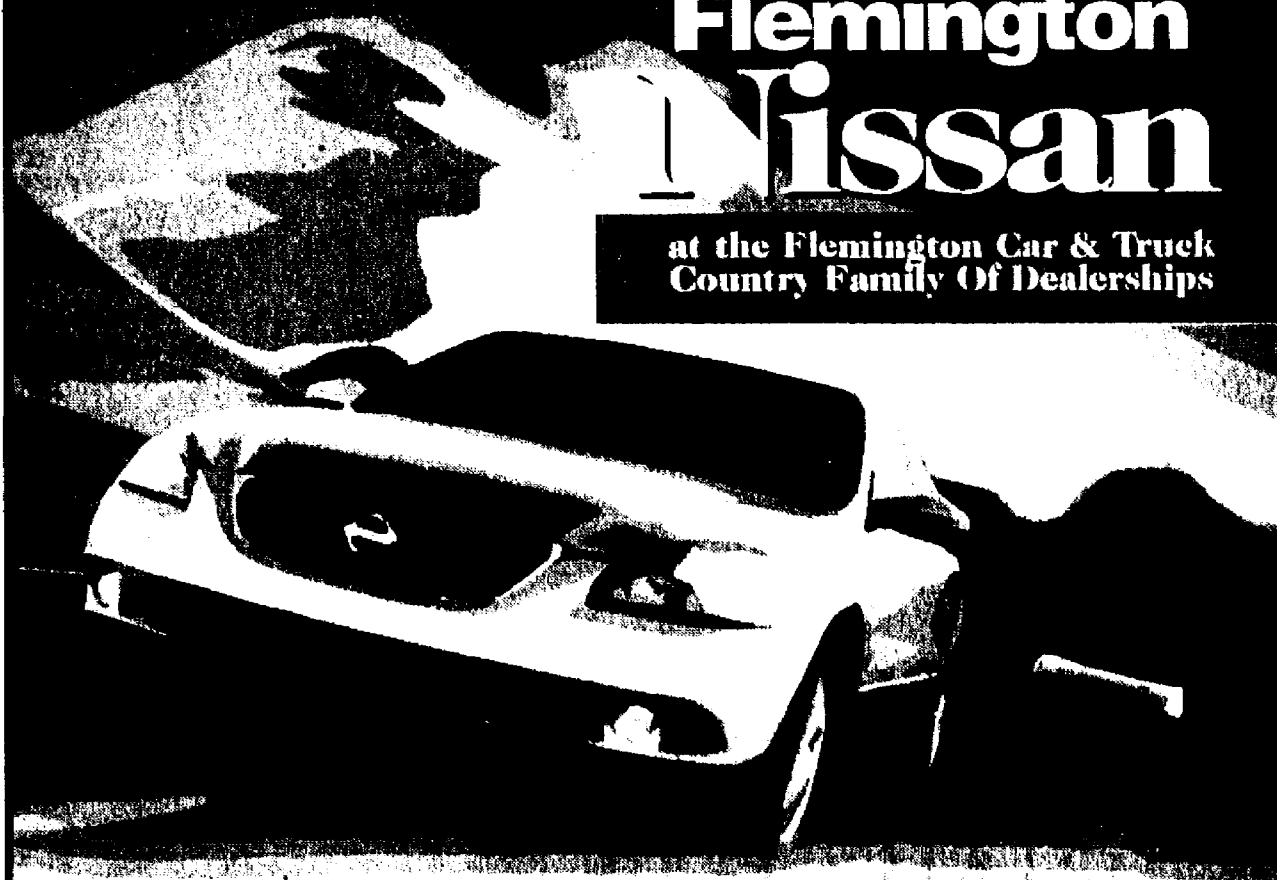
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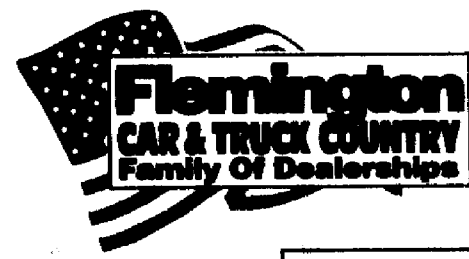
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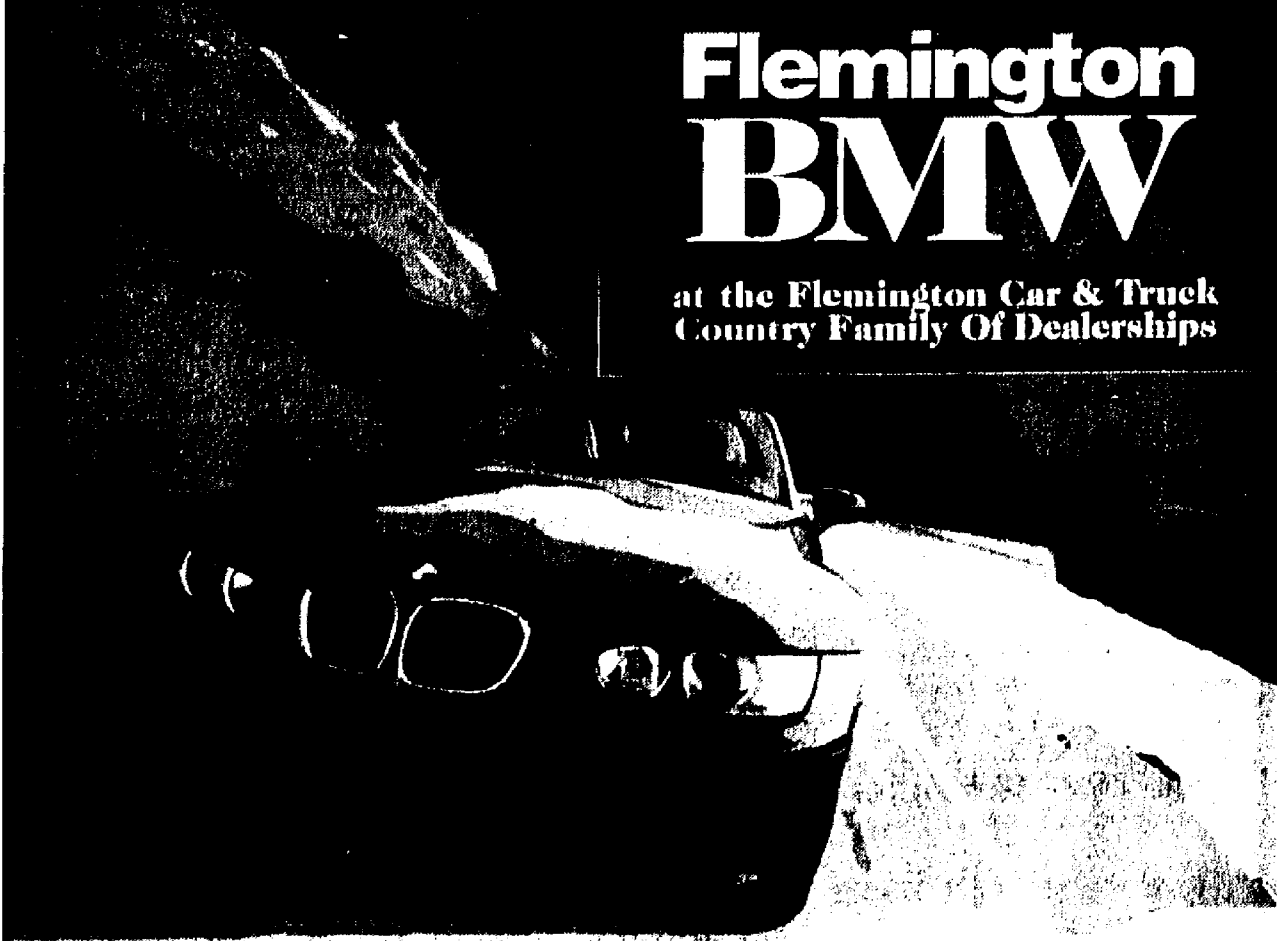
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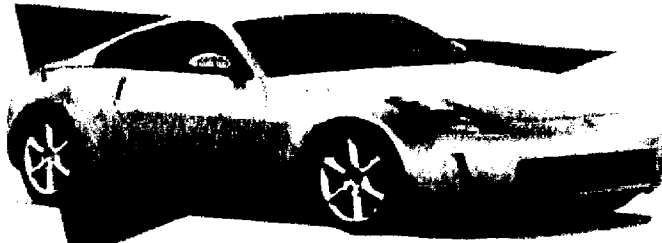
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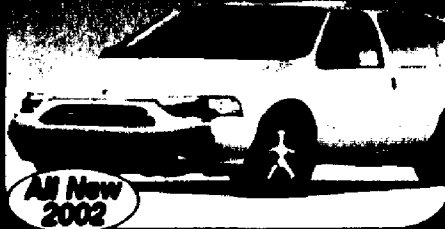


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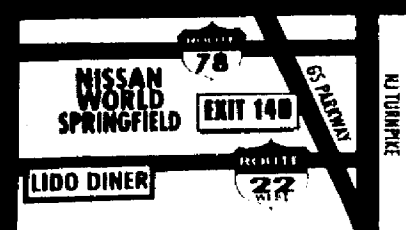
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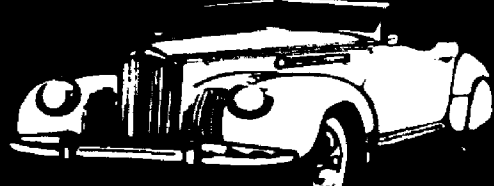
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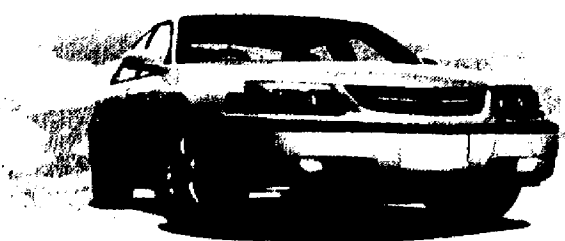


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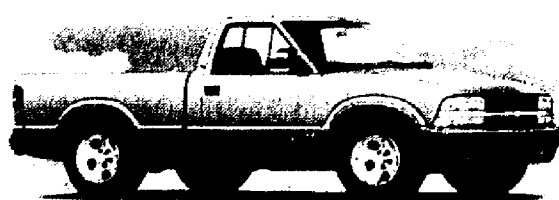


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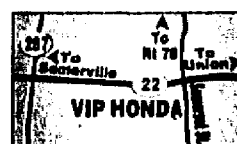
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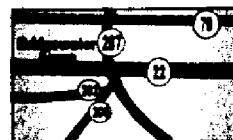
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