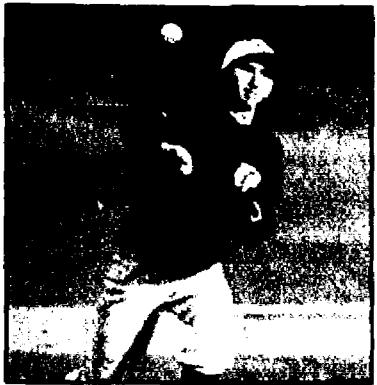


Around Town



Batter up!
Scotch Plains-Fanwood pitcher Steve Pietrucha throws during a scrimmage. The Raiders open their season at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Linden. See a preview of the season on Page C-1.

Chamber to hear drought discussion

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its quarterly breakfast meeting at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Kellogg Room at the Westfield "Y". The program will be a presentation by the Elizabethtown Water Co. on the drought issues facing Westfield.

Strategies for water conservation will be reviewed and questions will be answered. Westfield business owners and residents are invited.

The cost is \$15 for guests, \$10 for members. Please contact the Chamber at (908) 233-3021 for more information and/or to make a reservation.

Absentee ballots available online

Absentee ballot applications for the April 16 school election are available online at westfieldnj.com.

Click onto "2002-2003 School Budget" for the application form which can be printed, filled out and mailed to the Union County clerk in Elizabeth no later than April 9. Applications are also available at the Westfield Board of Education Business Office, 302 Elm St., Westfield public school offices, and in the Westfield Municipal Building, as well as in the Office of the Union County Clerk in Elizabeth.

More information about the 2002-2003 school budget is available at the westfieldnj.com web site, as well as at 302 Elm St.



Closing the gap
Anita Weikner dances with 12th-grader Bobby Wallden during a game of Name That Tune at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Monday.

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Westfield adds back programs

All City Chorus, TV technician to stay

By TINA PERROTTA
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education unanimously voted in favor of the 2002-2003 school budget after restoring the All City Chorus and the position of TV technician.

The board, which was responding to impassioned pleas from residents and students, said it would explore alternate sources of funding for the programs.

"The ruling wasn't made specific but they are not going to be cut," said Coordinator of School/Community Relations, Lorre Korecky.

The final budget of \$65.4 million requires that \$55.9 million be raised in property tax.

The board made more than 16 budget reductions, totaling about \$700,000.

The reductions include limiting the number of lunchroom aides, eliminating the eighth-grade sports program, cutting back on salary adjustments and tuition savings, and eliminating the positions of part-time nurse and elementary teacher.

The cutbacks were due to the amount of programs the cap would allow and the amount of state aid the district can receive.

"This is the first time in 25 years the state has frozen aid. What we can normally offset with state aid is now affecting us," Foley said. "We're considered a relatively wealthy district, and what I mean by that is in income, but when it comes to ratables on property we don't have a lot. Most educational activities are funded by property taxes."

Foley went on to explain that districts normally receive 30 percent of their budget in state aid, but Westfield is only receiving 7.9 percent.

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What you can do

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Education will conduct presentations on the 2002-2003 school budget at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at Westfield High School, 500 Dorian Rd.; at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St.; and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Tamaques School, 641 Willow Grove Road.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Easter buddies

Sasha Zitofsky, 3, of Fanwood, leans back to get a good look at the Easter Bunny at Chelsea Assisted Living in Fanwood Saturday.

Sheldon opts not to run for board

By GREGORY SHORO
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — After a lifetime spent dedicated to serving the ever growing needs of local schoolchildren, Dr. Donald Sheldon has decided to not seek another term on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

Sheldon, who has been a resident of Scotch Plains for more than 30 years, wants to spend his retirement enjoying quality time with his wife of 55 years, his five children and 11 grandchildren.

Through over 50 years of service to public education, Sheldon's duties have ranged from teacher and guidance counselor to administrative positions such as director of pupil services and director of guidance for the entire district.

"I've always been committed to public education and improving education programs for our children," said Sheldon, who received his doctorate from Columbia, adding that "it has been a pleasure to work coopera-

tively with the board for the last nine years."

Choye described Sheldon as "a man of passion and integrity, who, through his ideas and involvement, has constantly made sure that not just some children in the school district learn, but that they all do."

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Dr. Carol Choye
Schools superintendent

During his tenure on the board, Sheldon tackled finance and budgetary issues, as well as aided in the establishment of curriculums for the school system. Sheldon also played a major role, and was very proud to be an advocate in the selection of superintendent of schools Dr. Carol Choye.

"I've had close to 10 years in

the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district, and Dr. Sheldon has continually been a citizen, educator and professional who has given all of his time and intellect to the students, faculty and community as a whole," said Choye. "I can call him anytime with a school district concern and he is always very thoughtful."

Aside from his numerous responsibilities in education, one of his fondest accomplishments within the community was the role he played on the team that founded the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Tiny Tim Fund, a non-profit organization that for nearly 19 years has provided financial assistance for medically needy children. Sheldon

receive the same quality of education at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The board has always paid the tuition for district students to attend the Vocational-Technical School. The schools share a campus on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

"What confounds people is we have a pretty wide range of programs and it's not as if the kids are leaving a school that's failing them," said Kathleen Meyer, public information coordinator. "We have no problem with paying the tuition cost for the Vocational-Technical School because ... they're offering something we can't."

Board member and Principal Edward Saridaki said he thought it was unfair that parents can decide what magnet school to send their child to but the board can't.

"In this case, we as the tuition-payers have no option as to what

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Westfield patrolman is the county's finest

By TINA PERROTTA
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Patrolman Christopher Battiloro may look and act like a typical cop but in the eyes of Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan he is different from his 55 peers.

Battiloro was recently honored with the "Municipal Police Officer of the Year" award last Monday by Prosecutor Manahan. He was the only patrolman in Union County to receive this honor.

"It was a surprise," Battiloro said. "You suspect somebody who's older to get an award like that, somebody with more experience, somebody with more time on the job."

Battiloro is modest about his achievements. With only five years on the job, the 28-year-old Battiloro is credited with two life-saving commendations. He also received a commendation for catching an armed robber and graduated at the top of his class at John H. Stanler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

The annual law enforcement honor recognizes high achievement, testimony in court and a

special sensitivity toward the rights of crime victims.

These requirements were further demonstrated after Battiloro spent four months with the county's Hi-Tech Task Force that develops evidence against criminals using the Internet.

While there Battiloro learned how to use the Internet to identify thefts and stop the exploitation of children in pornography. This form of law enforcement was not easy, according to Battiloro, because many people who log onto the Internet use screen names to hide their true identity.

"It's a computer literate society today and the computer can be used to facilitate crimes. The assignment down there was to learn and then come back up here and conduct investigations," Battiloro said.

One of his most interesting cases lead to the arrest of a 14-year-old Union County juvenile who was stealing credit card numbers over the Internet. The juvenile posed as an America Online (AOL) representative and was able to get the credit card account numbers of 27 people in

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NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield Patrolman Christopher Battiloro has been named the Union County Municipal Police Officer of the Year.

Briefs

Library Friends plan book sale

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have scheduled their annual book sale for the week after Easter Week.

Donations will be accepted at the East Broad Street library from noon-5 p.m. Friday, April 5; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 6; and 9 a.m.-noon Monday, April 8. Hardcover books, paperbacks, cookbooks, children's books and coffee table books are desired. Textbooks, magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed Books and old encyclopedias are not wanted.

The sale begins with a preview for members 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, April 9. If you are not a member, you can become a member at \$10 that day.

Sale hours for the public are 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 9; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, April 10-12; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

Chairmen of the book sale committee are Sadie Schoss and Ed Orlando. Also on the committee are Arleen Burgess, Jane Curtis, Linda Lotterjahn, Debbie Bailey, Mary Orlando, Colleen Bodayla, Marguerite Siegel, Carolyn Pulliam, Tina Leshar and Teddy Taranto.

Treffinger wins Union endorsement

Jim Treffinger, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, won the Union County GOP endorsement Saturday.

He defeated his closest primary opponent, Diane Allen, 165 to 49 votes.

Besides the Union endorsement, Treffinger has secured the official organization endorsements of the Hudson, Somerset, Ocean and Monmouth parties.

Legal secretaries offer scholarship

The Union County Legal Secretaries Association is accepting applications for its Helen D. Hansen Memorial Scholarship.

A \$500 grant is awarded to a full-time student from Union County who plans a career in criminal justice or the law. For an application, phone Mary Lou Einhorn at (908) 241-0611 or Helena Goworek at (908) 289-7356.

All applications must be received by April 15.

Coalition for Arts hosts '50s dance

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Coalition for the Arts sponsors a "Fabulous '50s Dance" 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the VFW hall in Clark.

Live '50s music is from Satin and Gold. Cost of \$20 includes subs, salads, beer, wine and soda. Seating is limited; for tickets, phone Linda King at (908) 789-4417.

Proceeds benefit the fine arts program in the Westfield school system and scholarships for graduates.

Cancer foundation names new director

SCOTCH PLAINS — Monica Vermeulen is the new director for the Central Region of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, filling a long-open vacancy.

She recently returned to Scotch Plains and will be based in the foundation's regional office at 1815 Front St. A cancer survivor herself, Vermeulen lived in the township before moving away in 1972.

The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation works with families of children who have cancer. Free counseling is available. The foundation also provides a food bank, holiday parties and summer picnics along with an emergency fund.

Volunteers are needed to replenish the food pantry, raise funds and help with other foundation programs. For more information, call Vermeulen at (908) 322-4323.



Doing his part

George Gelsinger donates blood Tuesday at the Masonic Atlas Pythagoras Lodge on Central Avenue in Westfield.

Task force named to improve county organization, efficiency

ELIZABETH — A task force has been created to examine the county's organizational structure and make recommendations to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability in government.

Union County Manager George W. Devaney appointed the seven-member panel.

The task force includes: Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr.; county counsel Jeremiah O'Dwyer; Assemblywoman Linda Stender; Ed Zarnock, president of the Union County Central Labor Council AFL-CIO; Dr. Dawood Farahi, chairman of the Department of Public Administration at Kean University; Antonio Rivera of the Department of Economic Development; and Frank Guzzo, director of the county Department of Human Services.

The group is charged with the following responsibilities:

Review the current organizational structure and make recommendations for operational improvements.

Review the current merit-based compensation system

with an emphasis on measuring fairness and results.

Develop job qualifications for the deputy county manager position and review the qualifications of candidates.

Examine the merits of a performance budgeting system or similar type of incentive program.

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Your physical therapist has a wide variety of passive modalities as well as active exercise programs from which to choose in designing your therapy regimen. Your therapist will custom tailor a program specifically for your needs to restore you to your optimum level of agility, strength, and mobility. When you have been referred for physical therapy, please call BELL REHABILITATION & SPORTS MEDICINE at (908) 272-5955. We are conveniently located at 777 Walnut Ave., Union, NJ. Most private insurance companies are accepted. Auto Insurance Claims are our specialty, and we will submit your bills for compensation. No Fault & Medicare.

P.S. Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) is another passive modality used to treat acute low back pain. It uses electrical stimulation to modulate the sensation of low back pain by overriding the painful signals that are sent to the brain.

Young inmates tell pupils the way it is

By GREG MARX
STAFF WRITER

GARWOOD — "My name is Greg, otherwise known as Inmate #331678C," the young man in the brown state-issue uniform told the middle-school students in the Lincoln School gymnasium Tuesday. "I no longer have a name, I have a number."

Like the other three inmates speaking at Tuesday's "Project Pride (Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education)" event, Greg had grown up in a good family. He had been a solid student, and a successful and dedicated youth wrestler.

Then, in eighth grade, he started drinking and smoking marijuana. Soon the using became dealing, and the marijuana became harder drugs. He was expelled from school, spent some time in juvenile delinquent programs, and became a full-time drug dealer.

Then one day, after what he

calls a "three-day drug run," he accidentally ran over a man he had cheated in a drug deal. The man suffered serious injuries and will walk with a limp for the rest of his life. Greg, now 22, is in the middle of a five-year prison sentence.

Greg's fellow inmate Mike, 20, shared a similar story — a promising young life derailed by drinking and drug use that began in eighth grade. The other inmates, Jessica and Amy, shared stories of one bad night rather than a gradual descent — Jessica is serving four years for assaulting another woman in a bar fight, Amy is in prison for a drunken-driving accident that killed her boyfriend — but both stressed how bright futures can be ruined by even one bad choice.

That idea can be hard to convey to middle-schoolers. "Every kid thinks they're invincible," Amy admitted.

"We thought the same thing," said Jessica.

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Commentary

Time to change state's Constitution

The groan you are hearing from all across New Jersey is the sound of disappointment as home owners learn how much their property tax bills will be rising this year. Faced with a daunting budget deficit, the state has frozen aid to both municipalities and school districts; drastic times called for drastic measures. Yet costs continue to increase, especially salaries and health insurance premiums; belts can be tightened only so far because property taxes are forced to rise.

For years we have railed against the intrinsic inequities of the state's property tax system. And for years our state legislators have done little to offer genuine reform or true relief. Only the conniving mind of a Trenton bureaucrat can unravel the confusing package of rebates and other programs that appeared to give the taxpayers a break but in essence were really just a shell game played on the dirty banks of the Delaware.

In a few weeks, we will discover when the votes are counted on the night of the school election just how angry New Jersey residents are paying ever higher property taxes. We will find out if a record number of school budgets will be defeated because middle-class homeowners of the Garden State are sick and tired of paying the highest property taxes in the United States.

But even if school budgets are rejected, we doubt there will be a movement among the legislators to change the property tax system. The permanent government in Trenton — the veteran legislators, the bureaucrats and the lobbyists — do not like change; after all, the promise of change threatens the status quo and their livelihood. That's why reform of the property tax system must proceed *outside* the legislative process.

In a letter last week to the 566 mayors of New Jersey, William Dressel, the executive director of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, urged local officials to back legislation, sponsored by State senators John Adler and Bob Martin and Assemblyman Joe Richards, calling for a special Constitutional Convention to implement property tax reform.

Dressel puts the case for a Constitutional Convention succinctly: "New Jersey remains nationally notorious for its unequalled and inequitable over-reliance on the property tax. Why? Because the Legislature has never enacted any of the core recommendations, carefully crafted and exhaustively justified by study after study."

To get around this logjam, the bill calls for a Constitutional Convention just to consider the property tax system. If the bill passes — and we hope it does — then the question of a Constitutional Convention will appear on the November ballot — and we hope it passes there as well. The Bedminster Township Committee, which has one of the lowest tax rates in Central Jersey, is to be congratulated for passing a resolution Monday supporting the legislation.

The Legislature has consistently shown it cannot be trusted to undertake property tax reform. A Constitutional Convention will take the matter out of the hands of the Legislature (though, unfortunately, politics will continue to play a major role) and provide a reasonable venue for reform. Let's hope the bill passes and enjoys similar success in November.



Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

Keep the whistles blowing

For a long time I used to think my recurring dreams about trains were perverse.

After all, Freud led us to believe that dreams are an artful and deceptive depiction of our inner anxieties — OK, sexual anxieties — through symbolic images. It was only after earning a college degree in social science that I realized my dreams about trains had nothing to do with sexual anxiety. Instead, my dreams of locomotives and cabooses came from the blatantly obvious fact that I grew in Neshaug Station, less than a half mile from two railroads — the main line of the Lehigh Valley and the

Somerville-Flemington branch of the Jersey Central. I dreamed of trains because trains were a daily part of my life.

The tired freight trains on the Jersey Central labored through Neshaug Station at no more than 15 miles per hour; you could see them from our front window (alas, the rails are gone). The Lehigh Valley trains, which you see from the back porch, barreled through town, except when they stopped to drop off or pick up a Purina boxcar from Shurt's feed mill. At the school bus stop at the corner of Marshal and Maple, I learned how to count fast by counting the speeding number of cars on the Lehigh Valley freights. For a little boy, the trains were chronically fascinating and even now, when I return to Neshaug Station, my attention is always caught by the powerful freights.

I will never forget the still and sultry sleepless summer nights when the faint shriek of a Lehigh Valley freight miles away in Three Bridges or Roycefield calmed my panic-ridden insomnia. You always heard the whistle first; then came the rumble, like the grumbling of the soul, as the mighty locomotives flattened peninsulas on the rails. The whistle got louder, its pitch changing with the felicitous of the Dropper Effect. And the rumbling increased too, louder and louder like a rolling volcano of anticipation. And then, finally, with a long whistle or two, the freight raced through the sleeping town, a burst of excitement among the choir of crickets and dogs exchanging barks of gossip.

In that moment, the trains took away my own anxieties as my always overly active imagination was captured by the inherent romance of trains. Where was the train headed? What was hidden in the boxcars? What did the hobos think of our little town? What a great job it would be to ride in the caboose! By the time the rumbling had faded away and the whistle could never be heard, sleep had inevitably arrived accompanied by dreams of train journeys to mysterious and welcoming places.

This is why I cannot understand those who want to silence train whistles. Haven't they read Thomas Wolfe's poignantly over-written tribute to train whistles in his own hometown of Asheville among the hundreds of pages of *Look Homeward, Angel*? Don't they realize the power of a train whistle not only as a safety device, but as a signal of our country's vibrant economic health? These are the same people who have already muted fire sirens at night. Is there any more powerful or chilling sound than a volunteer fire company's siren wailing in the middle of the night?

People should know and accept there's a certain amount of noise that is going to be generated by trains if they live near a railroad. And the whistles are an essential safety precaution, especially in rural areas where they are no crossing grants or, God forbid, there's some sort of malfunction. More importantly, train whistles are an important part of the American psyche — especially when they are long and mournful in the lonely hours of the night.

Letters to the editor

First Aid Squad answers charges

To The Record-Press:

I would like to clarify certain statements that were made within "Changes in store for squad" (article, March 14).

The first few paragraphs insinuated that the Cranford First Aid Squad has experienced instances where they were not able to fully man a crew for an emergency. This is not accurate. The Cranford First Aid Squad guarantees to have at least one riding, full crew on all primary medical emergency calls. There has not been one instance where we have missed a first call. Our records as well as the records at the Police Department back these statements fully.

There have been no formal complaints to the Cranford First Aid Squad from the township regarding our responses until our recent discussions regarding the Fire Department on medical calls. If there was a formal complaint, we would easily rectify the potential problematic situation so that quality assurance is maintained.

The Fire Department is only used in those instances where a second call is received for an ambulance. This means that while the first crew is out serving the township on a medical call, another request for an ambulance is received simultaneously. Never has the Cranford First Aid Squad missed a call. Second calls are paged as "requests for second crew" per the mutual aid agreement with surrounding towns.

A grand-scale example of mutual aid is Sept. 11, where there was not enough manpower within (New York City, so surrounding communities were called upon. This has always been the case in the past and will continue to be the case for every municipality. Furthermore, the Cranford First Aid Squad has a strong partnership with the Linden Emergency Medical Squad, which operates three ambulances and

assists us in those instance where simultaneous calls are received.

The Cranford police and fire departments have continually supported the Cranford First Aid Squad. Times are changing where medical calls are becoming more and more frequent. Our partnership is the key, but our first area of concern is the people of Cranford. We have been working closely with the Fire Department for second calls within the township. They have provided excellent emergency medical care to the community. The Fire Department's involvement in maintaining first responder care until an ambulance responds from a surrounding community is vital.

The legality of the Fire Department taking an ambulance for emergency calls is being looked into with great scrutiny. Time is important on emergency calls, but if indeed it is an advanced life support emergency where paramedic treatment is needed from the nearby hospital, the transport vehicle arrives in ample time while the paramedic unit is treating the patient. Mutual aid or not, a prompt response is most important, and it will continue to improve as the squad and the township attack problematic situations.

Communication and constructive criticism are important, especially dealing with township and first aid partnerships. As these observations address fresh wounds and act as more preventative actions rather than corrective, we will continue to be one of the best emergency medical services in the county, for the township, always there, always caring, always your township First Aid Squad.

MATTHEW NAZZARO
Lieutenant,
Cranford First Aid Squad

Life abounds near Rahway River

To The Record-Press:

Anti-tax letter writer James Loderstedt attempted to link Cranford's proposed flood control project to Rahway River water quality (3/14). The Rahway River is not a pristine Adirondack brook; it is an urban stream. Runoff from lawns, streets and parking lots contain nutrients, metals and hydrocarbons. The NJDEP bioassessment protocol cited by Mr. Loderstedt focuses upon benthic macroinvertebrates (worms, insect larvae) in river sediment. Macroinvertebrate abundance and diversity are low due to contaminants and low oxygen, as well as frequent disturbance (dredging, sedimentation). In this regard, the Rahway River is hardly

unique. Most New Jersey waterways are impaired.

Nevertheless, the river, its tributaries, and its floodplain support a surprisingly rich fauna. Let's consider Lenape Park. According to Friends of Lenape Park (<http://hometown.aol.com/lenapepark1/main.html>), the park hosts more than 190 species of birds, 12 mammal species, 10 frogs and toads, eight salamanders, five turtles, and at least four snake species. Despite the developed condition of its watershed, the Rahway River corridor is a valuable oasis of wildlife habitat.

John Cantilli
Cranford

Hyatt Hills course may be too elitist

To The Record-Press:

The new Hyatt Hills Golf Course is due to open sometime this summer. This collaboration among General Motors, Clark and Cranford promises to be a tremendous asset to both communities. The members of the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission have put in countless hours and have performed an admirable job in making this dream a reality. However, a couple of topics must be addressed before any final decisions are made regarding the fee structure of the golf course.

First, the commission has proposed having 100 memberships. These members would be able to reserve tee times up to two weeks in advance for Saturday and Sunday mornings. Non-member residents of Clark and Cranford would not enjoy this privilege. Due to the limited number of tee times available, these 100 members would use virtually every single morning tee time from April through October. Hyatt Hills would not, for all practical purposes, be a public golf course, but rather a semiprivate course to be enjoyed by the 100 members who can afford and choose to pay the \$1,500 membership fee.

Second, the commission's plan to require the use of electric carts for all weekend rounds is ridiculous for two reasons. First, it will increase the cost of a round of golf on the weekend to \$43, making it unaffordable for many senior citizens, juniors and lower income res-

idents. Second, it flies in the face of recent United States Golf Association initiatives. The USGA, the governing body for golf in the U.S., advocates walking in order to increase enjoyment of the game as well as for the health benefits. To go against this just to raise some extra cash is greedy and not in the best interests of township residents.

Third, the plan to charge the weekend greens fee on Friday is just another ploy by the commission to help turn Hyatt Hills into a cash generator for the two townships.

Fourth, there is no current concrete plan to provide access to juniors (other than high school golf teams). In fact, it is my impression that juniors may not be that welcome at the course. If they were more welcome, then their fees would be significantly lower than the general public's and they would not be required to take a cart on the weekend.

Hyatt Hills, as it stands now, will not be the public access facility that the residents of Clark and Cranford have been anticipating for the last several years. Rather, it is nothing more than a semiprivate country club that will be enjoyed by the well-to-do members of the Clark and Cranford communities to the exclusion of everyone else.

RICHARD HURLEY
Cranford

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Park Middle School taps its honor students

Briefs

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

Named to the distinguished honor roll with A's in all subjects:

Grade 8 — Jennifer Bauer, Sarah Boffa, Courtney Burke, Yvonne Chen, Cleo Chou, Deirdre Clark, Jack Davis, Briana Falco, Gabrielle Falco, Shemane Fritz, Andrew Goldberg, Viktoriya Gorbach, Joshua Green, Elizabeth Jacobs, Elizabeth Katz, Melissa Koerner, Jessica Levine, Rebecca McGuire, Ian McNally, Raunag Palejwala, Melissa Sette and Katherine Van Haasteren.

Grade 7 — John Acito, Kristen

Barry, Kendall Boyda, Allison Brown, Cathleen Carr, Ana Castillo, Nikolai Chowdhury, Karina DeMair, Laurel Devlin, Matthew Huether, Catherine Kaiserman, Katherine Lauricella, Kristen Mandala, Stacy Marr, Heather Rodriguez, James Spaeth, Stacey Tanguy, Tiffany Wong and Jason Zelesnik.

Grade 6 — Deborah Albert, Izabela Blach, Avery Boettcher, Ryan Bridge, Daniel Buckley, Deana Caicedo, Katelyn Cavanagh, Bridget Cornwell, Rebecca Fox, Alexandra Fragna, Stephanie Goines, Christina Halma, Lindsay Hauptman, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alec Jacobs, William Jacobs,

Samantha Knierim, Jacob Lavenhar, Caitlyn Leist, Marc L'Heureux, Alexia Lindenberg, Ming Lu, Brianna Mahoney, Brian Many, Maggie McLaughlin, Elizabeth Minski (first marking period), Christina Olsson, Nyanna Quoi, Margaret Reilly, Alice Ren, Hillary Roberts, Travis Rosado, Marc Rosenberg, Michael Scannell, Adam Silverman, Alex Soloway, Katlyn Soriano, Kristen Thompson, Lindsey Trainman, Samantha Trainman, Nitin Viswanathan and Andy Wang.

Named to the honor roll:

Grade 8 — Colleen Baines, Clayton Balch, Candace Barnes, Marisa Bianco, Robert Blabolil, Elizabeth Bourchein, Justine Brown, Robert Burke, Matthew Canfield, Lawrence Chan, Amy Chervenyak, Soo Cho, Sarah Cohen, Christopher Cooper, Henry Cox, Athena Coyt, Robert Dawson, Joshua Decker, Kathryn Devlin, Brian Dickey, Aaron Doliber, Kristen Dyson, Emily Elson, Matthew Ferrara, Michael Fragna, Brian Glassett, Adriana Guido, Keila Guzman, Shannon Hauser, George Helock, Matthew Hirschhorn, Joseph Jacobi, Loni Kaye, Meaghan Kelly,

Kristen Kersey, Katelyn Kosenick, Jessica McGarry, Hallie Mintz, Jeffrey Mullen, Elijah Nam, Christopher Nilsen, Jeffrey Ondeyka, Alex Pardon, Laura Peroco, Danielle Porter, Cristina Reyes, Dana Sacks, Natalie Sanchez, Kara Song and Joshua Zimman.

Grade 7 — Lauryn Adams, Yeershati Ahati, Kimberlee Appezatto, Alison Baier, Brittany Barnett, Victoria Bauman, Joseph Bianco, Amanda Bobyack, Sarah Boruch, Gregory Brand, Megan Buckland, Katherine Buro, Colin Campbell, Michael Cevovic, Michelle Chan, Alex Cvetovich, Jenna Delle-Donne, Anh Dinh, Jessica Estriplet, Linda Evins, Kelly Frazee, Stephanie Fredas, Kirstan Fuller, Daisy Fung, Alexandra Garber, Samantha Gates, Matthew Gigli, Christina Guibas, Andrew Haggan, Ibrahim Helm, Ashley Jacobs, Steven Jacobus, Shirley Kim, Maggie Kosciulek, Rachel Levy, Christopher Luby, Kathryn Magalhães, Lauren Mains, Laura Marvelli, Brennan McTernan, Lauren Messina, Patrick Mineo, Martin Njoroge, Stephanie Oh, Jonathan Parisi, Tiffany Pasko, Adam Perez, Christopher Pfau, Rudyard Plesmid, Jeffrey Pober, Portia Price, David Regal, Anthony Ricci, Christopher Rodriguez, Alana Rosato, Andrea Rosko, Melissa Rupnarain, Alexander Russo, Sean Scott, James Sensor,

Andre Smith, Katherine Stamler, Alycia Terry, Erin Voelker, Stephen Wenson and Caleb Zimmermann.

Grade 6 — Courtney Adamezyk, Andrea Apuzzio, Courtney Baines, Galina Bayok, Casandra Berwick, Jason Boff, Rebecca Bush, Lisa Campbell, Julia Capodicasa, Julian Cespedes, Nicole Colineri, Robert Cunningham, Lauren Cutrone, John D'Agostaro, John DeMaio, Dauna DeMarsico, Patrick Doliber, Joseph Dunn, Marcus Dyson, George Elmer, Debbie Fung, Andrea Guzman, Wendy Harris, Melissa Helock, Kenneth Hessemer, Thomas Holt, William Hubbard, Alyssa Karis, Adem Kastrati, Nicholas Kauchak, Brett Kerken, Steven Klehm, Allison Kodan, Alexandra Lambos, Jaclyn Lazarus, Robert Leeper, Deidre Lyons, Mary MacDonald, Valerie Madison, Kyle Mihansky, Ryan Mullen, Karen Murad, Khalil Murphy, Nicholas Murray, Emily Nering, Robert O'Connor, Taylor Paraboschi, Stacia Piesch, Ryan Pinkowski, Neil Pratt, Gregory Rappaport, Brandon Reddington, Maria Pia Rivero, Christine Roser, Dennis Ruiz, Andrea Santos, Brian Sensor, Gabriella Sosnowski, James Strobel, Melissa Swanton, Matthew Tenzer, Alexis Turner, Christopher Uehlinger, Janell Vanderwiel, Anthony Vecchione, Amanda Vitello, Vivian Wang, Danielle Wood, Christine Yutz and Robert Zekunde.

Nearly new books sought for sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — Books in like-new condition are wanted for the annual Scotch Plains Public Library book sale on May 18.

Fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, cookbooks, how-to books, craft books and children's books are desired. Bring your donations to the Bartle Avenue library 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 or 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The book sale is sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club and the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

Concert benefits counseling service

WESTFIELD — Tickets are on sale now for the 12th annual concert benefiting the Youth and Family Counseling Service.

The concert is 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. This concert features the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson.

Admission is \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors over 65, \$10 for students 18 and under. Patron seating of \$60 includes a reception. Sponsorship of \$300 includes two patron seats, a listing in the program and the reception.

Advance tickets are available at Irma's Bag in Fanwood; Nuts N' Plenty in Scotch Plains; Lancaster Ltd., St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church and the Youth and Family Counseling Service, all in Westfield.

For more information, phone (908) 233-2042.

Rosary Society meets April 8

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., holds its monthly meeting following the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, April 8.

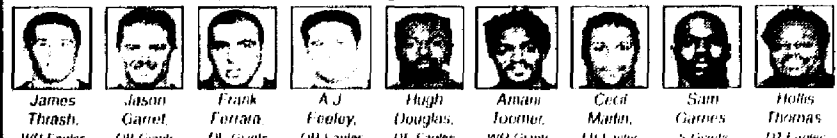
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Holy week

Area churches have announced their schedules for Holy Week, the most sacred week on the Christian calendar.

The **Fanwood Presbyterian Church**, 74 S. Martine Ave., has a Maundy Thursday service 7:30 p.m. which includes Holy Communion.

A solemn service is 7:30 p.m. Good Friday.

For Easter, there is a sunrise service in the garden 7 a.m. and a service in the sanctuary 10 a.m.

Child care is available at all services. For more information, phone (908) 889-8891.

A full Holy Week schedule is in effect at the **Willow Grove Presbyterian Church**, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains:

Good Friday — Candlelight service, 7:30 p.m. Special hymns for this service are by the Chancel Choir.

For more information, phone (908) 232-5678.

First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., will conduct a service in memory of Jesus' Last Supper on Thursday. The service includes Scripture readings and anthems by the Chancel Choir and Communion in groups of 12.

On Friday, a quiet service at 1 p.m. includes Scripture readings, music and hymns.

Easter services begin at 10:20 a.m. with songs and continues at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Chancel Choir will provide special music with accompaniment by bell ringers and trumpet players Jon Redeker and David Torres. The Rev. Dee Dee Turlington will preach on "Putting All Our Eggs in One Basket."

The "Seven Last Words" of Christ are the locus of a solemn service at noon Good Friday. This also is a joint service with the **Calvary Chapel and Terrill**

Road Baptist Church and will be held at **Scotch Plains Baptist Church**, 333 Park Ave.

Services 10:55 a.m. Easter Sunday, feature special music from the choir. The Rev. Gary Rothwell, pastor, delivers his sermon on "What a Difference a Day Makes."

For more information, phone (908) 322-5487.

First United Methodist Church of Westfield invites the community to join in the celebration of Easter.

On Good Friday, March 29, there will be a vigil in the sanctuary with appropriate readings every half hour from noon until 3 p.m. On Easter Sunday, March 31, there will be two worship services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Continental breakfast will be served between the services at 10:15 a.m.

The church is located at 1 E. Broad St. There is ample parking off Ferris Place. For more information, contact the church office at (908) 233-4211.

Special services, music and activities will mark the celebration of Holy Week at **The Presbyterian Church in Westfield**.

On Good Friday, March 29, there will be two services — at noon in the chapel and at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir, directed by William Clisam, will perform George Frederick Handel's "The Passion of Christ" accompanied

by strings, oboes and harpsichord at the evening service.

An Easter Vigil begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in the sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, identical services celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with words, music and Holy Communion will be conducted in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. A brass quintet will perform at both services.

Dr. William Ross Forbes is the senior pastor. The associate pastors are the Rev. Christina McCormick, the Rev. Victoria Ney and the Rev. Wendy Thode.

The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., will conduct a Good Friday service at noon which will include the reading of the Passion and Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with identical services at 9 and 11 a.m. Special choral and instrumental music will include Widor's "Toccata," "The Light Divine" from Mascagni's "Sicilian Vespucci" featuring Meredith Hoffman-Thomson, soprano soloist; and the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

A one-room schoolhouse for children ages 3 through 3rd grade and child care for infants to 2-year-olds will be available during both services. One coffee hour will be held for both services at 10 a.m.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

Children's Hospital to host Family Fair

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States, will host the 2002 Family Fair Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event features a variety of entertaining, educational and interactive activities for children and families and will be held at the hospital's Mountainside facility, 150 New Providence Road.

Face painting, music, a dance presentation by the Dance Innovation Performance Company of Chatham as well as an appearance by the Somerset Patriots team mascot are planned. A wide range of interactive and educational activities will include:

— Free hearing screenings provided by hospital staff.
— Fingerprinting for children age 1 and older by the Union County Sheriff's Department, which requires parental consent. Copies of the fingerprints are given to parents.

— A fire safety program presented by the Mountainside Fire Department and the Westfield Bureau of Fire Prevention, highlighted by the Fire Safety House, an educational mobile unit which demonstrates how to properly escape a smoke-filled room. Fire engine tours will also be provided.

— A bicycle safety program pre-

"The 2002 Family Fair will be great day for families to join us for some fun and educational activities."

— **Jill Jacobi**, events coordinator

sent by the Brain Injury Association.

— Information on car seat safety from the Union County Police Department.

Educational displays will also be offered on Children's Specialized Hospital programs and services, Children's Miracle Network, Buddy Ball of Edison, Somerset Hills Horseback Riding, Special Olympics, Suburban Music School, Union County Recreation, Westfield Community Center and support groups from the Epilepsy Foundation, Moms of Multiples, The Mothers' Center of Central NJ and CHERAB (Communication, Help, Education, Research, Appraisal Based).

"The 2002 Family Fair will be great day for families to join us for some fun and educational activities," said event coordinator Jill Jacobi. For more information, call Jacobi at (908) 301-5478.

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Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

7:30 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

3:00 P.M. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 P.M. Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

11:30 A.M. Blessing of Food

7:30 P.M. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Morning Prayer 6:45 A.M.

Celebration of the Eucharist:

(Church) 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. & 12 Noon

(Sports Center School) 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. & 12 Noon

At Home

Get the grass greener on your side of the fence

Do you ever wonder why the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence? Maybe your neighbor understands the basics of good lawn care. According to Billy Lowe of Snapper-builder of residential and commercial lawn-mowing equipment for more than 50 years, great lawns can spring to life when you follow these rules:

Get ready: They come in a variety of colors and sizes, but no matter what a mower looks like, it can't do the job without a good blade. Whether you use a regular blade or one that mulches, a dull blade will hack at your lawn and leave your grass weakened and prone to disease, Lowe says. Start the year with a good pre-season mower checkup at an independent power equipment dealer to make sure the mower and its safety systems are ready for a weekly workout.

Get set: Before you start the mower each time, check the basics. Make sure your fuel tank is full, your oil is at the proper level and grass, leaves or other materials are cleared away from the engine, discharge chute and blade. Tighten bolts that appear loose and make sure bagging equipment has no holes or tears.

Are you ready? Take a look at what you're wearing. Your lawn-mowing uniform should consist of long pants, a shirt with sleeves (no loose-fitting items or dangling chains or strings) and hard-toe shoes. Complement your ensemble with long hair tied back, a pair of sunglasses or safety glasses and sunscreen.

Walk the yard, make sure it is dry and check for hidden toys, rocks or other items. An object caught in the blade can not only damage the mower, it can come hurtling through the

discharge chute at a velocity capable of damaging homes or cars and injuring you or others.

After you've cleared the yard of objects, clear it of people and pets. Don't risk an injury. Remove the possibility by sending those you love inside and out of the path of the mower.

No passengers on mowers, ever. In addition to the obvious danger of children slipping off the mower or distracting the operator, children who ride on mowers lose their fear of mowers and consider them to be toys, not power equipment. Children who regularly ride on mowers with a well-meaning parent or relative have been known to run after the mower while it is in motion with the

driver unaware that the child is nearby and possibly in the mower's path. It is an accident that can easily be avoided by never taking a passenger on your mower.

Go! Make a pass with your mower and then check how much you are cutting off. The rule is, only cut one-third of the blade each time you mow. Grass, like any plant, makes food through its leaves. If there is not enough leaf (or, in the case of grass, blade) left the plant must struggle to make food to feed its roots.

Speaking of food, why remove a great source of nutrition for the lawn by bagging? Finely chopped particles of grass can provide much-needed

nutrients for the lawn. Mulching grass cuts trash-hauling bills, keeps bags of grass out of overflowing landfills, cuts down mowing time and feeds the lawn. Lowe recommends bagging grass only at the beginning and end of the mowing season, when it is more likely to be damp and heavy, or to discourage weed reseeding when dandelions and other weeds are at their height.

Finally, Lowe advises, don't get into a mowing rut. Change directions each time you mow, moving horizontally, vertically and diagonally to keep your yard rut-free.

Follow these simple rules and your lawn can be the one that your neighbors envy.

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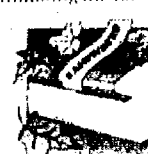
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Community Life

Briefs

Westfield Jaycees calling 'old timers'

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Jaycees will hold its annual "Old Timers Night" Wednesday at the Jolly Trolley restaurant in Westfield. The Jaycees are inviting all former members to join the current chapter members for an evening sharing old stories and laughs. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Anyone seeking additional information may contact Jim Foerst, chapter president, at (908) 233-2251 or visit the Jaycees' website at www.westfieldnj.com/jaycees.

B'nai B'rith unit planning brunch

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be going to a brunch at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 7, at the Cambridge Inn, 19 Summerhill Road, Spotswood. The cost of the brunch is \$12.95 per person, plus tax and tip. The brunch also includes a complimentary mimosa.

Ketubah Unit is open to married, Jewish couples who are 40 and older. Non-members are welcome. Call Elaine for more information or to make reservations at (908) 232-0062 by April 5.

Hospital auxiliary exhibit artwork

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States, will exhibit the work of artists Maria and Mark de Mos of Morristown, Susan Puder of Union and Ross Wagner of Summit throughout the month of April.

Monthly exhibits are sponsored by the Auxiliary at Children's Specialized Hospital. All artwork is available for purchase with a portion of sales benefiting the auxiliary. Admission is free and exhibits can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by entering through the hospital's East Wing entrance, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For more information, please call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

Foundation planning to honor DiFrancesco

The Union County Educational Services Foundation will honor Former Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco and Prudential Financial at its seventh annual awards reception on April 30.

The reception will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Primavera, 1080 Valley Road, Stirling.

The foundation raises funds, establishes partnerships, and secures other forms of support to enhance the independent living skills of students served by the Union County Educational Services Commission who are physically, socially, emotionally and/or intellectually challenged.

Surrogate updates evening hours

Union County Surrogate James S. LaCorte has updated his schedule of evening office hours to accommodate residents who are unable to attend regular office hours during the day. As county surrogate, he is responsible for probating wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of descendants' estates, among other constitutionally mandated duties.

LaCorte is available, by appointment, to meet during the evening with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court. Appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance. The updated schedule for evening office hours is:

— Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., first Monday of the month

— Rahway Recreation Center, 275 Milton Ave., second Tuesday

— Union Township Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., third Wednesday

— Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., fourth Tuesday

The Surrogate's Court can be reached at (908) 527-4280.



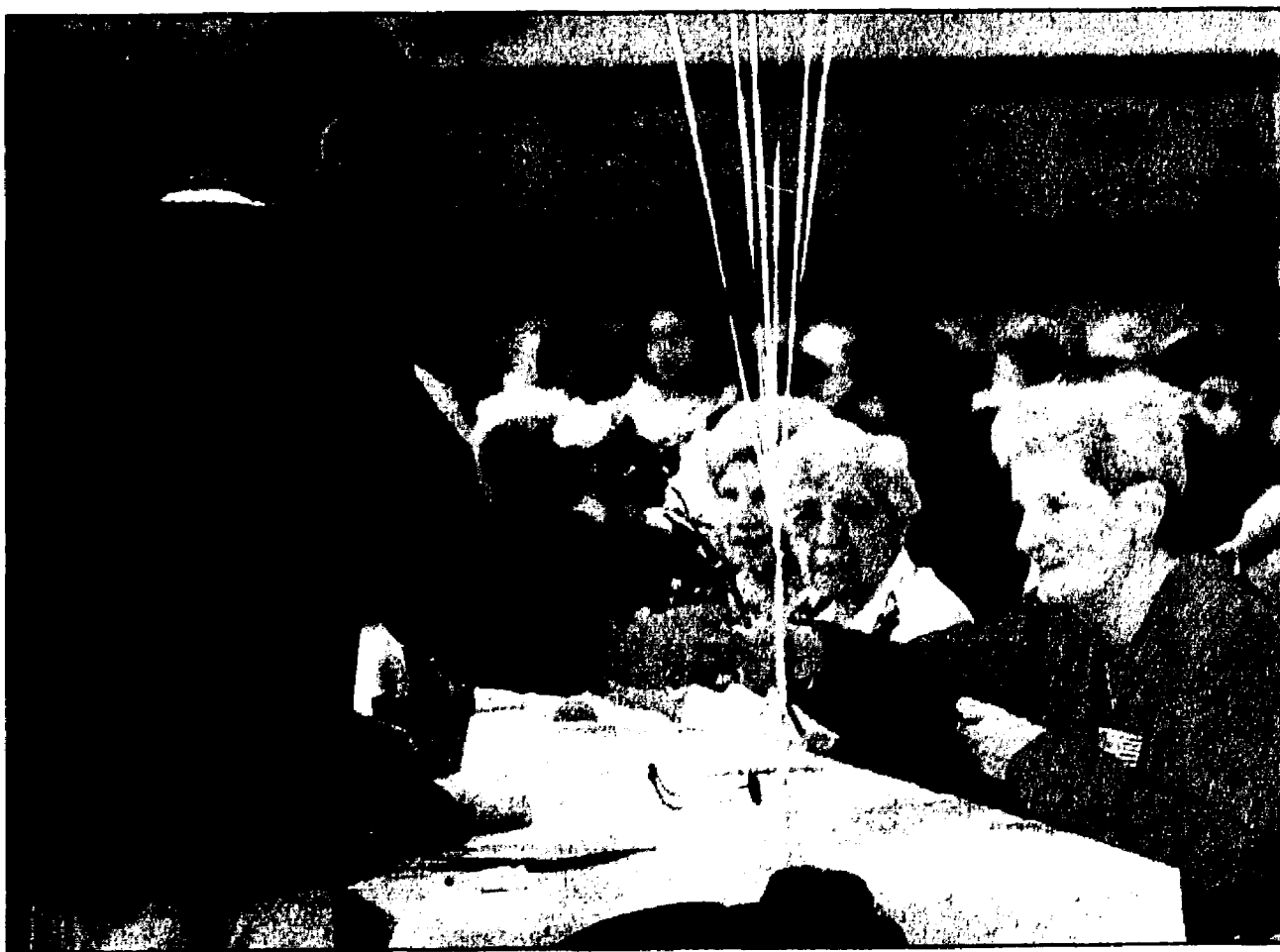
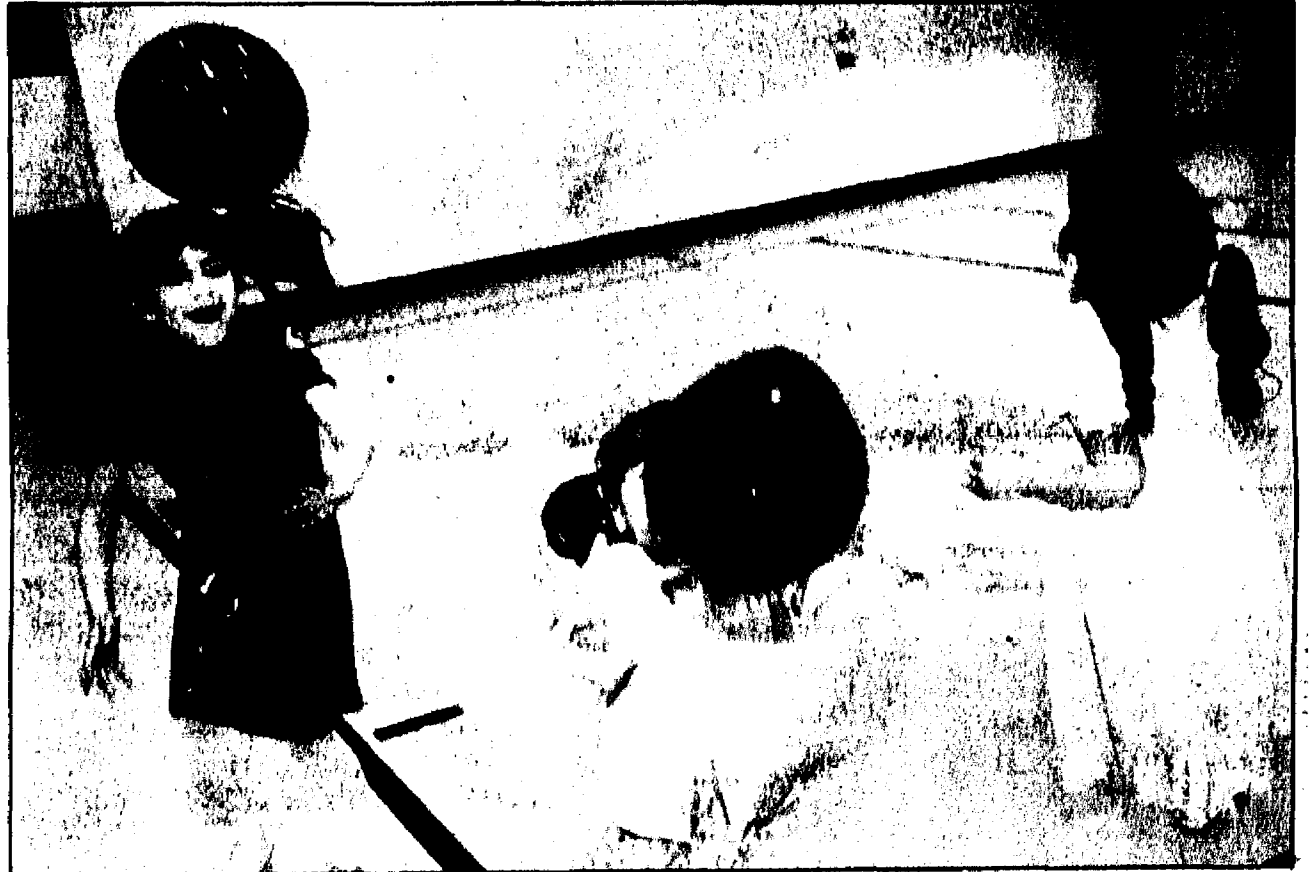
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Getting psyched for Easter

Thomas Snyder, 2 1/2, and Madison Dyer, 23 months, both of Fanwood, tentatively check out Cadbury, a pet bunny, held by its owner Adam Siegal of Fanwood. The children participated in an Easter egg hunt at Chelsea at Fanwood, an assisted living residence, on Saturday.



Annie Pierce, 3, supervises her brother Brendan, 5, as he dyes his Easter egg Saturday at Chelsea Assisted Living in Fanwood. At right, Shaye Law, 6, Madison Law, 2, and Sara Law, 6, play with balloons at the Easter celebration at Lincoln School, Garwood.



Closing the gap between generations

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Jaime Gomez, a 10th-grader, hands Jane Sullivan a yellow rose, her prize for winning a bingo game at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. March 21 was Senior Citizens Day at the high school. The event was sponsored by the Student Government Association. At right, 10th grader Lauren Belford plays Name That Tune with Rose Checchio, far right.



Seniors, teens meet in the middle



MELISSA J. KLAVER/CORRESPONDENT

Anita Welkner dances with 12th-grader Bobby Wallden during a game of Name That Tune at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Monday.

Elbert E. Harris

WESTFIELD — Elbert E. Harris, 82, died March 19, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He was awarded 23 patents for his work with Merck & Co., where he co-invented the Vasotec device.

He was born in New York City and had lived in Westfield since 1964.

Mr. Harris worked for Merck at its Rahway plant for 35 years before retiring as a senior research fellow. He earned a master's degree from Columbia University and in 1951 a doctorate in chemistry from Columbia. He held a bachelor's degree from Wagner College.

A member of the American Chemical Society and First Congregational Church, Mr.

Harris was an Army Air Corps sergeant in the South Pacific during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Ann; a son, Richard and wife Erin of Kendall Park; and a daughter, Jean Fox and husband Jeffrey of Falls Church, Va.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Society of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Woodholme Medical Building, Suite 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, MD 21208 or the First Congregational Church Memorial Fund.

Dorothy Hatfield

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy Souder Hatfield, 95, died March 20, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She retired in 1946 after 20 years in a Grade 1 teacher at School No. 1 in the township.

A native of Swedesboro, she lived in Scotch Plains from 1946 until she moved to Berkeley Heights in 1996.

Mrs. Hatfield graduated from Glassboro State Teachers College (now Rowan University) in 1926. She was a past-president of the Monday Afternoon Club in Plainfield and a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

At Scotch Plains Baptist

Church she recently established two scholarship funds, one in memory of her late husband, J. Horace Hatfield, and one in her own memory. Mrs. Hatfield was a former member of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Swedesboro.

Services were held yesterday at Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery with arrangements by Memorial Funeral Home in Fairwood.

Memorial donations may be sent to Dorothy Souder Hatfield Memorial Scholarship Fund, Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Obituaries

Norma L. Quinn

SCOTCH PLAINS — Norma L. Larsen Quinn, 87, died March 19, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been an accounting clerk with Mobay Chemical Co. in Union prior to her 1979 retirement.

Mrs. Quinn was born in Brooklyn. She lived in Cranford, Roselle Park and Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1995.

She also was a longtime volunteer at Union Hospital and

worked for the former First National Bank of Roselle.

Her husband, Thomas A., died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Terrence; two sisters, Else Snyder and Margaret Phillips; a grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to Union Hospital or the

Jane Marie Demos

WESTFIELD — Jane Marie Demos, 70, died March 22, 2002 at the Father Hudson House in Elizabeth. A legal secretary, she retired in 1994 after 10 years with the Basking Ridge offices of AT&T Corp.

Mrs. Demos was born in Linden. She lived in Elizabeth and Miami before moving to Westfield in 1967.

Her husband, Andrew George Demos Sr., died in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth L., and a son, Andrew

George Jr., both of Westfield; a sister, Lorraine Lynch of Hollywood, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Demos was a parishioner. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Newark.

Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

Filomena DiFiore

SCOTCH PLAINS — Filomena Franceschelli DiFiore, 74, died March 21, 2002 at her home. She was born in Montazzoli, Chiote province, Italy, and settled in Scotch Plains when she came to the United States in 1963.

Mrs. DiFiore was a homemaker and a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

A sister, Concetta, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Nicola; two sons, Gus and Mario; a brother, Giuseppe Franceschelli; two sisters, Teresa and Maria; and two grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Robert D. Nixdorff

WESTFIELD — Robert D. Nixdorff, 35, died Monday, March 25, at Rahway Hospital after a car accident in Linden.

Born in Summit, he lived in Garwood from 1993 until he moved to Westfield in 1997.

He was the owner of Nixdorff and Associates, CPA, in Linden, an accounting firm he founded in 1999.

He was a 1990 graduate of Kean University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He earned his CPA in 1997.

He was a member of the

AICPA, the American Institute of CPAs.

Surviving are his wife Carolyn; his mother, Jenevieve Rodriguez; his father and step-mother, Frank and Edna; a brother, Steve; and his grandparents, Josephine and Arthur Romano.

Mass will be offered Monday at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, with interment at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, P.O. 425, Iselin, NJ 08830.

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Robert Comstock Jr.

WESTFIELD — Robert Edward Comstock Jr., 57, died March 25, 2002 at his home. A retired official of an international agency, he coached teams in the Westfield Soccer Association and Westfield Football League.

He was born in Waterbury, Conn., and had lived in Westfield since 1968.

Mr. Comstock was the former director of finance and administration for the Societe internationale de telecommunications-aeronautique, based in America and Europe. He received a bachelor's degree from Colby College and a master's degree from Seton Hall University.

He was a member of the Westfield Jaycees and the Killington Ski Club. Mr. Comstock served in the Army Signal Corps during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Frances Richter Comstock; two daughters, Ginger of Westfield and Jennifer Comstock Reed of Westport, Conn.; and a brother, David of Lake Forest, Calif.

A memorial service will be 3:30 p.m. today at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. Arrangements are by Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Robert E. Comstock Jr. Memorial Fund, c/o Dr. Paul Chapman, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021; St. Barnabas Cancer Center, c/o Dr. Stuart Leiner, 94 Old Short Hills Road, Livingston, NJ 07039; or Center for Hospice Care, 188 Millburn Ave., Millburn, NJ 07041.

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Briefs

Easter goods are half price

SCOTCH PLAINS — Easter merchandise is 50 percent off this weekend at the Best Friend Second Chance Shop, which is now in its new location at 1750 E. Second St.

Prices and refreshments will be available to all who visit the store 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow. Furniture, jewelry, crafts, compact discs, books, housewares, clothes and sporting goods are available alongside the Easter gifts.

For more information, phone (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

Donations are accepted 7-10 p.m. any Wednesday. Antiques, collectibles, jewelry, small furniture, silver, china and unused gifts are welcome. New clothes with the tags still on will also be accepted. Craftsmen are urged to donate their original crafts.

Proceeds from all merchandise sold at the Second Chance Shop benefit homeless pets awaiting adoption.

Wine tasting benefits band

WESTFIELD — A wine tasting this spring benefits the Blue Devil Marching Band of Westfield High School.

The event is 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 12 at the Knights of Columbus hall, 2400 North Ave., Scotch Plains. Admission of \$20 includes a souvenir wine glass and hors d'oeuvres. There also will be a silent auction of goods

and services.

For tickets, phone (908) 233-6011. The wine tasting is sponsored by the WHS Marching Band Parents Association with proceeds to benefit its scholarship fund and other band projects.

Dollars for Students drive April 13-14

The Scotch Plains-Fairwood Scholarship Foundation holds its 35th annual "Dollars for Students" fund-raising drive Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14.

Nearly 80 students from Scotch Plains-Fairwood High School will go door-to-door that weekend to solicit funds. In addition, student volunteers will solicit funds at certain intersections in Scotch Plains and Fairwood.

"Dollars for Students" donations go toward college scholarships for SPFHS graduates. The fund drive and a direct-mail solicitation are the foundation's only fund-raising efforts.

If you are not contacted and wish to contribute, send your donation to Scotch Plains-Fairwood Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 123, Fairwood, NJ 07023. Donations are tax deductible.

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Gallery talks 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.
• Betsy Rosasco on "Titan, Van Dyck and the Body of Christ," April 5, 7.

Concerts
KRISTIN CHENOWETH
8 p.m. Saturday, April 6
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• Actress/singer from 90's Broadway. Admission \$32-\$20.

CIRCUITOUS ROOTS
8 p.m. Friday, April 5
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190
• Percussion duos led by Lara Gonzalez and Yael Shacham. Admission \$15.

CIRQUE EOS
2 and 7 p.m. April 6
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College
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(908) 725-3420;
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• Circus troupe from Quebec. Admission \$25, \$20; tickets for Sept. 15 will be honored.

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING
7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6
First Unitarian Society
724 Park Ave., Plainfield
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B.B. KING
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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• He and his guitar Lucille, still together after all those years thanks to plenty of payback. Admission \$55-\$25.

RONAN TYNAN
8 p.m. Friday, April 5
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• Irish tenor from PBS.

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Events

BIG APPLE CIRCUS
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Museums

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• "Cranford's Prehistoric Past," to June.
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614 Mountain Ave., Westfield
(908) 232-1776
Open 2-5 p.m. Sunday (closed March 31). Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free.

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Cook College
Route 1, New Brunswick
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• "The Victor Weeps," photographs by Fazal Sheikh of Afghan refugees 1996-98, to March 31.
• Works of Efim Ladyzhensky, to July 31.
• "By All Means: Materials and Mood in Picture Book Illustrations," March 30-July 31.
• Contemporary art from India, April 7-July 31.

Galleries

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WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;
www.watchungarts.org
Open 1-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
• "Impressions from Maine" by Ronn Orenstein, to March 30.
• "New Haiku" by Yaga Bielska, to March 30.
• Works of Juan Duik and Stephanie Natiello, April 1-29. Reception 1-4 p.m. April 7.

Art exhibit set at library

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association members will present a free exhibit of mixed media art from April 22 to April 27 in the downstairs gallery of the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.
The public is invited to view the works during library hours and meet the artists at the reception and awards presentation at noon on April 27. Judging the show this year is Ann Swain of Swain Gallery in Plainfield.
For information call Bob Hahn at (908) 233-7458. Admission is free.



REV. ALPHONSE STEPHENSON

Annual concert will aid counseling service

WESTFIELD — Rev. Alphonse Stephenson will bring his Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea back to Westfield April 20 for the 12th annual concert conducted to benefit Youth and Family Counseling Service.
The concert will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Stephenson was conductor and music director of "A Chorus Line," which ran for nearly 3,000 performances on Broadway in the 1980s. Looking for other musical experiences, he was asked to arrange a concert to raise money for his assigned parish. That first concert raised \$2,000 and began a new career, which has raised more than \$6 million for worthy causes since 1986.
The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea gives approximately 60 concerts per year, both on tours and at their summer open air concert series, the Festival of the Atlantic, at Point Pleasant Beach. The orchestra is composed of approximately 45 professional, free-lance musicians, many of whom have been together for 15

years. In the past few year, vocal soloists have been added to the programs, and have been especially well received by audiences.
The orchestra plays an exceptionally wide range of music. The eclectic program for each concert is a unique combination of classical selections, seasonal pieces, pops favorites, operatic arias, and recently, patriotic medleys.
Alphonse is also a Lieutenant Colonel and Chief Chaplain of the 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire Air Force Base. This patriotic commitment has intensified following the events of September 11 and the activation of about one third of his reserve unit. Alphonse balances his military duties with his priestly responsibilities and musical career in a very busy life, in which each facet complements the others.
The benefit concert for Youth and Family Counseling Service is the agency's only annual fundraiser. For information about sponsorship and tickets, call the agency at (908) 233-2042.

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Sirens screech welcome to Famous Dave

By GREGORY SHORO
THE RECORD PRESS

MOUNTAINSIDE — Police cars and fire trucks with lights flashing and sirens blazing rushed

down Route 22 Monday morning, but it wasn't a four-alarm fire they were hurrying to put out. Unless of course that fire was caused by hearthburn.

A precautionary measure per-

haps, but in actuality, part of the grand opening committee welcoming the award-winning Famous Dave's barbecue restaurant chain to the highway's fraternity of food.

The restaurant, which is franchised by North Country BBQ Ventures, LLC, is part of Famous Dave's of America (Nasdaq: DAVE), a Minnesota-based company whose founder, Dave Anderson is a Native American with several tribal memberships.

Before a supportive crowd of public officials, including Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti, Police Chief James Debbie and Susan Jacobson of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, Ja-son Santarelli, general manager of the new establishment, and Robert Fanelli, operating partner of North Country, participated in a ribbon cutting and ceremonial "passing of the fire," from the last restaurant opened to the newest.

According to the company, this

ritual is said to symbolize the prosperity and heritage that began with the first Famous Dave's location in Wisconsin in 1994.

In addition to the ceremonies, the restaurant's staff participated in cheers alongside company mascot "Wilbur" the pig.

"More than anything, it was the lack of barbecue in this area," said Santarelli on why Mountaintops served as such an ideal location. "We go up and down this highway, and we don't find any barbecue. We find more steakhouses and your average chain restaurant, so it was a niche that we felt needed to be filled."

The restaurant on the Westfield-Mountain side border is the first in New Jersey and 58th in the country. There are plans to open several other eateries from New Jersey up to New Hampshire.

"With the opening of this first Famous Dave's in the state of New Jersey, I look forward to bringing Famous Dave's award-winning



With sirens blaring, fire engines and police descended on Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que to help celebrate its grand opening Monday. The restaurant is located on Route 22 east on the Mountainside/ Westfield border.

barbecue and family atmosphere to Mountainside and the surrounding communities for years to come," said Fanelli.

Westfield, if you look at the reception we've had from the cities, it has just been phenomenal," added Santarelli. "The city has welcomed us with open arms and has done everything they can to get us open."

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**SUNDAY
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**WEDNESDAY
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BLOOD DRIVE — at Red

Cross office, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 3-8 p.m. Donor requirements: (908) 232-7090.

**THURSDAY
APRIL 4**

JEWISH LECTURE — Jason Shulman on "Why Reform Jews Need Kabbalah." Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 232-6770.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 5**

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion." Woody Allen flop from last summer. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 6**

BOOK SIGNING — "Lake Street USA," children's book by Wing Young Huie. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

FABULOUS 50'S — dance benefiting Westfield Coalition for the Arts. VFW hall, 6 Broadway, Clark, 7:30 p.m. \$20. Tickets: (908) 789-4417.

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

COMING UP

BOOK SALE — annual event for Friends of Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, April 9-13. Donations accepted April 5, 6, 8. (908) 233-

9147.

C.R.E.A.M. — Erica Fried on "How to Avoid Losing Your Shirt in the Stock Market." Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield, 7 p.m. April 11. \$5. Registration required: (908) 654-9854.

BOOK TALK — "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 11. (908) 322-6400.

ART-CRAFT MARKET — held in the spring for the 14th year. Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 5-8:30 p.m. April 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 14. Adults \$6; under 10 free (no strollers). (800) 834-9437 or www.americancraftmarket.com.

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) 233-6011.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Tortilla Soup." Mexican-American movie from last fall. Fanwood Memorial Library, North

Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 12. Free. (908) 322-6400.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Captain Corelli's Mandolin," box-office flop from last summer. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 19. Free. (908) 322-6400.

TRICKY TRAY — auction for Parents' Guild of Union Catholic

High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. April 19. \$8. Reservations: (908) 889-1600.

ANNUAL CONCERT — Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. April 20. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students \$10. Tickets: (908) 233-2042.

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Scotch Plains cops allege molestation

WESTFIELD

Jorge Aguilar of Passaic was arrested March 21 on a warrant issued by Clifton. Upon arrest, he was allegedly found to be in possession of a controlled substance, under 50 grams. Aguilar is being held on \$250 bail and is awaiting pickup by Clifton police.

SCOTCH PLAINS

William Jackson, 35, of

Police Log

Plainfield, was arrested and charged March 12 for allegedly fondling a 13-year-old Scotch Plains girl in the summer of 1999. The act was reported to the Scotch Plains Police Department on Jan. 7, 2002. The incident occurred at an undisclosed location in Scotch Plains. The victim

and defendant were said to be acquainted through family members. An investigation conducted by Detective Donald Joyce resulted in formal charges on March 11. Jackson surrendered and was then released after posting \$10,000 bail set by the Scotch Plains Municipal Court.

reported March 16. Entry was gained through an unlocked ground floor window. Jewelry valued at \$3,500 was reported stolen.

Jason Leary, 28, of Edison, was arrested and charged March 17 with driving under the influence of alcohol after an automobile accident on Martine Avenue about 1:40 a.m. Leary was driving a 1998 Honda when he lost control of the vehicle and struck a tree. No other vehicles were involved in the accident, and no injuries were reported.

Israel Cabrera, 28, of Dunellen, was arrested and charged March 17 with driving under the influence of alcohol after being stopped by Scotch Plains police on Route 22 about 2:30 a.m.

Fredy Chulchunchana, 21, of Hillside, was arrested and charged March 16 for driving under the influence of alcohol after being stopped by Scotch Plains police on Route 22 about 1 a.m.

A daytime burglary to an apartment on Tussell Lane was

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Sports



NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS
Junior Steve Pietrucha will be the second-start for a young SP-F squad this spring.

Raiders ready to rebuild again

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After a youth movement last year, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High baseball team is bracing for another one this spring.

With five seniors who were expected to make large contributions to this year's club not coming out for the team to pursue other athletic goals, the Raiders once again have a young squad, but one that isn't afraid of the competition ahead. The team features just three seniors, seven juniors, a sophomore and three freshman.

Scotch Plains opens with a road game at Linden, 4 p.m. Wednesday.

"I think we're doing okay for what we have," said Head Coach Brian Homm. "We're doing well for a young team. We'll count on the three seniors on the team and we'll need the

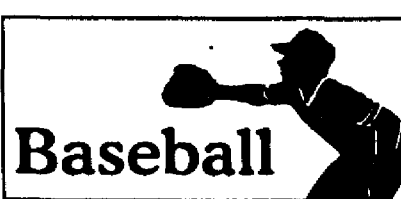
juniors to step it up.

"There's a lot of talent in the younger kids, but they're just young. The talent is there we

just have to find the right combinations. I think a lot of it depends on our pitching."

Like the rest of the squad, the pitching staff is young and fairly inexperienced. Junior Dave Senatore will be the team's top starter and was one of the top pitcher's last season. Steve Pietrucha will be the second starter after seeing limited time with the varsity last year. Juniors Steve Horn and Josh Wexler and sophomore Kyle Baker round out the rotation.

The staff will have an experience battery mate, as senior captain Andrew Pavoni returns for his third season as the



starting catcher.

"It's good to have someone like that behind the plate," said Homm. "He'll be the leader

for us and it's nice to have him back there."

Senior Marcus Dockery will start at first base and brings with him a powerful bat. Junior Jeff Hensal will start at second with Baker and freshman Chris D'annunzio at the shortstop position. Third base is still up in the air with freshman Kevin Urban and Pietrucha vying for the position.

Senior Dave Baumwell, who started last year, will be in left with speedy junior Kyle Adams in charge in center. Wexler will be in right field.

Chris Zedonik will serve as a designated hitter, backup

catcher and first baseman. Steve Rodriguez will backup in the outfield and freshman Matt Skibek will see some time as a middle infielder and pitcher.

"We're going to have to improve as the season goes on," said Homm. "That's what we're looking for. We're young and inexperienced and we're just looking to get better as the season goes on."

The Raiders have some pop in the lineup, but not a lot. Adams should be able to cause havoc on the bases with his speed, and Pavoni, Dockery, Baumwell will be counted on to drive in runs and get on base. But the Raiders are going to have to get production out of the younger players at the bottom of the order to be successful this season.

"Offensively it's hard to tell how we're going to do. Hopefully the seniors will come through for us."

Blue Devils have all the tools to make title run

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The road to a championship is never easy, and so far the preseason has been littered with potholes for the Westfield High baseball team.

For the second straight year the Blue Devils return the corps of the team, this time as one of the preseason favorites to win the Union County Tournament title, and have very strong shot at a sectional championship, after reaching the semis last year.

But the spring has been rough going for the Blue Devils who have been battling through injuries and illness. Projected number-two starter and right-fielder Brian Butts is doubtful to

start this year and may only pitch as a closer late in the season due to a right shoulder injury suffered at the end of the football season. Second baseman Brett Picaro and first baseman Blair Richardson have been nursing knee injuries, second-year catcher Josh Ludmer has been battling a sore shoulder and an assortment of other players have been battling illness.

"We're supposed to be pretty good," said Head Coach Bob Brewster. "But we haven't had the entire squad on the field yet. There are some injuries brought in from out of season but we're starting to get people back now."

"This team is capable of doing a lot of good things. They work very hard, they understand the

WESTFIELD BASEBALL

game and know the game. I love the attitude. These kids love to work. Like (Los Angeles Lakers coach) Phil Jackson says, there's no me in we' and this team understands that."

They should all be close to 100 percent when Westfield opens 4 p.m. Monday at Linden but may be rusty early on. Westfield will host Shabazz 4 p.m. Wednesday and travel to Clifton Thursday and then three-time defending county champ Cranford 4 p.m. April 8.

While the early going has been rough, most of the players have been begging Head Coach Bob Brewster to play them in the

scrimmages, and when the push for the championships heats up in May, the Devils should be in very good shape.

Coming off the Union County Senior American Legion championship this summer, and a 14-11 record last year, Westfield boasts an experienced and powerful lineup as well as a very strong pitching staff, both anchored by senior Jay Cook.

Cook can challenge hitters with an explosive fastball and keep them off balance with his curve and changeup. He's also capable of going deep, sometimes very deep, any time he's at the plate. Andrew Garrison, who

pitched the junior varsity squad to the county title last year and had a very strong summer campaign with the Post 3 legion team, will be the second starter. Sophomore John Boyd has come on to claim the third starting position, using his finesse style to allow no runs and just three hits in eight preseason innings.

Sophomore Joe Wisniewski will also see some time on the hill. In emergency situations Brewster will turn to his "infield staff" and use the starting infield to steal innings. Butts closed at the end of last season and will be a valuable addition to the staff when he's able to return.

Richardson will get the start at first base for the third straight year, and will be backed up there

by Cook, Boyd or Emanuel Guasp. Picaro, another third year starter, will be back at second base, with John Leonardis also seeing some action there.

Jimmy McKeon, moves back to shortstop after starting in center-field the past two years and Mike Sofka is back for his third year at the hot corner. Senior captain Josh Ludmer returns as the starting catcher, and is the take-charge leader on the field.

Ben Koket moves into the centerfield position with Leonardis, Guasp, Matt Rothstein, Mike DeFazio all figuring to see time in left and right field, and Butts may see some action there as well.

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Scoring runs is the top priority for Blue Devils

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

To paraphrase the old G.I. Joe cartoons, in softball, pitching is half the battle.

The other half is offense, and while the Westfield High softball team can boast one of — if not the — top pitcher in Union County and field a veteran defense behind her, the key to the Blue Devils success this spring will be taking advantage of their offensive opportunities.

Caitlin MacDonald will again

be inside the circle for the Blue Devils, her third year as the starting pitcher, and Westfield returns all but two starters from last year's squad. The defense has been shuffled a bit, but the experience is there to keep opponents off the boards.

But you still have to score runs to win, which is the biggest challenge facing Westfield. With the graduation of all-county shortstop Courtney Thornton the Devils have to make up for the loss of her pop in the middle of the lineup by scratching out runs

every chance they get.

"I don't think we're going to be an offensive juggernaut," said Head Coach Maggie McFadden. "But I think the kids will hit fairly well. We have to be able to execute all the little things — bunts, steals, hit-and-runs. We'll have to manufacture runs."

MacDonald, Rachel Wagner, Tara Dowling and Erin Corbett are all experienced varsity hitters who should lead the offense, and Dowling has been tearing the cover off the ball in the preseason, but the strength of the team will be the defensive half of every inning.

Dowling is back behind the plate to handle MacDonald, with Corbett in leftfield, Wagner in right and Sara Bobertz in centerfield.

The infield has been flip-flopped with Nicole DeFabio moving from second base to shortstop and Lisa Venezia from first base to third. Left-handed freshman Lauren Gelemetti will get the call at first and sophomore Jessica Guerriero will be at second base.

"It all depends on how well they play," said McFadden. "I don't think we'll give up a lot of runs with Caitlin pitching and the experience we have. We haven't put it all together yet in one solid scrimmage. (Gelemetti) still has some things to learn but I think she'll do very well there."

McFadden likes her team's chances of having another successful season, and while the team will stick to its traditional aspirations of a county and sectional title, she has been coaching long enough to know postseason goals are three months away and the focus needs to be on nothing but Monday's home opener against Linden.

"I think we'll be pretty solid if everything pans out," said McFadden. "We'll have to stay healthy and play well. We have the kids who have the tools to win a lot of games."

"We have to play solid defensively and make things happen on offense. We have to sacrifice people over and take advantage of the opportunities our opponent gives us. We have great pitching, but that's only half the game."



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Tuning up

Senior Jill Kosciulecki practices her hurdling as the Raiders prepare for the first dual meet of the spring Tuesday against Cranford.

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YOUTH SPORTS

BASKETBALL

St. Helen's wins Cabrini tourney

The St. Helen's 5th/6th grade girls basketball team from Westfield won the 64-team St. Francis Cabrini Tournament in Piscataway, by beating IHM of Scotch Plains 30-15 in the championship game, improving their record to 63-8.

In the semifinals St. Helen's put on an awesome display in defeating Lincolnton 50-10. Erin Miller had 18 points and Stephanie Slodyska had 16 points to lead St. Helen's in scoring. Elizabeth Harbaugh chipped in with 6 points and 10 rebounds. Danielle

Infantino had four points and five steals, Rose Driscoll had 2 points and six assists, Krissy Wendel and Ali MacDonald had 2 points each and Ali Mac also had 10 rebounds. Allison Oberlander had three rebounds, three assists and four steals to contribute to the St. Helen's win.

In the championship game St. Helen's led 13-12 at the half, but once again its depth at all positions paid off as they were IHM down. St. Helen's scored the first eight points of the second half to open a 21-12 lead then Tara Hanza from Westfield who plays for IHM drained a three to cut the lead to 21-15. Erin Miller responded with a trey of her own right before the third quarter ended to make it 24-15. Erin led St. Helen's with 13 points and tied a tournament record by scoring 70 points in five games. Stephanie Slodyska scored 69 points in five games, including eight in the championship game. Danielle Infantino had 7 points, Rose Driscoll had two points and seven assists and played a great defensive game. Ali MacDonald led St. Helen's in rebounding with 14. Krissy Wendel and Elizabeth Harbaugh did a great job in stopping the IHM center from scoring after Stephanie Slodyska got into foul trouble which was a big reason for the St. Helen's win. Allison Oberlander did a great job from her sixth-girl position.

St. Helen's also reached the IHM March Madness tournament final, beating the host team IHM-5 32-17. St. Helen's used a balanced attack to defeat IHM-5 for the third time in a week, beating them in the union county cyo finals the st. francis cabrini finals and the semi-finals of their tournament. Erin Miller led St. Helen's with 11 points, Danielle Infantino had six points, Rose Driscoll knocked down four points, Stephanie Slodyska had five points and eight rebounds, Elizabeth Harbaugh had two points and eight rebounds and once again help hold down IHM's top scorer to four points. Krissy Wendel and Nina Brownstone chipped in with two points each. Ali MacDonald once again was St. Helen's top rebounder with 12. Allison Oberlander had an assist and two steals. Tara Hanza from Westfield was IHM's top scorer with seven points.

St. Helen's now has one game left this season against Clark-6 in the

IHM final, the only team they haven't beaten this season losing once in overtime by four points and by six points in the super league finals, but the girls are looking forward to the game and the challenge. It should be a fun game for everyone, and a great game to end the season on, with two top teams playing for the championship.

Successful debut for St. Helen's

In its first season together the St. Helen's 4th grade boys CYO team had a successful rookie campaign, compiling a 7-3 record in the Union County CYO league.

The team showed tremendous improvement from the beginning of the season, when they squeaked out a 16-14 overtime victory to the final regular season game when they won 31-17. The squad improved in all facets of the game, moving the ball around the offense to find open shots, battling on the boards and playing tenacious defense to create fastbreak opportunities.

Point guard Bobby Oberlander shouldered a lot of responsibility on both ends of the floor and played remarkably all season, leading the team in scoring with 76 points. Shooting guard Stephen Greet displayed a deft shooting touch all year, finishing second on the team in scoring with 45 points. Twin-brother Justin Greet was a tenacious defender and helped run the point. John Descalzi and Ian Heffernan played superb defense and were able to knock down open shots.

Matt Woods switched between guard and forward, led the team in steals and assists and was an instant spark to the offense every time he stepped on the court, finishing third on the team in scoring.

Centers Mike Fietkiewicz and Mike Sheehan manned the middle and were the top two rebounders on the club. Anthony Porchetta, Joe Porchetta were the bangers inside, while Matt Daly was always in the right place at the right time for loose balls, rebounds and scoring. Chris Dunstan was the toughest player inside, rebounding the ball, scoring and coming up with key steals. Dunstan, Stephen Greet and Oberlander were named to the all-star team.

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ALS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Jim and Susan Arrey ALS Fund Committee is sponsoring a single-elimination softball tournament Saturday, May 18 in Scotch Plains. The tournament will begin 9 a.m. with games played simultaneously at Brookside Park and Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains. The tournament's championship game will take place approximately 2:30 p.m. at Brookside Park, with trophies for the first and second place teams. If your softball team wishes to participate contact Joe Locasio at (732) 297-2004.

This will be the second annual Jim and Susan Arrey ALS Fund Softball Tournament dedicated to raising money to fight Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, a fatal neuro-degenerative disease that progressively paralyzes by destroying motor neurons in the spine. Last year's tournament featured tickets, hats and baseball memorabilia donated by the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies for sale and prizes.

All proceeds from the day will go to the ALS Therapy Development Foundation, Newton MA. Admission is free, refreshments are available, excitement and prizes will abound. Donations to the ALS Therapy Development Foundation are greatly appreciated at the event or sent directly to: ALS Therapy Foundation, 44 Glen Ave. Newton, MA 02459, www.als-tdf.org, (617) 796-8826. For additional information contact Jim and Susan Arrey at 908-889-4745.

5-MILER AND FUN RUN

The Westfield Recreation Department will host its 12th annual 5-mile and one mile Fun Run Saturday, April 27 at Tamaques Park in Westfield. Proceeds from the event will benefit Project Graduation for Westfield High School students and the Sept. 11 Fund for Westfield families. The Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the 5-Miler at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-entry registration fees (postmarked before April 20) will be \$15 for the 5-Miler and \$5 for the Fun Run. Registration fees on race day will be \$20 for the 5-Miler and \$10 for the Fun Run. T-shirts will be issued to the first 200 registrants of the 5-Miler. The race features a fast and flat USATF certified course with mile splits and water stations. Runners should come dressed to run.

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: overall male and female winners of the 5-Miler and first, second and third place finishers in each age group of the 5-Miler (19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over). Medals will be awarded to all participants of the Fun Run and T-shirts will be awarded to the first overall male and female runners of the Fun Run.

For race application information contact the Westfield Recreation Commission at (908) 789-4080 or visit their website at westfieldnj.net/townhall/recreation.

TRACK CLUB

The Westfield Flyers Track Club, a youth track team affiliated with the New Jersey Track and Field Association, has been formed. The club, for boys and girls in grades 4 through 8, will start practices in April and plans to compete in regional meets in May and June.

For more information contact the Westfield Y Sports Department at (908) 233-2700 ext. 258 or email dsraka@westfieldnj.org.

BASEBALL CAMP

"Baseball Like It Ought to Be" under the direction of Westfield varsity coach Bob Brewster, has expanded its 2002 camp schedule to include sessions for teenagers on the 90-foot diamond and a weekend session for parents and children together. Two sessions for boys and girls entering grades 4-9 remain, as does a session for boys and girls entering grades 1-3. The schedule is: June 24-28 9 a.m.-Noon, boy and girls entering grades 4-9; June 29-30, 9 a.m.-Noon for parent and child to work together; July 1-3 9 a.m.-Noon for boys and girls entering grades 1-3; July 1-3 12:30-3:30 p.m. for older players entering or already playing on the 90-foot diamond; July 8-12 9 a.m.-Noon for boys and girls entering grades 4-9. For more information contact Larry Cohen at (908) 889-0097.

SHOOTING CAMP

The 14th annual John Somogyi Shooting Camp, co-directed by state championship coaches Neil Horne and John Somogyi, will be held for two days at Rutgers Prep in Somerset, N.J. during the weekend of June 15. Somogyi, who has held the state's boys' career scoring record of 3,310 points and held the all-time national high school foul shooting record for the most free throws made in a career (1,034) amassed a career coaching record of 275-111 while at St. Peter's. St. Joseph's Madison, Central and McCornish high schools. Horne accumulated a 290-135 record while winning two state titles at Westfield and Union Catholic high schools.

The camp, which is open to boys and girls ages 9-17, will include two three-and-a-half hour sessions that will enable players to improve their shooting techniques and give them individual and partner drills for further practice. Each player will have his/her shot videotaped and analyzed during this two day period.

For further information and an application to Somogyi at (732) 846-8928. Register early last year's camp was filled by June 1st.

INDIANS CAMP

The 7th annual Indians Basketball Camp is now accepting registration for its three weeks of summer basketball camp. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 2 through 8 and is held at Rahway High School. The dates are: Week 1 June 24-28, Week II July 8-12, and Week III July 15-19. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Indians Basketball Camp has quickly grown in popularity. The quality instruction each child receives comes from successful high school coaches who stress the fundamentals of the games while at the same time ensure each camper has fun. Tom Lewis and John Petella, both former head basketball coaches at Rahway High School, and current Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director direct the camp. The camp is \$120 for one week, \$210 for two weeks or \$300.00 for three weeks. Each camper will receive an Indians Basketball Camp T-Shirt. Two more aspects of the camp that separate from most others: 1) Prizes - Each day there are a number of campers in each league that receive a prize for being selected as "Camper of the day." 2) Each camper will receive a "Skills Evaluation Report Card" from his or her coach at camp. This gives campers a clear idea on what he or she needs to work on to improve. For more information or a brochure, contact John Petella at (732) 396-8022 or Tom Lewis at (732) 396-1101.

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 a 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.

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(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted)	
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Westfield at Linden, 4	Softball
Westfield vs. Linden, 4	Westfield vs. Shabazz, 4
Westfield vs. Johnson, 4	Scotch Plains at Linden, 4
Westfield at Livingston, 4	SOFTBALL
Westfield vs. Union, 4	Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4
	Girls Lacrosse
	Westfield vs. Blair, 4
	Tennis
	Westfield vs. Millburn, 4
TUESDAY, APRIL 2	Baseball
Westfield vs. Shabazz, 4	Westfield at Clifton, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4	Softball
Westfield vs. Wardlaw-Hartridge, 4	Westfield at Columbia, 4
	Boys Lacrosse
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3	Westfield vs. Summit, 4
	Tennis
	Westfield vs. Old Bridge, 4
	Golf
	Westfield vs. Summit, 4

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Burgdorff ERA honors two associates for February sales

WESTFIELD — Ileen Cuccaro, Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA Realtor, has been honored as Salesperson of the Month for February 2002 with five units sold.

Cuccaro has received many distinguished awards and has been a member in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club and was awarded the Bronze Level 1996-97, 1999 and 2001 and the Silver Level 1998 and 2000 and newly attained award for Burgdorff's President's Club for 2002. She has been a New Jersey real estate professional for 6 years and resides in Garwood. You can reach her on her direct line (908)233-6349 or email her at Ileen.Cuccaro@Burgdorff.com.

Tammy Lieberman has also been awarded with the Salesperson of the Month for February 2002 with five units sold.

She is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club and awarded the Bronze

Level in 2000. She has been a New Jersey real estate professional for five years and resides in Union County. You can reach her on her direct line (908)233-6756 or email her at Tammy.Lieberman@Burgdorff.com.

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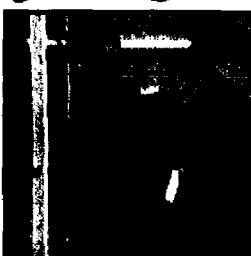


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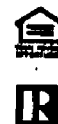
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Legislative battle between bankers and brokers is heating up

BY JAMES M. WOODARD

COPY NEWS SERVICE

The battle between major banks and the real estate brokerage industry continues to grow. Should banks be allowed to sell and manage real properties? Banks and real estate brokers are locking horns on the issue. But

some leading brokers are now agreeing with the view taken by banks.

The dispute centers on banking interests seeking permission to sell and manage real estate through proposed regulation now before the Federal Reserve Board and the U.S. Treasury Department. Many Realtors believe the proposed rule is contrary to

what Congress intended when it passed financial services modernization legislation in 1999.

The National Association of Realtors recently launched a multimillion-dollar advertising campaign to encourage members of Congress to cosponsor the Community Choice in Real Estate Act. This would prevent large banking con-

glomerates from taking over locally owned and operated real estate companies, according to a report from association.

The multi-media campaign opened with a series of newspaper ads. The ads read, in part, "H.R. 3424 will keep the personalized service consumers now receive from their local neighbor-

ship.

"If big banks are allowed to gobble up local real estate firms, the result will be fewer choices for consumers, higher costs and less competition. Consumers would also lose the personalized customer service they now receive from brokers who live and work in the same community as their customers."

The Community Choice in Real Estate Act would clarify congressional intent to preclude any such action by the Federal Reserve or Treasury, according to an association report.

Recently, another group of real estate brokers — The Realty Alliance — expressed their disagreement with the National Association of Realtors' stand. This group (a for-profit corporation) is comprised of many of the nation's largest independent residential real estate brokerage companies.

Realty Alliance has gone on record as favoring and supporting a "fair and free market environment unbound by legislative restrictions." They find it hypocritical and fundamentally wrong to ask that national bank subsidiaries be barred from real estate brokerage activity when some real estate broker-

ages are now involved in mortgage banking, insurance and title insurance businesses.

Members of the alliance believe the banks have a powerful lobby in Washington that could be used to prevent real estate brokerage firms from operating in these other businesses should they be prevented from owning companies that sell or manage residential real estate.

"We believe that consumers would benefit from the influx of capital that may result from nationally chartered banks entering this arena," Richard Christopher, chairman of The Realty Alliance, wrote in a letter to the association president. "We also believe increased competition from companies of size would benefit consumers by making all of us sharpen our skills and improve the services we provide."

"In our view, the role of government is not to limit competition, as your (NAR's) legislation would do, but rather to foster a business environment in which consumers benefit from competition."

The Realty Alliance, formed in 1997, has strict guidelines for member firms. To join, they must have closed a minimum of \$5 million in residential real estate sales during the previous calendar year, and they must have completed a certain minimum number of transaction sides (home sales and listings) during the past year. As the alliance membership grows, so too does its clout in such matters as the current bank-broker dispute.

It was difficult to obtain quotes from bankers on this controversial subject. One banking industry leader, who asked not to be identified, said bankers are fearful that National Association of Realtors might take actions that would hurt their business if they were too vocal in endorsing the proposal.

The ruling would allow banks to have qualified employees handle brokerage services, or line up brokerage firm affiliates in their marketing area. Smaller real estate brokers have a lot to gain from partnering with banks, it was noted in a special report from the American Bankers Association.

They will have a greater ability to provide customers with integrated real estate services. The playing field will be level for all sizes of real estate companies, the report stated.

Q. How is the boomer generation changing the senior housing market?

A. Here's an interesting quote on that subject by a senior housing industry leader: "The boomer generation has rewritten the book on housing," said Antonio Giordano Jr., chairman of the National Association of Home Builders' Senior Housing Council.

"As the boomers express their desires and preferences in housing, one thing is certain. Their expectations about senior housing needs are different from any generation before them. Home buyers in the age 55 and above category are healthier and wealthier than ever, and they expect their housing choices to reflect their active, independent lifestyles."

The council will present a special symposium on senior housing in the current and future marketplace in May. Hundreds of homebuilders, architects, marketers and other professionals are expected to attend "to help them reach this increasingly influential age group," it was reported.

Associates earn Silver Status

WESTFIELD — Harvey Tekel, branch manager announced that the following sales associates from Weichert, Realtors Westfield Office have been named to the 2001 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. Achieving Silver Status are Holly Cohen, Lou Faruolo, Brenda Putzer and Lola Reed. Achieving bronze status are Carole Edzek, Pat O'Connor, Rosemary Tarulli and Linda Weimer.

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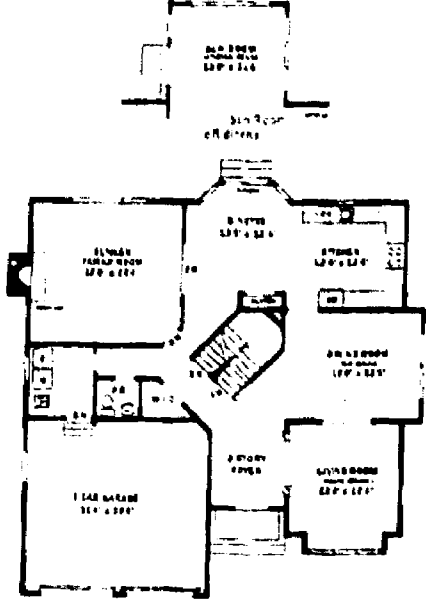
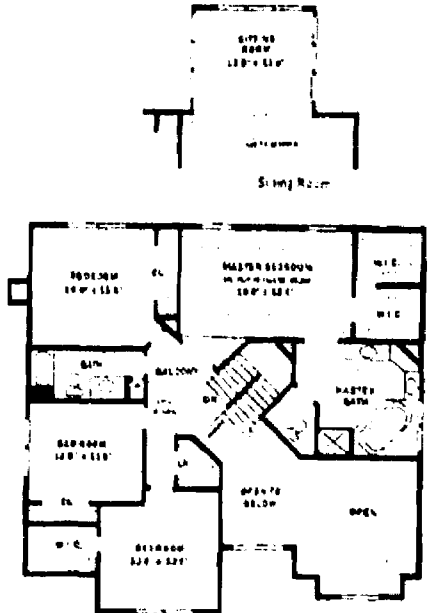
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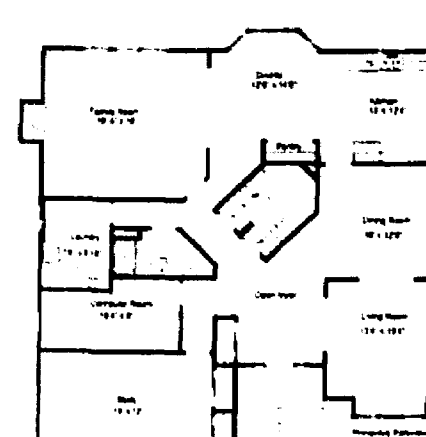
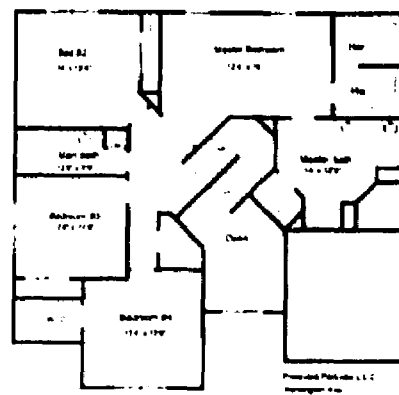
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BMW raises roof on 745i

By MARK MAYNARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

BMW raised the roof and raised the eyebrows of enthusiasts and critics around the world with its redesigned flagship sedan, the 745i.

It's a styling statement that some love, others detest and some just don't know quite what to say. But be ready to see more of it in future BMW designs.

Holding the 745i to a worldwide 5-meter length was a design challenge — to make it bigger but keep it the same length — and to have a drop-dead handsome car.

Raising the roof created aerodynamic challenges, which required raising the trunk deck to add down-force for high-speed stability.

It's that trunk treatment that has left some people speechless. That bustle on the butt is different, but is it bad?

Only time and sales will tell. At the recent media introduction for the fourth-generation Seven, BMW brought in Chris Bangle, the chief of design, to help comb out the tangles. He speaks with big gestures, not just hands waving, and even some sound effects tossed in to reinforce a point.

It's easy to get caught up in his passion for design: the car takes on human, animal and fish qualities.

In the early stages of designing the car in Germany, Bangle considered the United States, the strongest export market for the 7-Series. It was to be bigger, stronger, faster — as are the people who live here.

He linked the past to the future with video clips of mid-'60s pro basketball players vs. the pros of today. The lean and lanky physiques of 30 years ago have given way to more muscular and buff athletes, which meant the new sedan also would require a strong visual presence.

Bangle made the car about an inch longer in the front and rear and nearly 2 1/2-inches taller than its predecessor. That meant pushing the rear wheels



BMW's redesigned 745i sets a new standard.

back about 2 1/2 inches, creating a longer wheelbase.

"The taller architecture is for a 'sporting dynamism,'" Bangle says.

To gauge head, hip and shoulder room he used larger dummies to plan interior size. With larger "occupants," he was able to add an inch more headroom in back.

There is "Dynamism" in the coupe-like roofline and long hood to package the 325 hp, 4.4-liter V-8 engine and 6-speed automatic transmission. BMW claims 0 to 60 in 6.9 seconds, with 18/26 miles per gallons.

Bangle sketched in big wheels for big presence — 18-inch standard or 19 optional. The shape has classic elegance, he says.

"It's not a wedge, but a new kind of elegant line," Bangle says. "It has a downward curve of classicism that says: 'I have arrived. I don't need to be nervous.'"

The Seven's silhouette — long hood, curving roofline and kickback tail — presents a three-dimensional vehicle with character lines that change as the viewer walks around it.

He says the headlights are the "windows to the soul" of a BMW. The lights, with the blinkers on top, have an alert-

ness that makes up the face of a BMW, he says.

The image is tall and proud, Bangle says. "It says: Move over, I'm accelerating," an image reinforced by the "little shark overbite to the lower grille."

The 'L' outlines in the taillights — an enduring BMW icon, like the split grille and kink in the 'C' pillar — were preserved but are more abstract. The modified line from the rear light toward the center of the deck has a dash "to keep the eye moving."

Consequently, the trunk opening also became wider, to better toss in sets of golf clubs. The large and hefty door handles are, he says, a "handshake to the car."

The little shark fin antenna at the rear of the roof was "a little piece of completeness we thought the car needed," Bangle says, "like a woman putting on a brooch, who now feels ready to go out."

The 745i has gone on sale with a starting price of \$68,495, or around \$72,000 after a couple of options, such as the 13-speaker Logik 7 audio system for \$1,800. BMW says there are enough preorders by customers to fill the first two years of production. This model will be followed by the long-wheelbase 745Li and then the 12-cylinder 760Li.

Douglas Ford gets President's Award

SUMMIT — In a recent announcement, Ford Motor Company named Douglas Ford the recipient of the coveted President's Award for the year 2001.

This prestigious award is Ford Motor company's highest dealer award and is presented annually only to those Ford dealerships that go beyond their customers' expectations in sales and customer satisfaction.

"We have to thank all the customers whom we've served in the year 2001," said Jonathan Liebman, Executive Vice President of Douglas Auto Group. "They are the ones who gave us high marks for sales and service," he continued. "The President's award validates their extreme satisfaction with

the overall Ford ownership experience at Douglas."

This is the third consecutive year that Douglas Ford has won this coveted award. "The dedication and discipline of our entire staff has paid off," added Liebman. "Without sounding boastful, just 340 of some 5,000 dealers earn it. So this is quite an accomplishment."

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Dealership donates to children's foundation

FLEMINGTON — Three area children and their families enjoyed a trip to Disney World thanks in part to the Flemington Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac and GMC and the Make a Wish Foundation.

The General Motors dealership participated in a matching donation program UAW/GM Make-A-Wish Foundation Wish Match 25 to raise funds for chronically ill children and their families to vacation in the Florida resort.

Almost \$4,000 was raised by the Flemington dealership to aid local children.

"Make a Wish is a great organization and we wanted to help. It's our way of giving back to the community," said Jeff Parker, general manager of the

Flemington dealership.

Karen Spencer, of Make-A-Wish, said the funds from Flemington raised the statewide total to approximately \$21,000. In addition to the Disney World trips, another child received a pop-up camper enabling him to spend time outdoors with his family.

"Make a Wish receives no government funds, so Flemington's support means a great deal. When you adopt a wish, it's nothing short of fabulous," said Spencer.

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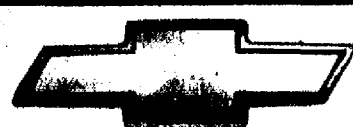
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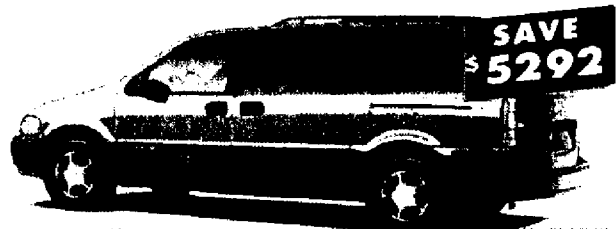


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Auto, 4 cyl, p/s/b, 2 dr, dual airbags, bucket seats, tilt, T/glass, rear defrost, CD player, Vin#27262876, Stk#A544, Marp: \$15,410. Price includes \$400 College Grad Rebate (if qual), \$2002 Factory Rebate & \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

NEW 2002 CHEVROLET Malibu

\$189 = \$69



Automatic, 6 cyl, p/s/b, 4 dr, dual airbags, bucket seats, T/glass, pdr, rear def, CD player, Vin#2646281, Stk#A847, Marp: \$18,235. Price includes \$400 College Grad Rebate (if qual), \$2002 Factory Rebate (if qual), \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

NEW 2002 CHEVROLET

S10 PICK-UP
\$10,789



4 cylinder, power steering, p/brakes, air, airbag, AM/FM stereo w/CD, cruise, tilt, 5 spd manual trans, Vin#26146513, Stk#A387, Marp: \$15,183. Price includes \$400 College Grad Rebate (if qual), \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual) & \$2002 Factory Rebate

NEW 2002 CHEVROLET

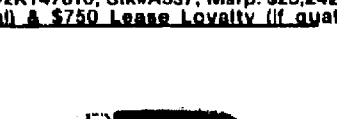
BLAZER XTREME
\$178 = \$89



Auto, 6 cyl, p/s/b, air, airbag, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, T/glass, pw, pdr, p/mir, p/driver seat, rear def., CD, Vin#2K147610, Stk#A537, Marp: \$25,242. Price includes \$400 College Grad (if qual) & \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

NEW 2002 CHEVY

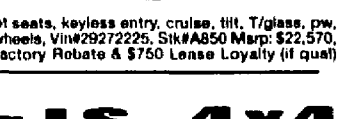
Impala
\$16,789



Automatic, V6 engine, p/s/b, air, 4 dr, dual airbags, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, T/glass, pw, pdr, p/mir, p/driver seat, rear def., cassette & CD, 16" cast. alum. wheels, Vin#26272225, Stk#A850 Marp: \$22,570. Price includes \$400 Coll. Grad Rebate (if qual), \$2002 Factory Rebate & \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

NEW 2002 CHEVROLET

TAHOE LS 4x4
\$31,689



Auto, V8 engine, p/s/b, air, 7 pass, airbags, roof rack, leather, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, T/glass, pw, pdr, p/mir, p/driver seat, rear def., cassette & CD, 16" cast. alum. wheels, Vin#2239773, Stk#A890, Marp: \$39,861. Price includes \$400 College Grad (if qual) & \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

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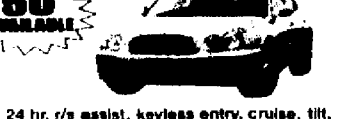
4 cylinder, p/s/b, no air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. r/s assistance, tilt wheel, rear defrost, cassette, 5 speed man. trans, Vin#2U182896, Stk#A777HY, Marp: \$9829. Price includes \$500 Factory Rebate, \$1000 College Grad Rebate (if qual) & \$1000 Global Hyundai Owner Loyalty Rebate (if qual)

NEW 2002 HYUNDAI
ELANTRA
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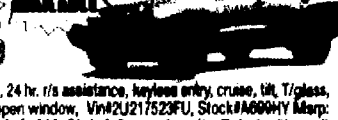
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NEW 2002 HYUNDAI
SONATA
\$190 = \$95



Automatic, 4 cyl, p/s/b, air, 4 dr, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. r/s assist, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, T/glass, pw, pdr, p/mir, rear def., CD, Vin#2A596313, Stk#A603HY, Marp: \$16,865. Price includes \$1000 College Grad Rebate (if qual) & \$1000 Global Hyundai Owner Loyalty Rebate (if qual)

NEW 2002 HYUNDAI
SANTA FE
\$14,985



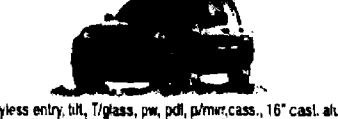
Auto, 4 cylinder, p/s/b, air, 4 door, dual airbags, roof rack, bucket seats, 24 hr. r/s assistance, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, T/glass, pdr, p/mir, p/driver seat, rear def., CD, 16" cast. alum. wheels, flip open window, all-in-one door, Vin#2U217522FU, Stk#A699HY, Marp: \$18,324. Price includes \$1000 College Grad Rebate (if qual) & \$1000 Global Owner Loyalty Rebate (if qual)

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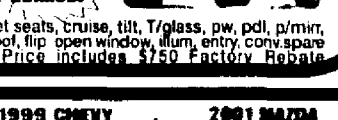
Auto, 6 cyl, p/s/b, air, airbags, roof rack, bucket seats, 24 hr. r/s assist, keyless entry, tilt, T/glass, pw, pdr, p/mir, 16" cast. alum. wheels, flip open window, all-in-one door, Vin#2A228345, Stk#A228JE, Marp: \$21,255. Price includes \$400 Coll. Grad Rebate (if qual), \$500 Military Rebate (if qual), \$500 Realtor Rebate (if qual) & \$1000 Lease Purchase Loyalty (if qual)

NEW 2002 JEEP
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\$270 = \$135



6 cylinder, p/s/b, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. r/s assistance, tilt wheel, CD, cast. alum. wheels, 5 speed man. trans, Vin#2P738253, Stk#A324JE, Marp: \$22,430. Price includes \$400 College Grad rebate (if qual), \$500 Military Rebate (if qual) & \$1000 Owner Loyalty (if qual)

NEW 2002 JEEP
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\$26,485



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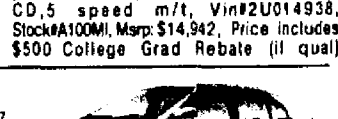
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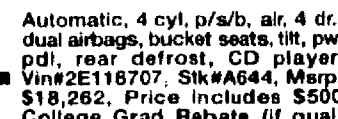
4 cyl, p/s/b, air cond., 4 door, dual airbags, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, tint, power windows, power door locks, rear def., CD, 5 speed m/t, Vin#2U014938, Stk#A100M, Marp: \$14,942. Price includes \$500 College Grad Rebate (if qual)

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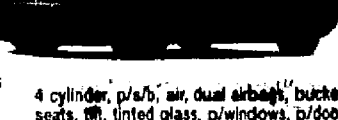
Automatic, 4 cyl, p/s/b, air, 4 dr, dual airbags, bucket seats, tilt, pw, pdr, rear defrost, CD player, Vin#2E116707, Stk#A644, Marp: \$18,262. Price includes \$500 College Grad Rebate (if qual)

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\$156 = \$78



4 cylinder, p/s/b, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, tilt, tinted glass, CD, 5 speed man. trans, Vin#2G00044, Stk#A442, Marp: \$23,337. Price includes \$500 College Grad Rebate (if qual)

NEW 2002 MITSUBISHI
DIAMANTE ES
\$246 = \$123



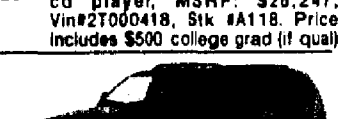
Automatic, 6 cylinder, p/s, p/brakes, air cond, dual airbags, cruise, tilt, tint, p/windows, plocks, r defrost, all-in-one cd player, MSRP: \$28,247. Vin#2T00418, Stk: A4118. Price includes \$500 college grad (if qual)

NEW 2002 MITSUBISHI
MONTERO SPORT ES
\$249 = \$124



Automatic, 6 cylinder, p/s/b, aircond, 4 dr, bucket seats, tilt, tinted glass, pw, pdr, p/mirrors, rear def., cd player, MSRP: \$28,247. Vin#2T00418, Stk: A4118. Price includes \$500 college grad (if qual)

NEW 2002 MITSUBISHI
MONTERO XLS 4x4
\$339 = \$169



Auto, 6 cyl, p/s/b, air, 4 dr, 7 pass, dual airbags, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise, tilt, tinted glass, pw, pdr, p/mirrors, fog lamps, CD, cast. alum. wheels, Vin#2J026014, Stk#A410, Marp: \$32,247. Price includes \$500 College Grad Rebate (if qual)

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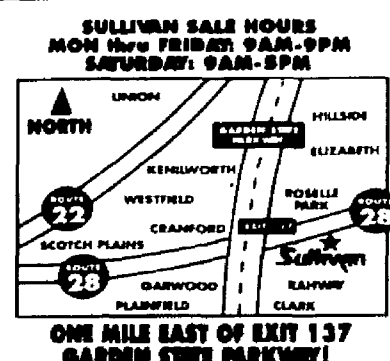
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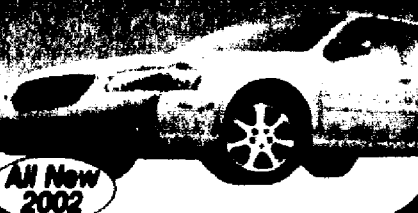


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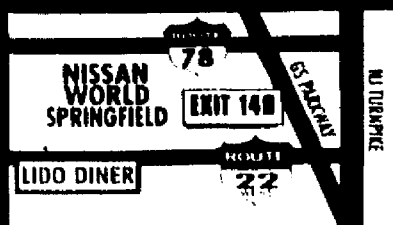
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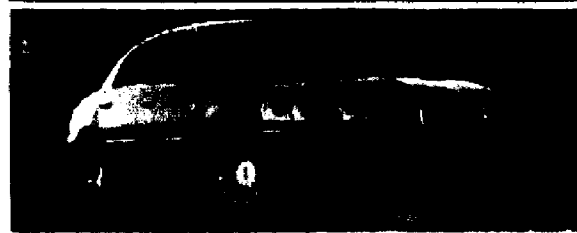
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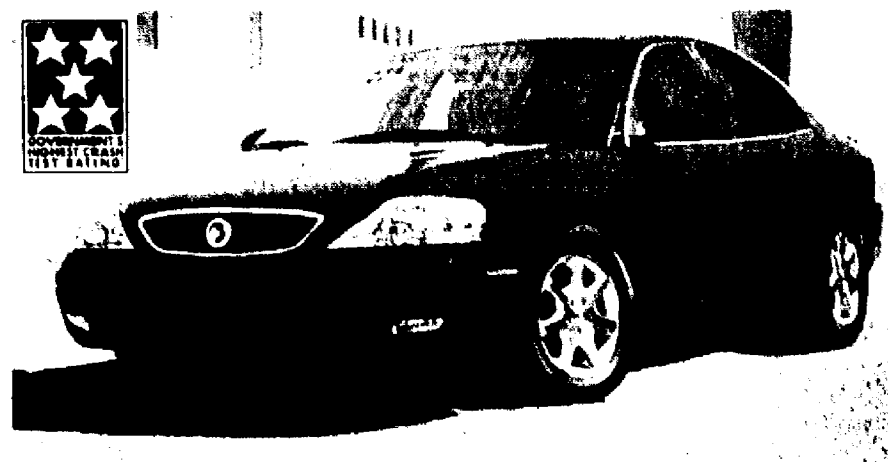
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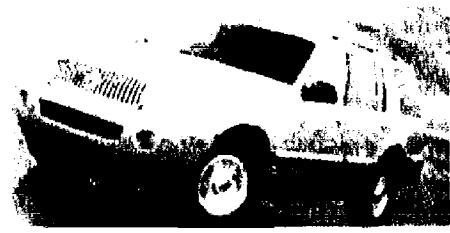
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36 Mos.

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36 Mos.

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Lease
Per Mo.
36 Mos.

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\$27,246**

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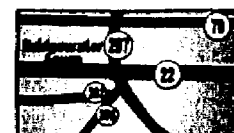
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