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Flying high

Mike Walker won the long jump competition to help Scotch Plains defeat Cranford Tuesday. See story on Page C-1.



Virtual lesson

Peter Lordan watches Jack Siragusa work on a hand-held computer on loan to Denise Addona's fifth-grade class at Orange Avenue School, Cranford. See the story by his classmate on Page B-1.



Living color

Tulips in full bloom stretch as far as the eye can see at Parker Greenhouses, Farm & Garden Center on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

REMINDER

Spring forward

Sunday is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to turn your clock forward one hour before retiring Saturday night. It's also a good idea to use this semi-annual event to replace the batteries in your home's smoke detectors.

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Ne doors squealing on water wasters

Warmer weather bringing more complaints, inquiries on drought restrictions

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Drought-related water restrictions have been in effect less than a month, but a Cranford police officer said this week the department has already received numerous complaints of unauthorized water use.

Lt. Stephen Wilde said the department has received about 10 complaints of illegal water use, such as washing cars or

watering lawns, with a recent increase as the weather has gotten warmer. The complaints have come from residents who observe improper water use by neighbors, he said.

Cranford police will give warnings for a first offense, Wilde said, and have yet to issue a summons. For subsequent violations, officers may issue summons at their discretion. The administrative order that set the regulations permits a fine or even imprisonment for viola-

tions.

Asked whether offenders were ignorant of the regulations or just ignoring them, he said, "it depends on the individual."

While Cranford police have seen numerous violations, police in Garwood, Kenilworth, Westfield and Scotch Plains all reported no complaints. But with the coming of spring, said Garwood Capt. William Legg, more residents have stopped by police headquarters to ask just what the new rules are.

The regulations, inspired by one of the worst droughts on record, include bans on private use of water to wash cars, driveways, or houses. With the exception of new sod, watering lawns is allowed only every other day in Union County, and prohibited altogether in many parts of the state.

The state has also put limits on water use by municipal governments and commercial operations. For example, the developers of the new Alden Street

building needed permission from the Township Committee to perform a routine flow test.

But the regulations have not been burdensome for one of the most obvious water-consumers — the municipal pools. Jack Hicks, director of the Swim Pool Utility, said his organization has not had any problems keeping the pools filled. The state allows towns to drain and fill the pools once to make repairs, and to fill pools that were drained for the winter.

Those were the days



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Was it only last November that regular gas prices fell below \$1? At the Exxon Car Care Center in Fanwood Saturday, regular gasoline cost more than premium did on Nov. 30, 2001 when the photo on top was taken.

Zoning board wins its case on appeal

Developer must present case to the Scotch Plains panel

By GREGORY SMORO
THE RECORD-PRESS

The Federal Court of Appeals, third circuit, ruled last week that builders of nursing homes and similar facilities are not able to use federal civil rights laws to bypass local zoning procedures.

The court ruling refused to allow the developer of a proposed 95-bed facility in Scotch Plains to avoid presenting its plan before the local zoning board and instead introduce its testimony for a zoning variance to the federal court directly. The developer sought to build the nursing home in an area zoned for single-family residences.

"In New Jersey, we count on local government to make fair and responsible decisions regarding land use," said Stephen M. Eisdorfer, partner in the Princeton law firm of Hill Wallack and special counsel representing Scotch Plains throughout the litigation and in the argument before the appeals court. "Permitting nursing home developers to bypass local procedures and to make their cases directly to the courts conflicts with this system. It undermines responsible decision-making by local zon-

ing boards," said Eisdorfer who saw the decision as a victory for home rule.

In the decision concerning developer Lapid-Laurel LLC vs. Zoning Board of Adjustment of Scotch Plains, Chief Judge Edward R. Becker declared that "local land use boards have the initial opportunity to provide reasonable accommodations to facilitate housing for the handicapped," and that "land use decisions are quintessentially local in nature." The developer attempted to deny this right from the town by directing its efforts to a higher authority that is less aware of the concerns of a specific community.

Under the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act, municipalities are required to make "reasonable accommodations" in local zoning ordinances where necessary, to provide equal housing opportunities for the handicapped. The developer charged that by denying the proposed nursing home's construction, the zoning board was not making an attempt to satisfy these accommodations. Federal courts have interpreted the civil rights law to obligate towns to

(See Zoning on page A-2)

Ferguson kicking off campaign in Westfield

By CHAD HEDENWAY
THE RECORD-PRESS

Congressman Mike Ferguson is kicking off his re-election campaign this weekend in a newly aligned 7th District that will take him straight across central New Jersey.

"We're going to compete for every vote and I'm looking forward to it. I think people not only want to see your record but they want to know your visions for the future," said Ferguson, who will appear at a rally at 10 a.m. Saturday at the North Avenue

train station in Westfield.

Ferguson said he will be committed to better schools, safer neighborhoods, and lower taxes. "These are different times. A

fighting a war against terrorism and another overseas. This is what is on peoples' minds. Our priorities need to be laid out," he said.

"We're facing some enormous challenges but if you have the ability to listen to people you'll be able to have success."

— Rep. Mike Ferguson

year ago in Washington, we were asking, 'What do we do with all the extra money?' Now we are in the midst of a recession while

Among these priorities, Ferguson said he plans to address the issues of education, economic growth, environmental

protection, health care and homeland and airport security as he has before and since the world-changing events of Sept. 11. In his 14 months as congressman, Ferguson said the job has been more rewarding than even he expected.

"The biggest lesson I've learned is achieving a balance to attacking challenges. We're facing some enormous challenges but if you have the ability to listen to people you'll be able to have success," Ferguson said.

The congressman said his family history provides the inspi-

ration to get behind issues such as prescription drug benefits and health care. He proposed a bill that allows patients to sue their health maintenance organizations and voted to approve \$50 billion for a comprehensive prescription drug benefit within Medicare.

"We need to work with the government to make these things more affordable to those who need them. I'm very committed to that," he said.

Ferguson's mother has been battling cancer for more than

(See Ferguson on page A-2)

Teacher of the Year keeps herself and pupils fit

BY TINA FERROTTA
THE RECORD-PRESS

Linda Liebiecz is vivacious, energetic and athletic. You would hardly guess she's a 54-year-old grandmother.

Liebiecz, a Scotch Plains resident, was recently elected by her peers as Roosevelt School's Teacher of the Year.

Though she is the first physical education teacher to be selected for the honor in the school's history, she didn't spend any time celebrating — over the Easter break, she worked on a new thematic unit for her students.

Liebiecz was chosen for her dedication to students and her

involvement in bringing the school together. The thematic unit is just one of many ways Liebiecz brings the Roosevelt School community together since the school has not yet embraced the Team Teaching strategy.

"This year I did a project in coordination with the Olympics in Salt Lake City," she explained. "I divided students into groups representing 22 countries. They made banners for their country and did some research which was the social studies part of it. A man who lives in Manville who was one of the torch runners came in and led our parade of nations. In physical education we modified some Olympic games

and the students kept track of their countries' medals. At the end of the unit they graphed their countries' results and held their own final games."

In addition to teaching at Roosevelt School, Liebiecz also co-teaches at Weston School with physical education teacher Michelle Sniscak.

Ironically, Sniscak was also elected Teacher of the Year for Weston School by her peers.

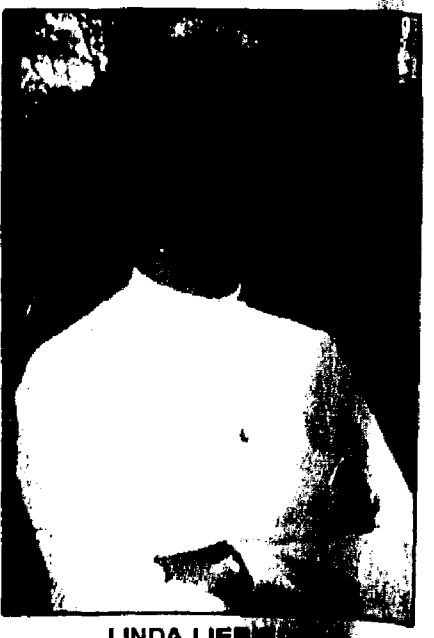
Prior to teaching in the primary grades, Liebiecz was a physical education teacher at Manville High School.

Liebiecz said she has seen many changes over the years, especially in her department.

"Most of my career has been at the high school level and it's just recently that I've gone down to the elementary level. Even at the high school level, the kinds of activities the students are participating in have changed," Liebiecz said. "Physical education now focuses on being a healthy, fit person rather than just being proficient in a particular sport."

Liebiecz's athletic involvement during her career includes being assistant director of a softball camp, a softball coach, class advisor, and a member of the school's crisis management team. Along the way she has also

(See Teacher on page A-2)



LINDA LIEBIECZ



Benefit concert

Pianist Paul DiDario will perform in a benefit recital at 4 p.m. Sunday at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. He will play selections from his CD "Two Part Creation," which includes sonatas by Scarlatti and Beethoven. The executive director of the Long Hill Music Center in Madison, DiDario has performed throughout New Jersey, including with the Summit Symphony and with world-renowned operatic bass, Jerome Hines. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and free for children under 12. The concert will benefit the 50th Anniversary Building Fund of the church.

Walter Tucker is named to Garwood Boro Council

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

GARWOOD — Longtime borough resident Walter Tucker was appointed to the Borough Council at its March 26 meeting.

Tucker will complete the unexpired term of Paul DeVenuto, who stepped down from the council March 21. The term runs to the end of 2002.

Tucker, 48, comes to the council without much political experience — though he was treasurer for the 2001 re-election campaign of Charles Lombardo and Dennis McCarthy — but a long record of community involvement. He has served on the Rescue Squad and the Celebration Committee, worked with the Little League and the Boy Scouts, and is a deacon at Garwood Presbyterian Church.

"Mr. Tucker has been very active with the church and the community," Mayor Michael Crincoli said. "He is a very conscientious individual who we felt ... would look out for the best interests of Garwood and its residents."

Tucker, who has lived in the borough for 18 years, said his first order of business will be learning

his committee responsibilities. He will serve on the Buildings and Grounds committee, and as liaison to the county advisory boards for transportation and air traffic.

Once he gets settled in, he said, he will turn his attention to completing the senior citizen/youth center on Rankin Avenue, plans

now," he said.

Tucker said he hopes he can put his financial and managerial skills to work for the borough, as well. He works as a supervisor for the Union company Tessler & Weiss.

Tucker was chosen to fill the seat by the Borough Council with

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— Michael Crincoli
Garwood Mayor

for which could go to the Planning Board in May. "That's something we really need in town," he said. "We should never give up on the youth."

Another issue he plans to look at is increasing parking spaces at Kennedy Plaza, perhaps by acquiring grant money. "Even one (additional) space would be something more than what we have

input from the municipal Democratic Committee. The committee put forward three names, and the council chose Tucker from the list.

The governing body — the six-member council and Crincoli — is entirely Democratic.

DeVenuto, 52, stepped down because of increasing professional demands. He works for the Bank

Historic house depicted in 4 seasons

CRANFORD — Four artists who live in the township have painted their own versions of Cranford's most historic house, the Crane-Phillips House.

Linda Sowa portrayed the 19th century dwelling at wintertime. Paul Casale painted the North Union Avenue cottage in spring. Kathleen Thompson showed the historic site in summer. Cynthia Dawley depicted the Victorian cottage in autumn.

These artists' paintings will each be auctioned to the highest bidder in a fund-raising art show 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in the commons at Union County

College. In addition, reproductions of these paintings will be available on prints and note cards available from that evening. All four artists are scheduled to showcase these works at a wine and cheese reception along with other paintings.

Admission of \$20 includes an opportunity to win a gift basket or dinner for two in a famous Manhattan restaurant. Music will be from a string quartet and pianist, all students at Cranford High School.

Tickets are available at The Arrangement on North Union Avenue, the Uptown Peddler on



WALTER TUCKER

of New York, and said "since 9/11, it's been very difficult."

As a result, "I couldn't serve with the time and energy that the borough and the residents deserve," he said. "I'd like to thank the residents for giving me the opportunity to serve them."

DeVenuto, who is also planning to move to Franklin Township, has served on the council for most of the last 12 years. He said he was proud of his work getting emergency-response equipment for the police department, and of the council's record of keeping taxes low through grants and of attracting new business.

Zoning

(Continued from page A-1) permit the construction of assisted-living facilities even where they are forbidden by local zoning ordinances. Towns may refuse this requirement if it is deemed that there would be a negative impact on the municipality.

In this case, consultants to the zoning board questioned whether the new facility might endanger public safety by creating traffic problems and obstacles to emergency vehicle access. The developer refused to present evidence addressing these issues and consequently filed suit in federal court under the Fair Housing Amendments Act. It was resolved, however, that the developer was not entitled to present evidence in federal court when it had not already done so to the local zoning board.

"Although this is technically a case about procedure, it is also about how power should be allocated between the federal courts and local government. In this case, the Appeals Court ruled that the power belongs in the first instance to local government, not to the federal courts," Eisdorfer said.

The court did recognize that the developer may have a reasonable case with regard to the need for the nursing home, but only upon proving to the zoning board that the facility would not create a hardship for the community.

Ferguson

(Continued from page A-1) four years and he said she may have never met her 2 and 3-year-old grandchildren had she not been able to get her medications.

Ferguson was a history teacher before finding his way to Washington which has sparked his work in education, introducing his first bill last year to double federal funding for special education.

"The problem is that we are not giving all kids the opportunity to learn. We must make sure our schools are the best in the world," he said.

Currently, the federal government funds only 16 percent of a 40 percent funding goal for special education. Ferguson hopes his bill will mandate the federal government to reach its 40 percent share by 2007.

Proud of an environmental record that earned him high praise as a Republican freshman Congressman, Ferguson said he will continue to make sure funding is provided for environmental projects from banning offshore drilling in New Jersey and Florida to supporting open space preservation.

Ferguson regularly visits schools and frequently hosts town meetings to keep constituents updated on key congressional action and to hear their views on subjects of homeland security to personal issues.

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Teacher of the Year keeps fit

(Continued from page A-1) taught health driver education. She also played on Montclair State College's softball team and she continues to play on a women's summer softball league in Scotch Plains and Mountainside.

"I think the influence you have upon a student is the most important role a teacher can play in a

student's life. It doesn't really matter the subject," Liebiez said.

Originally from New Providence, Liebiez graduated from Montclair State College in 1969 with a degree in health and physical education.

She began working in New Providence School District and then moved to the Plainfield

School District. In 1988 she was hired in Manville. She lives in Scotch Plains with her husband Bill.

"I think it's an honor to be recognized by your peers. It really makes it special," Liebiez said. "The teachers are very supportive and it's nice because it's a small school."

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4 candidates battling over 3 seats on Westfield board

By TINA PERROTTA
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Board of Education President Arlene Gardner will run for her third term against three newcomers. Three seats are up for grabs in the April 16 election.

Gardner served on former Gov. Christie Whitman's Juvenile Justice Advisory board, the Directors of NJ Council for Social Studies, and has completed a one-year term as president and a two-year term as vice president of the Westfield Board of Education.

Born in Newark and raised in Woodbridge, Gardner moved to Westfield 16 years ago with her husband, Ed, who is also an attorney.

Gardner graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Iselin in 1968 and then attended Douglass College, Rutgers University, where she graduated in 1972 with magna cum laude in political science.

Four years later, Gardner graduated from Georgetown Law School and then traveled to

San Francisco where she worked for the law firm Sullivan Jones and Archer. On returning to New Jersey, she served as assistant council to former Gov. Brendan Byrne for four years. She then worked as an attorney for Kimmelman Wolfe and Sampson before becoming director of the New Jersey Center for Civic and Law Related Education at Seton Hall University.

The mother of two teenagers, Gardner supports differentiated instruction, the implementation of the Gifted and Talented program, and smaller class sizes.

"Both of these (differentiated instruction and the Gifted and Talented Program) will really improve what will happen in the classroom," Gardner said. "I want to focus on what's going on in the classes and make sure the curriculum is challenging and up to date."

One of Gardner's main concerns is this year's school tax increase. If re-elected Gardner wants to find alternate resources for funding instructional programs.

Newcomer Alice Hunnicutt is the only other female running for school board. The 48-year-old Indiana native moved to Westfield in 1984 after graduating from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in music. Hunnicutt then received a master's from the University of Michigan in Music Composition.

Hunnicutt has been married for 25 years and has five children. She is currently employed with the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) in Newark where she is project director. Hunnicutt is also a consultant with the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on developmental disabilities and works with their self-determination project.

Hunnicutt has also taken classes to be an interpreter for the deaf in Union County.

If elected, Hunnicutt wants to find other ways the board can maintain programs without increasing the budget. She also plans to support differentiated instruction and special education.

"I support most of the issues,

but it's really a difficult tax year," Hunnicutt said.

George M. Kattak, 41, and his wife moved to Westfield 10 years ago because they wanted a town that offered a top-flight school system.

With a daughter enrolled at Franklin Elementary School and a son who will attend next year, Kattak said he wants to do his part to help maintain Westfield's high standards in education.

Originally from Clifton, Kattak graduated from Paul IV Catholic High School in 1979 and then went on to Montclair State University where he earned a Bachelor of Art in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting.

He is corporate controller for Foley Inc. in Piscataway.

Kattak is a certified public accountant, certified fraud examiner and licensed school accountant. He is associated with the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He is also a member of Union County

Chamber of Commerce and took part in the Franklin Project Playground last year.

With a strong background in sports, Kattak said he would like to take part in the Equity in Athletics Committee to bridge the gap between the amount of involvement between the boys and girls in athletics. He was on his high school's basketball team and he has coached Westfield Youth Basketball for the past three years.

Kattak also wants to lend his expertise in accounting to assist with the school budget.

"What I want to do is be a liaison for the community and the board," Kattak said. "I think communication is the key between the various PTO's, the community and the board."

Attorney William B. Ziff, with Ziff and Ziff Esq. in Westfield, is a member of the Westfield Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Westfield Tree Commission, and is a trustee of the Westfield Neighborhood Council. He also serves as the vice chair of the Supreme Court of New Jersey

District XII Ethics Committee.

Ziff has also participated with the parents of Washington School in the Annual Washington School Play the past two years.

In addition to holding a law degree from Widener University, Ziff earned a Master of Science degree in Urban Studies from Tulane University and a Bachelor of Arts from American University.

Ziff said he will bring to the board his appreciation for education and a professional approach to the administration of government. Ziff believes the quality of life and high property values in Westfield require constant vigilance to good schools, a vibrant central business district and the preservation of neighborhoods.

"If we do not take an active role to realize our vision of Westfield, we lose a tremendous opportunity to insure the health, safety and welfare of our families."

Ziff is married and the father of a 7-year-old son who attends Washington School.

Briefs

Teachers honored at tea on Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — A high tea this weekend honors teachers who received grants for 2001-02 from the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

The high tea is 4-6 p.m. Sunday at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., where the foundation will announce the winner of its Service to Education Award for 2001. The public is invited.

More than \$24,000 in grants have been issued by the foundation over the past eight years, according to a press release announcing the high tea. Teachers from all elementary schools, Park Middle School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are being honored Sunday.

For more information, phone President Sally Hogan at (908) 889-4361.

Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, 2280 Evergreen Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Fanwood GOP meets Wednesday

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Republican Club meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the recreation building on La Grande Avenue.

Susan Dyckman will speak about the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education budget that goes before voters on April 16. She is a candidate for the Fanwood seat on the school board.

Mayor Louis Jung and Borough Council President Joel Whitaker are also scheduled to speak.

New members are welcome. For more information, phone Corresponding Secretary Sophie Kauchak at (908) 322-3241.

Paper cutting demonstration set

WESTFIELD — "Scherenschnitte" is a method of cutting paper using knives instead of scissors.

The method was developed in China long ago; it later became common in German-speaking Europe and was brought to colonial America by German settlers in the 17th century.

Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield demonstrates this art form 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.

As is the museum's custom, docents in period dress will conduct guided tours of the 18th century farmhouse with the last tour leaving 4 p.m.

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

Skateboarders damaging Kenilworth park

By GREGORY SHORO
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Borough Council heard about the use and misuse of DeMario Park at its March 26 meeting.

Recreation director Rich Vitale proposed using the \$38,000 balance of a pocket parks grant to improve the park facilities.

Park benches, picnic tables and bleachers have been destroyed over the years by skateboarders who use virtually every fixture in the park for their routines.

Skateboarding, and the apparent vandalism created by the activity, has been a recurring issue in most of the towns in Union County. Some communities, including Kenilworth, have designated areas for skateboarders to use. However, it hasn't worked.

"I hate to say it's them over and over again, but hey, you know what, it's them," Vitale said, of the constant damage to the park.

"Designating time to use on the tennis courts wasn't enough, they always seem to need things to jump off of."

Borough officials have also heard numerous complaints about skateboarding damage in other areas of town. A North Eighth Street business requested March 25, one day before the meeting, that borough police pay special attention to the property to keep away youth skateboarders.

Building a skate park is not an option because of liability, Mayor Michael Tripodi said.

The relocation of the children's play area to a section of the park behind the tennis courts was discussed. The current playground

area often floods.

Police Chief William Dowd opposed the relocation behind the courts because it would be difficult for his officers to patrol.

Vitale also complained about the out-of-towners who use the park.

"We have more out-of-town people using DeMario Park than our own residents," Vitale said, reporting that the Roselle Park Little League has adopted the park as "a second home. ... We want to put \$10,500 into a girl's softball field that I can't keep Roselle Park off. I put signs up, field used by permit only, and every time I go there, they are there."

'Special waste' disposal dates set

The county is scheduling two "household special waste" disposal days.

The collection days are: April 13, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Schering-Plough Corp., 2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth; and June 8, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Lucent Technologies, 600 Mountain Ave., New Providence.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required. All residents need to do is drive to the sites and workers at the sites will remove the waste from their vehicles.

"It's the responsible way to keep dangerous corrosive and

toxic substances from damaging our home environments," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and motor oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), and mercury switches. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted.

Latex (water-based) paint and empty cans will not be accepted.

They should be disposed of with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

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Creative workshops planning 20th year

SCOTCH PLAINS — The 20th season of Creative Summer Workshops is scheduled June 26-July 24 at McGinn School.

In addition, summer classes in driver education, SAT Math Prep and SAT Verbal Prep are planned for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Qualified instructors with a New Jersey elementary or secondary teaching certification are being sought. A certified school nurse is also being recruited.

If you are interested, send a resume, cover letter and copy of your teaching certification by April 15 to Cynthia S. Mendelson, Coordinator of Continuing Education/Community School, Administrative Offices, Scotch

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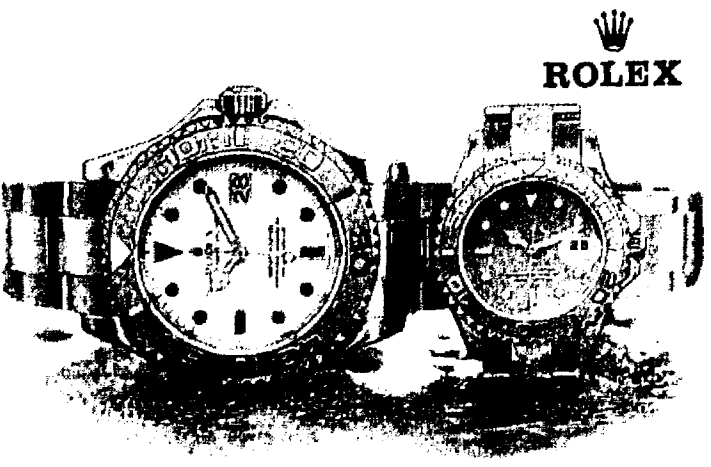
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County offering early retirement to 334 employees

ELIZABETH — Union County is offering an early retirement incentive program to about 334 of its workers who qualify under state guidelines. The plan is designed to streamline the county's workforce and realize significant fiscal savings.

Five months ago, a survey showed that 183 of these employees expressed an interest in the early retirement program.

"The early retirement program is a cost-effective and rational program which tightens our belts, but not at the expense of working-class families, or by layoffs," said Freeholder Nicholas Scutari. "It makes sense for the county

and for the employees who take advantage of the plan."

Union County Manager George W. Devaney said the county hopes to save an average of \$1 million a year for the next 10 years, once the program takes effect.

Devaney estimated that as many as 30-40 positions could be permanently eliminated, and others consolidated and reduced in cost.

"During this period of fiscal challenges, it will be essential to establish priorities aimed at streamlining government and delivering services as economically and efficiently as possible," Scutari said. "We're working to maximize resources and minimize spending."

Scutari added the early retirement program would be a one-time offer and is not likely to be offered again in the near future.

County employees interested in the early retirement program must respond by April 24 in writing to the county's Division of Personnel Management and Labor Relations. Retirements will be effective on July 1, pending approval of the program by the state.

Eligibility for the early retirement is based on the current statutory criteria for retirement: 25 years of service with Public Employee Retirement System; 15 years of service and 62 years of age in

the system; or 20 years of service credit with the Police and Fire Retire System.

Under the terms of the retirement program, employees would be eligible for a cash payment of \$1,000 per year of service with county, paid in four equal annual installments, beginning in 2003. The county also will remove the existing cap on the retiree health benefit subsidy to provide full paid health benefits for life.

In addition, the following schedule outlines payment for accumulated sick leave for employees without this provision in their collective bargaining agreement:

Retirees with between 100 and 200 sick days would be

paid 50 percent of their daily rate to a maximum of \$10,000. Those with between 201 and 300 days would be paid at 60 percent of the daily rate to a maximum of \$25,000. Those with 301-400 sick days would be paid at a 70 percent rate to a maximum of \$45,000 and those with more than 401 days would be paid at a 80 percent rate to a maximum of \$80,000.

The early retirement program is the latest in a series of cost-cutting measures the county is implementing. The county is also offering a voluntary leave incentive program which allows workers to take a leave of absence without pay for a maximum period of three weeks.

Golf outing set April 16

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Catholic High School athletic department sponsors its 11th annual golf outing Tuesday, April 16, at Knoll Country Club in Parsippany.

Alumni, parents and golfers of all abilities are invited. Fee is \$180 for 18 holes of golf, greens fees, cart, lunch, cocktails and dinner. A \$100 deposit per golfer is required. Cost for dinner alone is \$60.

Sponsorship is also available beginning at \$150. Goods and services can be donated along with cash to purchase prizes.

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Preservation of Nitschke House seems assured

By GREG MARX

STAFF WRITER

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Historical Society's campaign to save the Oswald Nitschke House at 513 Boulevard took another step last week, and a society spokeswoman said the house could be moved to a permanent location by July.

At its March 28 meeting, the Planning Board approved in principle the application of Dr. Jerome Forman to construct a new building for his dental practice where the house now stands. Forman had to make some concessions to the board — the size of the proposed building will be scaled back and the roof overhang eliminated — but should get the formal go-ahead to begin work at the board's April meeting.

That means that Forman's plan to donate the Nitschke

House to the Historical Society can proceed, as well. Forman made the offer months ago when he learned the society had been trying to raise the \$350,000 to purchase the house, one of the few remaining original farmhouses in the borough.

The society plans to convert the house into the borough's first museum and cultural arts center. They will move the house to a plot of land next to Memorial Park on South 21st Street that now belongs to the Kenilworth Veterans Center. Shirley Boyden Maxwell of the Historical Society thanked both Forman and the veterans, and said their cooperation was integral to the project.

There remains some work to be done, however. While the society's fund-raising needs now are "certainly less than our original goal," said member Shirley Boyden Maxwell, "the costs of moving the house will be nonetheless very substantial...

We have a lot of fundraising that needs to be done."

One of the major expenses will be building a foundation at the new site that replicates the current foundation. "We want to maintain the historical integrity of the structure in every way," Maxwell said.

The society has several upcoming fund-raisers, including a Saturday flea market at the Veterans Center and a June 15 tour of "Architectural Styles of Historical Kenilworth." The society has also received a Green Acres grant, and plans another direct-mail campaign, Maxwell said.

The group is also hoping for help with the move from local contractors and businesspeople.

Though hurdles remain, the Planning Board's decision means the goal of preserving the house is closer than ever. "We're all extremely excited about the prospect of realizing our vision," Maxwell said. "This will be a first-of-its-kind project for Kenilworth."



NICOLE DIMELLA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It appears Kenilworth's historic Nitschke House could be moved to a new location by July.

Bill stiffens penalties for those leaving fatal accidents

By GREGORY SHORE

THE RECORD-PRESS

TRENTON — The state Assembly unanimously voted last week for legislation that would impose harsher penalties for drivers who leave the scene of a fatal accident.

The bill makes the crime punishable by up to 10 years in jail and \$150,000 in fines.

Michelle's Law, as it is commonly known, was sponsored by Assemblymen Neil M. Cohen and Jerry Green (both D-Union), and was created in response to the August 1, 2000 death of Michelle Marie Margaritonda, a 22-year

old woman from Bridgewater who was struck and dragged 100 feet by a car as she and her boyfriend legally attempted to cross Route 22 in Mountainside.

"Motorists who knowingly injure someone in a collision and then run away from their moral obligation to care for another person's well being should be treated as criminals," said Cohen, who added that these circumstances arise too often and without clear-cut penalties.

Witnesses said the driver of the car never stopped or slowed down after he hit Margaritonda, who died several hours later at University Hospital in Newark.

The driver, who was eventually apprehended near his workplace in Elizabeth and charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident, claimed he fled because he "got scared." Upon his arrest, it was found that he changed vehicles and was in possession of at least five driver's licenses from several different states.

The victim's mother, who, Cohen said, has played a very big part in the movement of the bill, contacted him a few months after the tragedy, asking if there was anything he could do to help assure that the man who killed her daughter was punished to

the fullest extent of the law.

The driver pleaded guilty and was sentenced in March 2001 to five years probation, given a fine of \$2,600 and had his license revoked for one year. He must undergo periodic drug testing.

"In a case like this, where an innocent life has been taken, the penalty of probation and a slap on the wrist is unjustified," added Cohen. "We must ensure that Michelle Margaritonda did not die in vain and that we do everything in our power to see that such a tragedy never happens again."

The bill awaits action in the Senate.

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Nicholas Sandor, 18, of Scotch Plains, and two juveniles whose names were withheld by police, were arrested March 26 on charges of aggravated assault, possession of weapons, possession of weapons for unlawful purposes and criminal mischief, after police stopped their vehicle near the train station upon receiving a complaint that the occupants fired several paintballs at a sport utility vehicle. The 17-year-old girl driving the 2001 Toyota 4Runner was not seriously injured in the incident while the vehicle did sustain minor damage.

Edward Nugent, 38, of Westfield, was arrested March 26 and charged with driving while intoxicated. Administration of a breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. Nugent was later released to a responsible party.

Douglas Backof, 43, of Garwood, was arrested March 28 on charges of driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a breath test.

Scott Brewster of Westfield was arrested March 29 and charged with possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.

Robin Early of Westfield was arrested March 29 and charged with possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.

Leon Banister Jr. of Westfield was charged March 30 with driving while intoxicated.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Vincent Cammisia, 21, of Rahway, and Amy Sales, 22, of Roselle Park, were arrested March 22 and charged with trespassing and attempted theft after they were found removing an aluminum extension ladder from a Laurie Court property late that night. Also in their possession were two other ladders which were found to be stolen from a Terrill Road, Plainfield, home earlier in the evening. Both were issued summonses and turned over to Plainfield police for further investigation.

Arnaldo Garcia, 39, of Newark, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue early in the morning.

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3 looking for seats on school board

By TINA PERROTTA
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Edward J. Saridaki is the only candidate seeking re-election this year to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education. Other candidates in the uncontested race are Norman "Trip" Whitehouse and Susan Dyckman.

Running for his third term on the board, Saridaki currently serves on the Finance Committee where he has chaired four out of the last six years. Saridaki also serves on the Facilities Committee and is chairman for the Supervisors' Negotiating Committee and Curriculum Committee.

In the past, Saridaki has chaired the Grievance Committee, served as the Legislative Liaison, served as chairman of the Teamsters Negotiations Committee and acted as liaison to the Union County School Boards Association.

Saridaki has also served as coach for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Basketball Association and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association. He has also been a driver for the "Bridges" project, a monthly service project for high school students who feed the homeless in New York and cubmaster for Pack 34 at Evergreen School.

His community service also includes being a member of the Board of Christian Education at The First Congregational Church in Westfield, where he also served as co-chairman of the Church School Committee and was a Sunday school teacher.

A 26-year resident, Saridaki and his wife Debbie have two children who attended Scotch Plains Fanwood Schools.

Saridaki graduated from Westfield High in 1971 and received an Associate in Arts degree with a business concentration from Union College in 1981. He then attended University College, Rutgers University in Newark where he graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Both degrees were conferred cum laude and were completed attending classes at night while working full time and start-

Candidates night planned Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council will host a Board of Education Candidates' Night at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Board of Education offices, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street.

This year, there are two seats available for Scotch Plains candidates, sought by Norman "Trip" Whitehouse and incumbent Edward Saridaki Jr.; and one vacancy for Fanwood, sought by Susan Dyckman.

The evening will be moderated by a representative from the Westfield League of Women Voters. The program will begin with an introduction of the can-

idates. Each candidate will have an opportunity to present introductory remarks, including their reasons for running for the Board of Education, and how they have prepared themselves for this role. The incumbents are asked to note their most significant contributions to the board. New candidates are asked what they plan to contribute as members of the Board of Education.

The PTA Council has prepared a series of questions for the candidates.

Members of the Junior Statesmen Association at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

will also pose one question to the candidates. After these questions have been answered, the forum will be open to inquiries from the audience. At the end of the session, candidates are given the opportunity to present closing statements.

A videotape of the event will be broadcast on Channel 34. The school board election and vote on the school budget is April 16, 2002. The polls will be open from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. in both Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

For more information, call Barbara Cronenberger-Meyer, Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, at (908) 322-9148.

to be able to bring that sense of what is fair as well as what is best for the children, to the board," Whitehouse said.

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Though Dyckman chose to stay home to raise her children, she is a freelance writer and has attended all the school board meetings.

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Commentary

School systems need our sacrifice

Christians believe Easter is the ultimate revitalization: Jesus died to bring eternal life to all men born from the beginning of creation until the end of the world.

Although the date changes, every year Easter falls at the start of spring — a heady time of renewal. Daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, tulips, onion grass and ugh! dandelions are in flower, hiding the dried up dead leaves that fell last fall.

A new chapter has begun. There is life after the long, gray — albeit mild — winter.

Locally, our communities are doing some revitalizing of their own.

Both Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood are engaged in energetic, and sometimes disruptive, school construction projects. Residents of the two communities made the tough — and costly — decisions to improve the districts' facilities. Burgeoning enrollments have filled the schools to the bursting point.

They made the right decision.

Adequate, comfortable facilities enhance the learning process for children, are essential to retain and entice teachers and are a source of pride to our communities.

But it's not cheap.

Bond repayments have kicked in. In addition, voters will be asked to back school budgets on April 16 that will make a real dent in homeowners' wallets.

If the budgets are approved, the "average" Westfield taxpayer will pay an additional \$487 a year in school tax. In Scotch Plains, it will be \$354. In Fanwood, \$334. And then there is the municipal tax and the county tax. Homeowners don't have any say over those budgets.

If there is anger out there, it will show up April 16. It would be a shame if voters just say no in the only venue they have. Revitalized school facilities that are well-maintained and supplied are a community's shining jewel.

It would be a shame to see it tarnished.

Libraries are a national treasure

Next week is National Library Week, the time of year when we should go out of our way to express our gratitude to these national treasures in our own hometowns.

Libraries are no longer just a place to read and borrow books. Throughout Central Jersey, libraries have kept pace with the latest technology, offering videotapes and access to the Internet. The world can be found within the walls of your local library; but it's up to us to discover it.

Our local libraries are wonderful resources. The knowledge and pleasure found within the thousands of volumes on the shelves is infinite; yes, you can find wonderful things on the Internet but no one has yet discovered a substitute for the simple joy of reading a book cradled in your hands.

Libraries also offer a variety of programs for people of all ages. Libraries have a multitude of programs to introduce children to the pleasures of books. But increasingly, libraries are hosting programs for adults, including training on the Internet.

There is a lot going on at your local library. You should stop in and see the world in your own back yard.

The Record-Press is here for you

The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into *The Record-Press*:

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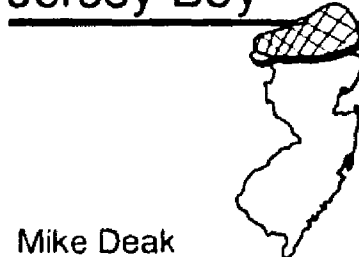
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Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Have a little faith about faith

To paraphrase Groucho Marx, I would never belong to a church that would have me as a member.

Organized religion is not for me. Though I spent my formative years exploring the mysteries of God in Sunday School, I have not been to church for a regular service in years — make that decades. I prefer my faith to be a private matter. I believe it is more important to live a life guided by the Golden Rule than to believe that a week behaving like a jerk can be erased by an hour of worship on Sunday morning.

And though I personally do not think organized religion is right for me, I recognize that millions and millions of people benefit from going to church, temple or mosque. The community celebration of faith simply makes most people feel good about their short existence on Earth; there's a lot to be said for any social activity that accomplishes that goal. I would never want to change that.

Which is why I'm disturbed about the way organized religion is being pummeled every day in the media. From violent Islamic fundamentalists to sensationalism about pedophile priests, organized religion has taken a battering in recent months. Some of it is deserved; religion, like every other institution, must be accountable to the rules of civilization. But most of the criticism is unfair. Moslems and priests have become the victims of vicious stereotypes; thousands are being branded for the sins of a few. And that's not right.

At these times, it's important to remember the tremendous amount of good works done by religions throughout the world. Their charity and good will saves countless lives each day. It's a shame these infinite acts of kindness and mercy have become obscured by violence and shame. And it's a tragedy when religion is used as a weapon to wage war over matters that have very little to do with faith.

It's naive to conclude most of the world's turmoil today has been caused by religion. It not religion itself that is causing the world to have the willies; instead, it's the use of religion by extremist groups with extreme and ulterior agendas that is boiling the cauldron.

For example, it's easy to say the tragedy unfolding in Palestine is a fight between Jews and Moslems. For the combatants, however, religion is just the rallying cry in a battle over land, political rights and economics. The same is true in Northern Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Iran, etc. Because religion elicits such strong reactions — especially in an atmosphere of political and economic repression — it becomes a powerful weapon in the 21st century version of war when a single suicide bomber can unleash just as much destruction as a Cruise missile.

I have nothing but sympathy for those Moslems who had to endure hatred and suspicion after Sept. 11. I also sympathize with those priests who now think twice about wearing their collars in public and must also cope with the looks of suspicion. They do not deserve to be shunned, ridiculed, humiliated and held in contempt.

Like every human endeavor, religion is not perfect. Institutions and individuals are subject to corruption. There are certainly no excuses for the acts of violence committed on behalf of faith and there are no excuses for the ugly individual abuses of power and trust. But now is time for all of us to simmer down and reflect on the primary purpose of religion — to help guide lost souls through the obstacles of mortal life to an eventual end in a happy afterlife, a goal that is remarkably consistent among the world's great religions. Faith is supposed to ease our fears about death; faith is not the reason to cause death.

Letters to the editor

County grants pay huge dividends

To The Record-Press

Union County is a region of half a million people living in less than 100 square miles. In the last census we found that the county's population had grown by several thousand residents. But we did not gain space or land for our new residents.

Over the last 150 years, Union County has built an impressive system of 26 parks, three golf courses, pools, a skating rink, a natural history museum and teaching space. We have more than 40 athletic fields and facilities and numerous historic and cultural spaces where people can go for entertainment and enlightenment.

Open space, historic treasures and recreation are all precious commodities. They are even more so in Union County, where so many people live in a limited amount of space. That is why this Board of Chosen Freeholders has concentrated so strongly on improving, protecting and preserving these resources.

In the year 2000 elections, Union County voters showed that they agreed with this when they approved the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. This special fund uses dedicated tax dollars to protect open space, improve parks and recreation areas and preserve this county's historic treasures.

Part of these funds will go toward improvements

and additions of land to our parks, where all residents can enjoy them. Recently, however, the freeholder board developed a special initiative that will make a difference in municipal parks and fields in every town in Union County.

This \$2.1 million Field of Dreams initiative will provide municipalities with a maximum of \$100,000 for acquiring land for new fields and improving existing fields. If town governments join forces with their school boards, they are eligible for up to \$200,000.

Recreation programs in our 21 municipalities are invaluable. They help teach our young people fair play and sportsmanship, they help build and develop their bodies and cultivate their minds, and they give them a healthy, safe place to use their energies. In most towns, these programs are so popular that there are not enough fields to meet the needs for children's and adult's sports leagues. These funds will help our towns address these needs.

The rules we learn as children on the playing fields of our hometowns become the touchstones for living our lives as adults. The exercise and fresh air, particularly in these days, are invaluable. These investments, through the Fields of Dreams initiative, will ensure that children and adults enjoy these benefits now and in the coming years.

LEWIS MINGO JR.
Chairman, Board of freeholders

Terrill PTA backs school budget

To The Record-Press

The Executive Board of the Terrill Middle School PTA has unanimously endorsed the proposed 2002-2003 budget, approved by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education. This budget was crafted with two goals in mind. The first and foremost objective is to deliver a solid, quality education to the students of our community. The second goal is to limit the burden of Scotch Plains and Fanwood property taxpayers.

Although our school district will receive flat funding from the state this year, this level of funding is essentially a cut because the student body is projected to increase by 174 students.

This budget will allow us to maintain current class sizes and purchase needed new books. We will be able to increase staffing as necessary, help the anticipated move of our fifth graders into the middle schools and provide an additional guidance counselor at each middle school.

The World Language program will be expanded to include grades 4 and 5. At the high school, improvements include the addition of Astronomy and

Zoology programs. This will round out our high school's science program to provide four years of science for all of our students, as is now expected by most colleges.

As you drive by our schools you can now see direct results from last year's school bond. The money has gone toward the necessary construction and improvements to our schools. Approximately half of the school budget increase this year can be attributed to last year's school bond vote.

We support this budget. The quality of our schools is important not only for the children in this community, but for all homeowners as well. The perceived quality of a school district is reflected in local property values. In order to maintain the quality education that defines our community, we strongly urge you to support this budget.

Polls will be open from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Be sure to vote!

Maura Berger
Corresponding Secretary,
Terrill Middle School PTA

American Marketplace a success

To The Record-Press

We would like to congratulate Cranford High School on the success of the American Marketplace, which took place on Sunday, March 10. This was conceived as a community service project by the members of the Scholars' Circle, a group of about 30 students who are involved in a selective enrichment program for interdisciplinary study of the humanities. The students unanimously agreed that this year they would like to do something for the members of our community who were directly affected by the tragedies of Sept. 11. The students worked hard to make their dream a reality, and the event was a huge success.

This project would not have been possible without the guidance of Eileen Dachnowicz, Dr. Laura Cardine and the other faculty members who gave

so generously of their time and talents. They along with the students have much to be proud of. The benefit was planned at the time of the six-month anniversary of Sept. 11, and it gave the students a real sense of patriotism as well as a meaningful way to give something to those who lost so much. Special thanks to all of the merchants and organizations in town for their most generous donations.

Great things are happening at Cranford High School and it is in large part because of the caring and committed administration and faculty. Congratulations to the Scholars' Circle and the entire Cranford High School community on a job very well done.

DENISE and JIM BYRNES
Cranford

More than ever, God is the answer

To The Record-Press

We Americans realize that our lives will never be the same as they were before the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

When I was a child, I'd put my trust in earthly things like family trips to Kutztown, Pa., the Jersey Shore, Flemington, and in the strength of our United States.

Since our lives were shattered by the terrorists

murder of our countrymen last Sept. 11, we only have God to hope in.

God will help us cope with our tragedies, our worries about America's future, as we mourn the loss of our fellow Americans and sympathize with families who have lost loved ones in the World Trade Center attack.

Martha McLoughlin
Cranford



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Book sale volunteer hooked on book work

WESTFIELD — Ed Orlando got booked into his volunteer work about six years ago, shortly after he retired from Getty Oil.

"I saw an ad in the paper," Orlando said. "I volunteered — and that was it."

Thus he joined the more than 100 people who make up the annual volunteer corps for the area's largest book sale, set to begin Tuesday.

This year, Orlando serves as co-chairman. Sadie Schoss, an ex-Westfielder who now lives in Basking Ridge, is chairman.

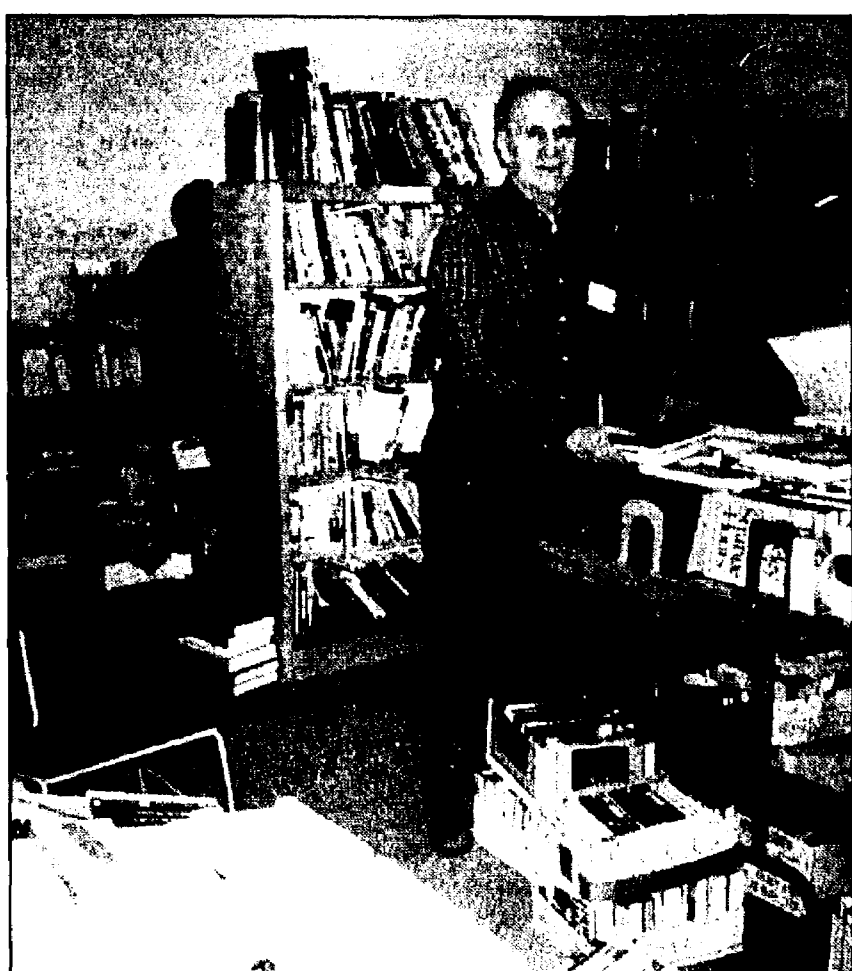
Orlando's duties center on some of the pre-sale important operational details — arranging for tables, shelves and book pick-up. Then he joins the many volunteers who accept donated books, sort and shelve them and wait for the throngs to come to the sale at the library, 550 E. Broad St.

For more than 30 years, the book sale has been attracting people from all walks of life — from book dealers who wait in line as the sale opens to avid readers and book lovers. First-edition books and other "finds" make the sale a popular venue for serious book buyers.

More than \$600,000 has been raised at past sales, with proceeds going to the library to fund a wish list of items not covered in the annual budget.

As co-chairman of the volunteers committee, Orlando's wife, Mary, solicits help from many townspeople.

"The average volunteer is someone who is active in the community," she said. This year's volunteers include a group of



Ed Orlando, co-chairman for the annual book sale that benefits the Westfield Memorial Library, sorts some of the thousands of works that will be on sale this year. The event starts Tuesday at the library.

Confirmation candidates from St. Helen's Church.

Among those expected to assist with this year's sale are two out-of-state couples who formerly lived in Westfield and chaired past book sales. Guy and Pat DiCarlo come from Florida for the week and Dave and Lila Kirkwood arrive from their Maine home.

This year, Donation Days have been scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the library. The sponsoring Friends of the Westfield Library are seeking hardcovers and paperbacks, classics, children's books, cookbooks and coffee table books.

Textbooks, magazines and condensed works will not be accepted.

The event opens from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday for members only. Memberships may be purchased at the door.

The public sale starts at 2 p.m. Tuesday and runs to 9 p.m. The sale continues Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A half-price sale is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and Saturday is Bag Day, when customers can buy a bag for a few dollars and fill it up with books.

"We expect to get between 20,000 and 30,000 books," Orlando said, noting that the numbers make the sale the largest in the region.

BOOK SIGNING — "In the Presence of the Dinosaurs" by John Colagrande and Larry Felder. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY — at Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 1-4 p.m. (908) 889-8880.

SUNDAY APRIL 14

STRAW HATS — woven by Eileen O'Shea. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

COMING UP

GOLF OUTING — 11th annual event for athletic programs of Union Catholic High School (Scotch Plains). Knoll Country Club, Parsippany, April 16. Registration: (908) 889-1621 or reagan@unioncatholic.org.

CENSUS DATA — from 1930, discussed by John Gelardo (Fanwood). Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 1 p.m. April 18. (908) 232-4159.

JUNGLE GYM — Newcomers Club of Westfield event for children 18 months-3 years old. The Little Gym, 20 South Ave. West, Cranford, 12:15 p.m. April 19. Reservations required: (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Captain Corelli's Mandolin," Nicolas Cage movie 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.

OPEN HOUSE — for summer camps sponsored by Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 1-3 p.m. April 21. (908) 709-7600.

DINNER NIGHT — for Newcomers Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. April 26. Bring dessert, party game, after-dinner drinks. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

RECEPTION — for spring exhibition of Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, noon April 27. (908) 233-7458.

CANDIDATES NIGHT — with Republican candidates for county office. Railroad station, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. May 6. (908) 322-3241.

County exhibit celebrates Scotch Plains pro golfer

ELIZABETH — An exhibit entitled "Little Known Black History Gems of Union County: John Shippen and the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club," is on display in the Union County Freeholders' Gallery through April 13. The multimedia exhibit includes photographs, documents, books, paintings and well-prized mementos illustrating a little-known segment of Union County Black cultural and social history.

John Matthew Shippen Jr. (1879-1968) was the first black American native to play as a professional in a U.S. Open golf championship. He finished fifth in the second Open held in 1896.

Thurman Simmons, a Scotch Plains resident and chairman of

the John Shippen Foundation, spearheaded the effort to purchase and place an inscribed granite headstone at Shippen's gravesite in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden, to mark his achievement.

Mr. Shippen held the position of greenskeeper and head pro at Shady Rest Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains, the first documented black-owned country club in the United States, from 1931 to 1964. The Township of Scotch Plains took over the club's operation in 1964 and renamed it the Scotch Hills Country Club and turned it into a public golf club.

The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation of Scotch Plains organized the exhibit with funds received from the Union County

freeholders through the 2001 "HEART" Grant Program. The nonprofit foundation was established in 1991 to commemorate the historical significance of John Shippen and the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club.

The Freeholders' Gallery is located on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in downtown Elizabeth. The exhibit may be viewed from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays.

After April 13, the exhibit will travel to several other locations in New Jersey and also to other states. For more information about the foundation and the traveling exhibit, contact Simmons at (908) 322-2986.

Lifetime of volunteerism earns Westfielder freeholders' kudos

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Freeholders has recognized Ernest Winter, a lifelong resident of Westfield, for his many achievements including his 100th birthday.

"Ernest Winter is an active member of Westfield and Union County and still participates in the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr.

He has an impressive list of awards and achievements which include being named Westfield's Volunteer of the Year in 2000.

He was called an Extraordinary Person by The Star-Ledger in 1998, the Rotarians' 1992 Humanitarian of the Year and the United Way of Union County 1986 Volunteer of the Year.

Winter was awarded a Special Appreciation Award by the Westfield United Fund and is a 50-year honorary member of the Masons.

Winter graduated from Westfield High School in 1920 and went to New York City to work in the insurance industry. He worked his way up in the Rockefeller Ballard Insurance Companies and by 1951, he was vice president and secretary of all three companies and was elected director of the Washington Assurance Corp.

He became interested in the Red Cross through his first wife Eva, who encouraged him to assist with driving a Red Cross truck to canteens, dropping off refreshments to soldiers during World War II.

He had a long fund-raising career for the Red Cross, United Way and other organizations.



Union County Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr., right, and Freeholder Rick Proctor present Ernest Winter a resolution congratulating him on his 100th birthday.

Winter was instrumental in creating the Union County Paratransit System, which offers free transportation for the elderly and disabled. Working with the United Way, he raised \$138,000 for 10 vans to start the

paratransit program.

"Ernest Winter exemplifies the ideal of working hard to reach your goals. We are proud to recognize him for being a dedicated volunteer," Mingo said.

This week

FRIDAY

APRIL 5

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

SATURDAY

APRIL 6

MOVIE AND LUNCH — father-child event for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Rialto Theatre, 250 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

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

SUNDAY

APRIL 7

SINGLES GROUP — for single/divorced/widowed people over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. April 7, 14, 21, 28. \$2. (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

PAWS IN THE PARK — adopt a dog of your own. Nomahegan Park, Cranford, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (908) 688-1073 or www.pfa.petfinder.org.

SCHERENSCHNITTE — cutting paper the German way. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

RECEPTION — for those earning grants from Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 4-6 p.m. (908) 889-4361.

MONDAY

APRIL 8

PTA PROGRAM — Rev. Ed Reading on "College and the Social Scene." Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. (908) 654-4441.

TUESDAY

APRIL 9

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.

LADIES' NIGHT

Newcomers Club of Westfield dinner for women only. Jeffrey's, 114 Central Ave., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 10

GOP PROGRAM — Fanwood Republican Club meeting with Susan Dyckman, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education candidate. Recreation building, La Grande Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. (908) 322-3241.

THURSDAY

APRIL 11

PLAY TIME — Newcomers Club of Westfield event for parent and child. Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 10:30 a.m. April 11, 25. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

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. \$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. (908) 322-6400.

FRIDAY

APRIL 12

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.americancraftmarketing.com.

WINE TASTING — benefit for Westfield High School Band Parents Association. Knights of Columbus hall, 2400 North Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. \$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. Free. (908) 322-6400.

SATURDAY

APRIL 13

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Community Life

Briefs

Daddy-daughter dance set April 20

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Ave., will host its second annual Daddy/Daughter dance from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 20. It is open to girls age 5-12, accompanied by a special adult. There will be dinner, dancing and a complimentary keepsake photo for each "couple." Every girl receives a wrist corsage.

Call Tammy Hampson, director of Youth and Family Services, at (908) 889-8800, ext. 218, to reserve your spot by Wednesday. Tickets are \$15 per child, \$18 per adult.

Children's concert planned April 11

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central NJ, Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., will host Peter and Ellen Allard performing a children's concert at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11.

This award-winning Massachusetts-based duo draws on a tradition of musical experiences accompanied by acoustic guitars.

Their concerts encourage foot stomping, hand clapping and finger snapping. The pair has released five recordings, two songbooks and received five national awards.

Call Susan Bennett at (908) 889-8800 ext. 204 to reserve seats. Tickets are \$3 each.

This program is made possible in part by a 2001 HEART grant from the Union County freeholders and the Jewish Community Center of Central NJ.

Annual celebration honors Israel

SCOTCH PLAINS — The annual Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave.

This program is geared for all ages. Entertainment will feature performances by nationally recognized Israeli musicians, The Arad Wind Ensemble and the Klez Dispensers.

The event will offer an Israeli bazaar with a "shuk" atmosphere and Cafe JCC will be open for Israeli dining, starting at 6 p.m.

The JCC is sponsoring a Children's Art Contest with the theme "My Dream of Israel" open to all students in grades K through 6. Deadline is April 15. For contest rules, please call Lisa Bieber at 908-889-8800, extension 253.

Camp scholarship donations sought

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Larry Goldberger Memorial Scholarship Fund provides families in need with the opportunity to send their children to the JCC of Central NJ day camp.

The fund was established after Larry Goldberger's death to commemorate his love of children and foster his vision that the JCC would become a central address for the Jewish community.

The requests for assistance this year is greater than in years past so donations are being requested.

A donation of \$500 will help send one child to camp for four weeks; \$1,000 will nearly cover the full eight-week program.

Checks should be made payable to: The JCC of Central NJ and mailed to JCC c/o Larry Goldberger Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1391 Martine Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

For more information, call Lois Altschul at (908) 889-8800, extension 209.

Healthy Kids Day planned April 13

SCOTCH PLAINS — Healthy Kids Day will be held at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA's Martine Avenue facility from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

The event is a celebration of healthy living for children and their parents. In addition to a gymnastic obstacle course, Healthy Kids Day will feature activities and demonstrations in the area of safety, health, athletics and fitness.

For more information, call (908) 889-8880.

By ELISABETH CURRAN

FIFTH GRADER, ORANGE AVENUE SCHOOL

My fifth-grade class at Orange Avenue School in Cranford was one of the first in the state to conduct an eight-week trial using hand-held computers in the classroom.

Visor hand-held computers, keyboards and digital cameras, were loaned to our class after Mrs. (Denise) Addona won a grant from Rutgers University Department of Mathematics, Science and Computer Technology.

Students used the hand-held computers to do research by using a program called "Flinging It" and downloading information off the Internet onto each hand-held for a project called, "Getting a Grip on the United States."

The class worked together and learned lots of neat things about the 50 states. The students liked using the hand-helds because we could do our computer work right at our own desk. I also like that once we were done with our research, we would just beam our research to all the other groups and share our findings. It was great that everyone didn't have to do all the same research. We did the project downloading with one hand-held computer and

then typed the information into another hand-held device.

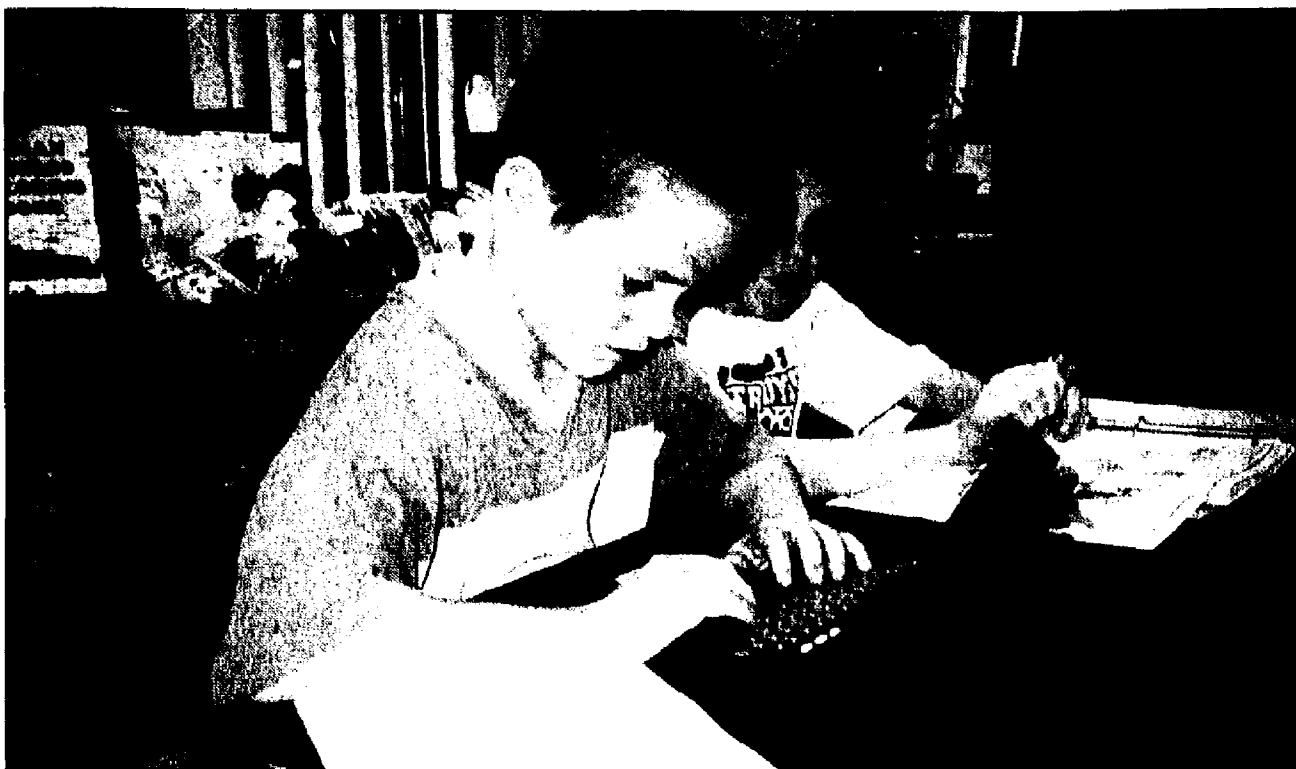
When I asked Mrs. Addona what she thought about the project she said, "I loved using the hand-helds! The outcome of the project was beyond my expectations. One of my biggest concerns was the potential downtime it would take to set the program up. To my delight, this program was up and running at the end of one 45-minute instructional period, which consisted of the technical end of hand-held use. Within minutes after the first lesson, students were downloading web pages and typing like they were using these computers for years!"

"Within days, the students were teaching me things that I hadn't learned about the mini-computers!" Mrs. Addona added.

"The project had minor technical problems, but my student Jack Siragusa quickly became our classroom hand-held guru. Jack was always able to fix any problem we had," Mrs. Addona said.

"When envisioning this project, I didn't consider the impact that it would have on the students' self-esteem. This project was a tremendous ego builder because every student was equally successful," she said.

According to a survey that they completed before the project began, most students



Peter Lordan watches Jack Siragusa work on a hand-held computer on loan to Denise Addona's fifth-grade class at Orange Avenue School, Cranford.

responded that they didn't know anything about hand-held computers. Now, most think they are proficient at using the hand-held.

"It makes writing so much easier," said Steven Ward.

Mrs. Addona is seeking other

grants. She said that if she receives any of the other grants we will be allowed to keep the computers permanently. The Rutgers computers had to be returned.

If anyone in the community knows of any grant possibilities

for hand-held devices, please contact Mrs. Addona at Orange Avenue School, 901 Orange Ave.; at (908) 709-6257; or at AddonaDe@cranfordschools.org.

Mrs. Addona also said that professional visitation is available by appointment.

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The bright color of the daffodil trumpets the arrival of spring at Parker Greenhouses Farm & Garden Center in Scotch Plains.



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Tulips in full bloom stretch as far as the eye can see at Parker Greenhouses, Farm & Garden Center on Terrili Road in Scotch Plains.



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Cranford celebration

Victoria Moreano, 4, gets a hug from the Easter Bunny, left, while John Devoti, 5, above, is adorned with bunny ears, thanks to Lori Polito, at Mayor's Park in Cranford on Saturday.

Anthony Brescia

WESTFIELD — Anthony J. Brescia, 76, died March 30, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He owned the Suburban Showcase women's clothing shop in Clark for 18 years.

Mr. Brescia was born in Newark and lived in Clark before moving to Westfield in 1977. He served in the Army during World War II and was a crossing guard in Westfield for nine years.

A brother, John, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinette Ricca Brescia; a son, Michael; a daughter, Doreen Capone; two sisters, Katherine Orango and Maria Moore; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Galante Funeral Home, Union, followed by a Mass at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in the Hollywood Memorial Park mausoleum, Union.

Shirley Moffet Dally

WESTFIELD — Shirley L. Moffet Dally, 77, died March 30, 2002 at Beverwyck Nursing Home in Parsippany. She retired in 1986 after five years as a clerical worker with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of New Jersey in Florham Park.

Mrs. Dally was born in

Westfield and lived in the town before moving to Parsippany in 1958. She also taught ceramics in her home for many years.

Surviving are her husband, Lyman T.; and a son, Lyman M.

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

Lucy De Francesco

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lucy Ferrara De Francesco, 89, died March 26, 2002 at her home. She had been a homemaker and a lifelong Scotch Plains resident.

Mrs. De Francesco was a member of the Intimates Women's Club; the St. Nicholas Women's Auxiliary to the Italian-American Club of Scotch Plains; the Catholic Golden Age Club; and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Deceased are her husband, Louis in 1983; a sister, Angie Hall; and a brother, Paul Ferrara.

Surviving are two daughters,

Beverly Goddis and Shirley Iovino; a brother, Philip Ferrara; four sisters, Clara Ferrara, Josephine Bealy, Laura Shockey and Jean Waldron; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

Donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center Foundation, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818-9972 or Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Ira Pulver

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ira Pulver, 76, died March 26, 2002 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. He owned H&H Provision Co., a meat supplier in Perth Amboy and Elizabeth.

Mr. Pulver was born in Scotch Plains and lived in the township before moving to Convent Station in 1977. He was a member of the Scotch Plains Optimist

Club and a Masonic lodge in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria Epstein Pulver; two daughters, Sally Greenspan and Nina Petzer; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin. Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

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Obituaries

Luan Gerveshi

SCOTCH PLAINS — Luan Gerveshi, 47, died March 26, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He had been with Engelhard Corp. for 22 years, most recently as a sales manager in its Iselin office.

Mr. Gerveshi was born in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, England. He lived in London, England, before moving to Westfield in 1982. He had resided in Scotch Plains since 1984.

He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering

from the Imperial College in London.

Surviving are his wife, Christine Hand Gerveshi; his father, Bardhyl; a son, Alexander, and a daughter, Carina, both at home; and a sister, Heidi Sherwood.

Mass was offered Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Memorial donations may be sent to American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

Mary A. Harrison

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary A. Talbot Harrison, 81, died March 27, 2002 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington. She retired in 1982 after 25 years as a secretary at the Bayonne and Rahway plants of the former RCA Corp.

Mrs. Harrison was born in Jersey City and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Branchburg in 1967. She was a member of the Branchburg Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband of 56 years, Edward R., died in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane Capiga, and a son-in-law, Daniel Capiga, both of Branchburg; a brother, Thomas Talbot of Old Bridge; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at Branchburg Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Oxford.

Memorial donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834.

Judith A. Bell

WESTFIELD — Judith A. Lubben Bell, 65, died suddenly March 26, 2002 at University Hospital in Newark. She was an accountant for 22 years, most recently with the Springfield firm of McDonough, Korn & Eichhorn.

Mrs. Bell was born in Mount Kisco, N.Y., and had lived in Westfield since 1954.

Surviving are her husband,

Robert J. Sr.; a son, Robert J. Jr.; a daughter, Barbara A.; and a grandchild.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to your favorite charity.

Marie Scaperrotta

WESTFIELD — Marie A. Merrell Scaperrotta, 75, died March 27, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was born in Newark and lived in Belleville before moving to Westfield in 1999.

Her husband, Joseph John, is deceased.

Mrs. Scaperrotta is survived by a daughter, Theodora Przybys; three sons, John, Carmen and Joseph; three sis-

ters, Mildred Byrne, Irene Van Houten and Anne Carr; two brothers, Anthony Merrell and Carl Merrell; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A blessing was given Saturday at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Nutley, following services at S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Nutley. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Upper Montclair.

Thomas H. Wight Jr.

WESTFIELD — Thomas Herbert Wight Jr., 90, died March 31, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He was a management consultant and a longtime chairman of the Westfield Recreation Committee.

He was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Westfield since 1920.

Mr. Wight operated his consulting firm in Westfield for more than 50 years until his retirement last year. He earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia University in 1933.

A Recreation Committee member for more than 25 years, Mr. Wight helped organize Little League baseball, youth football and youth wrestling programs in Westfield. He was a member

of the Echo Lake Country Club for 50 years.

His first wife, Margaret, and a grandson, Edward Malcolm Quigley Jr., are deceased.

Surviving are his second wife, Lois Welch McCoy Wight, to whom Mr. Wight was married 20 years; two sons, Douglas and David; and two daughters, Margaret Webb and Robin; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. tomorrow in the chapel at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Place, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091-0356.

Cynthia Oberhand

WESTFIELD — Cynthia Green Oberhand, 58, died March 28, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She had been a nurse at that hospital for many years and a volunteer with the Gay Men's Health Crisis in Manhattan.

She was born in Maplewood and lived in Summit before moving to Westfield in 1978.

Mrs. Oberhand attended the Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing at Dartmouth College and the Overlook Hospital nursing school. She founded the Emanuel Oberhand Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Summit Jewish Community Center in memory of her late

father-in-law.

She also was a member of the Overlook Hospital Foundation.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Robert L. a son, Christopher Johnsen; a daughter, Holly Johnsen; a stepson, Bruce; a stepdaughter, Debra Mizrahi; and a grandchild.

A memorial service was held Monday at Grand Summit Hotel in Summit.

Arrangements were by Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Valerie Fund Children's Center, Overlook Hospital, 33 Overlook Road, Suite 211, Summit, NJ 07901.

Eva Reinsprecht

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eva Rausch Reinsprecht, 75, died March 27, 2002 at her home. She worked for many years at Glasstetters Bakery in the township.

A native of Yugoslavia, Mrs. Reinsprecht came to the United States in 1952 and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1956. She was a member of the Deutscher Club in Clark, the Catholic Golden Age Club in Scotch Plains and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the

Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Stefan, died in 1993.

Surviving are a son, Rudolph; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

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

Donations may be sent to JFK Haven Hospice, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08820.

William L. Axt

FANWOOD — William L. Axt, 42, died March 28, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a corrections officer for the past six years at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

A native of Rahway, he served in the Navy and lived in Fanwood before moving to Linden in 2000.

Mr. Axt also was an instructor at the John H. Stamler Union County Police Academy in Scotch Plains. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School alumnus worked for Standard Embossing Co. in Hillside.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus council in Hillside and the Sons of the

American Legion, associated with American Legion Post 209.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Saporito Axt; his parents, Carl W. Axt and Angela Praticco Axt; a son, William L. Jr.; a daughter, Amanda; a brother, Donald Bucca; a sister, Lisa Fleissner; a niece and three nephews.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Scotch Plains, following services at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to Union County Corrections Honor Guard, P.O. Box 204, Roselle Park, NJ 07204.

Helen N. Sobota

FANWOOD — Helen N. Nycz Sobota, 73, died Feb. 3, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She retired in 1992 after 10 years as a quality control worker with L'Oreal Corp. in Clark.

Mrs. Sobota was born in Hillside and lived in Linden before moving to Fanwood in 1967. A life member of the Disabled American Veterans, she served in the Women's Army Corps during the Korean War.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph E.; a sister, Sophia N. Smeraglia of Rahway; and three brothers, John M. Nycz of Summerville, S.C., Theodore Nycz and Joseph A. Nycz, both of Onancock, Va.

Mass was offered Feb. 7 at St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth. Burial will be in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Arrangements were by Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home, 2124 E. St. Georges Ave., Linden.

Sol Diener

WESTFIELD — Sol Diener, 85, died April 1, 2002 at Rahway Hospital. He owned Sokler's Furniture store in Carteret for more than 50 years.

A native of Newark, he lived in Rahway before moving to Westfield in 1953.

Mr. Diener earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a law degree from the Rutgers Law School. He was a longtime member of Jewish War Veterans Post 78 in Hillside and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He served in the Army in the Pacific during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Naomi Sokler Diener; two daughters, Debra N. of Arlington, Va., and Laurie Diener Neblock of Cherry Hill; a brother, Martin Axelrad; a sister, Ethel Ramo; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were held yesterday at Beth Israel Memorial Park in Woodbridge. Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

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Scherenschnitte demonstration Sunday

WESTFIELD — On April 7, 1:5 p.m., Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield will demonstrate her paper-cutting artistry call Scherenschnitte at the Miller-Dory House Museum. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

Scherenschnitte came to America in the 17th century with the Germans who settled in Pennsylvania. The Chinese developed the craft centuries ago but used knives instead of scissors. It became a popular folk art all over Europe, especially in Switzerland, Poland, and Germany. Early Americans put out lacy designs and flowers to decorate house blessings and marriage and birth certificates.

Janet Murphy of Kenilworth and Sherry Lange of Cranford will prepare seasonal foods over the open hearth, using authentic colonial recipes and cooking techniques. Visitors may enjoy taste treats prepared by the cooks.

Dressed in 18th-century costumes, volunteers will guide visitors through the historic farmhouse and will respond to questions about life in early New Jersey. The last tour begins at 4 p.m. The museum's charming gift shop offers many colonial gifts and educational items.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

On April 14, Eileen O'Shea will demonstrate the art of straw hat weaving. For information about the museum, its schedule of spring events, or volunteer opportunities, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Handbell concert at Cranford church

CRANFORD — A concert by the Jubilation Ringers of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Allentown, Pa. is scheduled for April 21 at 4 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Walnut Avenue.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. For further information and tickets call the church office at (908) 276-1936. Checks should be made payable to the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Free concert at Schering-Plough

KENILWORTH — Schering-Plough Corporation is sponsoring a free concert by the Kean University Concert Choir on April 11, 6 p.m., in the lobby of building K-1 on the Schering-Plough campus at 2000 Galloping Hill Road in Kenilworth.

Light refreshments will follow the concert at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Seating is limited; reserve tickets in advance. Those interested may RSVP by April 9 by calling (908) 998-7240 (press 2), or e-mail to barbara.dooling@spcorp.com.

Society sponsors Opera Cabaret

CRANFORD — The Altar Society of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church presents its annual Opera Cabaret with the New Jersey State Opera.

Showtime in the Alden Street Church is 7 p.m. Friday, April 12. Featured are arias from "La Traviata," "Lucia Di Lammermoor" and other operas, plus Broadway show tunes, all sung by the New Jersey State Opera. Accompaniment and narration is by David Maiullo, piano.

Admission of \$15 includes refreshments. For tickets, phone Aaryanne at (908) 276-7555 or Cathy at (908) 276-1249.



Linda Eder will headline the annual gala for the benefit of the State Theatre later this month.

Linda Eder will headline benefit for State Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK — The featured performer at the 2002 State Theatre Benefit Gala is Linda Eder, the star of the thrilling Broadway musical *Jekyll and Hyde*. Her performance with a 36-piece orchestra is scheduled for April 13 at 7 p.m.

In 1990, *Jekyll & Hyde* premiered at the Alley Theater in Houston, with Eder in the role of Lucy, the doomed nightclub singer of questionable virtue, who falls under the attention of both the good Dr. Jekyll and his evil alter ego, Edward Hyde. The show went on a 35-city national tour before opening on Broadway at the Plymouth Theater in 1997. Linda's stunning delivery of the show's major ballads — "Someone Like You," "In His Eyes" and "A New Life" — earned her a legion of devoted fans as well as a bounty of love-letter reviews in any number of publications, including *USA Today* who gushed, "Linda Eder plays the prostitute Lucy with a captivating presence and a Streisand-esque singing voice that elevates everything it touches." The *Chicago Tribune* has raved about her voice, saying, "Like Ethel Merman, Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand before her, Eder has more voice than most mere mortals."

Eder has recorded five well-received solo albums: *Linda Eder* (1991, RCA), *And So Much More* (1994, Angel), *It's Time* (1997, Atlantic), *It's No Secret Anymore* (1999, Atlantic), and a holiday album, *Christmas Stays the Same* (2000, Atlantic), which *USA Today* ranked as one of 2000's top ten albums — alongside such artists as U2 and Don Henley. She can also be heard on the Original Broadway Cast Recording of *Jekyll & Hyde* (1997, Atlantic), as well as the original concept albums for Wildhorn's other stage musicals, *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (1992, Angel) and *The Civil War* (1999, Atlantic). The title track from her recent release, *Gold*, was heard around the world during the opening ceremonies at the 2002

Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Eder has spent much of the past few years touring with the most prestigious orchestras and conductors in the country, including Marvin Hamlisch and Keith Lockhart. She has sold out Carnegie Hall twice, prompting nationally syndicated columnist Liz Smith to enthuse, "I think the word diva, as in divine, is called for. What a powerhouse of a voice, what stunning musicality and phrasing, what a great, mysterious sense of warmth, what a wonderful way to spend an evening."

In 2001, Eder's heavy concert schedule culminated in a number of acclaimed holiday shows — which became the popular Bravo special, *Linda Eder: The Christmas Concert* — and an seating-room-only series of performances at Broadway's Gershwin Theater. Linda can now rightfully take her place with such superstars as Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Liza Minnelli, and Sammy Davis, Jr. — all of who have appeared in concert on Broadway.

Benefit Gala tickets include premium seating for the concert and the post-performance black tie dinner-dance at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. Benefit Gala tickets are available for \$250 and offer a unique way to support the State Theatre, while enjoying a fabulous concert, a sumptuous buffet dinner, dancing and more.

Concert only tickets, are on sale now for \$65 (Premium Orchestra/Loge), \$55 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$45 (Rear Orchestra/Balcony), and \$30 (Gallery). A portion of all ticket purchases for this event is tax-deductible. All proceeds from the State Theatre Benefit Gala will support programming, education and community outreach initiatives. For more information about the Benefit Gala please call (732) 247-7200 ext. 512. Single ticket purchasers should call the State Theatre Box Office.

Young artists will present 'South Pacific'

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theater (WYACT) and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) will join forces again in July by assembling a theatrical company of youth performers destined for stardom to present this summer's eagerly anticipated classic musical, "South Pacific," in NJPAC's beautiful Victoria Theatre.

Following four highly acclaimed summer productions of NJPAC, "Carousel," "Oliver," "Brigadoon," and "Once On This Island," "South Pacific" will run from July 12 through July 22. Tickets go on sale sometime in April.

Singing auditions for South Pacific will be at the Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave., Westfield, on April 13 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and in Newark at NJPAC, One Center St. on April 14 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Callbacks will be April 27 at NJPAC. Bring a photo and sheet music in the correct key. Cynthia Meryl is on a particular talent search for the part of Emile De Cœque, a bass/baritone with acting skills, who can give the appearance of being 32-35 years of age.

This production of South Pacific commemorates the centennial anniversary of the birth of legendary composer, Richard Rogers.

Musical favorites from "South Pacific" include "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-a My Hair," and "I'm In Love With a Wonderful Guy," as romance blossoms amidst war and paradise.

Cynthia Meryl, WYACT's artistic director, said, "We are especially proud and delighted that, following the engagement of South Pacific this summer in the Victoria Theatre at NJPAC, the production will tour the Algonquin Arts Theatre (AAT) in Manasquan for an additional run. Considering the need for arts funding, this kind of networking is key to theatre's survival."

WYACT's production is presented as part of the NJPAC Arts Education Department's Summer Musical Production Program. Phillip Thomas, the vice president of arts education at NJPAC says, "We are very excited to partner once again with WYACT on South Pacific, our fifth production as a result of our partnership, and the performances just keep getting better."

For further information regarding auditions, technical apprenticeships, or general WYACT information, call (908) 233-3221. For tickets and box office information for South Pacific, call (1-888) GO-NJPAC.

Piscataway exhibit focuses on ceramics

PISCATAWAY — The Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum opens its newest exhibit April 14 — UnCommon Clay: New Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry.

The exhibit introduces New Jersey's once booming, and now almost forgotten architectural ceramics industry. The exhibition focuses on the glazed and brightly colored decorative material used on many American skyscrapers, buildings, and homes for almost 100 years. New Jersey's terra cotta manufacturers, distributing their products throughout the country, dominated the industry in terms of factories, tradesman, materials and production.

These decorative pieces can be seen on famous buildings like the Woolworth Building, Philadelphia Museum of Art, United States Supreme Court Building. Local examples of this once immensely popular architectural detailing remain in towns like Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, and Woodbridge, all former homes to leading terra cotta companies.

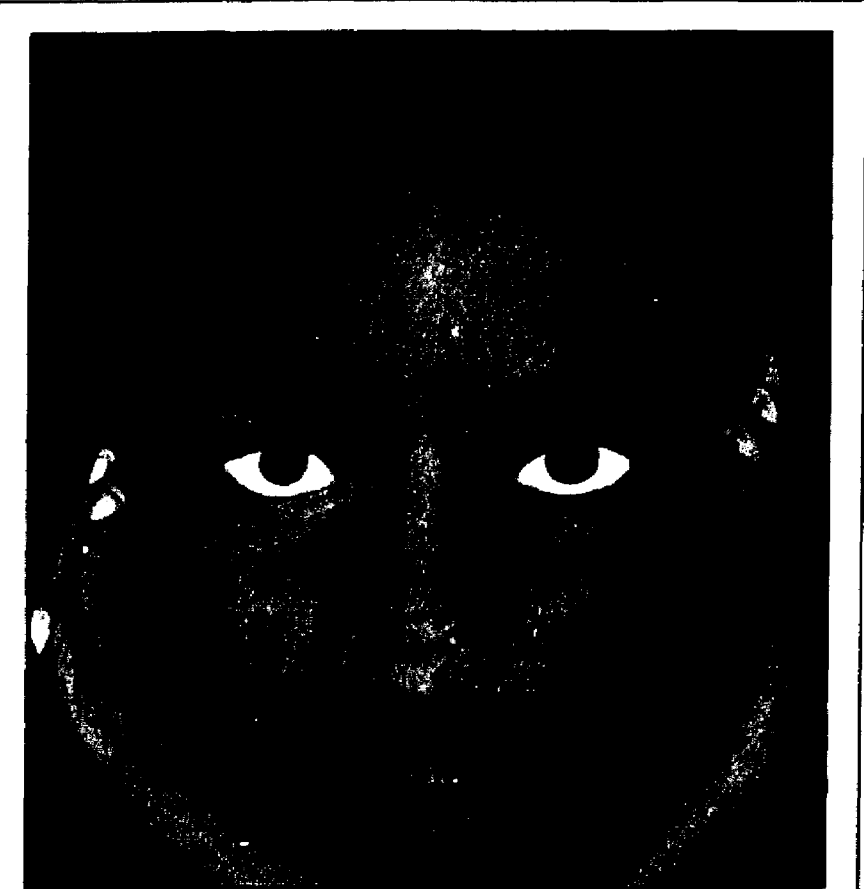
The comprehensive public history project of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage commission includes the exhibition, audio displays, educational workshops, lecture series, and outreach programs.

The oral histories included are unique to this exhibit in that they are from local residents who generously gave of their time, and in some cases their materials, to tell of their own experiences within this industry. These stories include artisans, tradesmen, business owners, purchasers, and builders.

Young people can also learn of this former trade with education workshops. The workshops offer a learning experience in the manufacturing of terra cotta and clues to discovering terra cotta architecture in their own hometowns.

The Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum is located 1225 River Road in Piscataway and is open to the public Tuesday through Friday and Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. Group and school tours are by special appointment. For all other information, call (732) 745-4177.

UnCommon Clay is open to the public without charge and remains on display until May 30, 2003.



New exhibit at Arts Center

Selected works by visual artist Stephanie Natiello will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center until April 27. Natiello, a cum laude graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, is a practicing freelance illustrator and is continuing her education at NJ's Fairleigh Dickinson University in paralegal studies.

Free jazz concert at Manville Library

MANVILLE — Manville Public Library will present Dr. Karen Zumbunn Jazz Trio in a free concert 7 p.m. April 16 in the Community Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Zumbunn received her doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley and holds degrees from Harvard University and Ohio State University.

Her CD, "Snowfall" has been well received. Curt Yeske of the *Times* wrote "Listening to the album can be riveting because each cut has been artfully crafted, leaving you wanting to hear more." *Jazz Improv* magazine called Karen "a most distinctive voice." A

new CD will be released in June.

Further studies were in Paris, France at the Sorbonne and l'Ecole Normale de Musique. While at the Blue Note in Paris, Karen worked with well known American and European musicians. She recorded with the "International Stars of Jazz" in Rome and performed at the Women's Jazz Festival.

Zumbunn has taught at Rutgers, Bergen, Mercer and Middlesex County Colleges. "Dr. Jazz," as she is known, was honored as a "Distinguished Artist" by the *Home News and Tribune* and *Asbury Park Press*. She plays regularly in the area.

Appearing with her will be

bassist Rick Crane, who received his BA from William Peterson College's well-known jazz program. He performs widely at clubs, and festivals and is on many CDs. He has worked with many respected jazz artists including Vic Juris, Rio Clemente, Harry Leahy and Billy Eckstine.

Drummer Tom Sayek has worked with many jazz greats including Zoot Sims, Tal Farlow. Tom recorded with Karen, John Pizzarello, Tal Farlow, Grover Kemple, Jerry Vezza and others. He is the author of a book on drums and plays along with the *East Coast* at Jazz festivals and clubs.

'Intimate Evening' to feature accordionist will

BEDMINSTER — Accordionist Joe Macerollo will beguile listeners with his virtuosity, charm and mixture of classical and European popular favorites during the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey's final program of this season's "Intimate Evening" chamber music series, on Friday, April 19 at 8:30 p.m. at a private home in Bedminster.

Macerollo, a consummate performer and educator is no stranger to convincing audiences of the virtues of the accordion. He pioneered the acceptance of the accordion at the Faculty of Music,

University of Toronto and at Queen's University in Kingston and his textbook, *The Accordion Resource Manual*, stands as a marvelous achievement of methodology and scholarship that is widely used internationally.

As a performer, Macerollo has appeared with major orchestras and ensembles around the world. In 1998 he joined Quartetto Gelato and continues extensive traveling and performing with them. He has represented Canada in two world accordion championships and was named Mississauga Musician of the Year in 1987. In addition, he has com-

missioned over 200 works by Canadian composers, ranging in style from traditional to theatrical, gaining respect for his instrument in all venues.

The recital will be followed by a reception with Macerollo and Philharmonic Music Director, George Marriner Maull. Reservations for this fundraising event are available at \$75, with students (ages 10-18) at \$25. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check payable to "PONJ", PO Box 4064, Warren NJ 07059. For credit card charges and information call (908) 226-7300.

Theater

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www.georgestplayhouse.org

• "Ctrl+Alt+Delete," world premiere of dot-bomb comedy by Anthony Clurvoe. To April 14. Admission \$45-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE
Brookside Dr., Millburn
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www.papermill.org

• "The King and I," area production of Rodgers &

Hammerstein musical. To May 19. Admission \$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS
Route 514, Hillsborough
(908) 369-5110;
www.svptheatre.org

• "Social Security," comedy by Andrew Bergan. 8 p.m. April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20; 3 p.m. April 7, 14, 21. Adults \$13; seniors, students \$10 (no discount Saturday).

VILLAGERS THEATRE
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
(732) 873-2710

• "Closer," drama by Patrick Marber. 8 p.m. April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20; 2 p.m. April 7. Admission \$10.

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Raritan Valley
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Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;
www.raritanval.edu/theatre

• "Weird Romance," two one-act musicals by Alan ("Beauty and the Beast") Menken. 7:30 p.m. April 10-12, 18-20. Adults \$12; students, seniors \$8.

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

• "The Spring Skies," 2 and 7 p.m. April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18. Admission \$4.50; children under 5 not admitted.
• "Atlantis" (laser show), 3 and

8 p.m. April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18. Admission \$5; combination with "The Spring Skies" \$8.50. Children under 5 not admitted.

For Kids
THE ART MUSEUM
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(609) 258-3788
Programs for ages 5-9 years old at 11 a.m. Saturday. Free admission.

• "Heroes and Heroines in Myth and Reality," April 6.
• "Rain Player: The Meso-American Ball Game," April 13.

CIRCUS
1 and 3:30 p.m. April 7
Theatre at Raritan Valley
Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;
www.raritanval.edu/theatre

• A grandfather puts on a show in his nursing home with the help of his son. Admission \$9.

IMAGINATION, DREAMS AND MAKE-BELIEVE
2 p.m. Sunday, April 7
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(800) ALLEGRO;
www.njsymphony.org

• Starring the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and featuring Bob ("Sesame Street") McGrath. Admission \$17, \$12.

PUPPENTANCE
7 p.m. April 6, 2 p.m. April 7; Circle Playhouse
416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway
(732) 968-7555

• Puppet show inside a theater in the round. Admission \$8.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR
2 p.m. April 7, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. April 8, 10 a.m. April 9; Wilkins Theatre, Kean University, Union
(908) 527-2337

• From caterpillar to moth to butterfly, all live and local. Admission \$6.

Spoken Word
THE ART MUSEUM
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Gallery talks 12:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

• Betsy Rosasco on "Titian, Van Dyck and the Body of Christ," April 5, 7.

• Harvey Rothberg on "The Four Evangelists" of 17th-century Holland, April 12, 14.

Concerts
ALICE B. TALKLESS
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10
Barron Arts Center
582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge
(732) 381-7691

• Feminist singer-songwriter duo. Free admission.

KRISTIN CHENOWETH
8 p.m. Saturday, April 6
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.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
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;
www.raritanval.edu/theatre

• Circus troupe from Quebec. Admission \$25, \$20; tickets for Sept. 15 will be honored.

LINDA EDER
7 p.m. Saturday, April 13
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Broadway singer-actress. Admission \$65-\$30. Gala tickets (with post-concert dinner-dance) \$250.

EVELYN GLENNIE
8 p.m. Thursday, April 11
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(800) ALLEGRO;
www.njsymphony.org

• Drummer performs the New Jersey premiere of a Schwanter percussion concerto with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$65-\$17. Related lecture 6:45 p.m.

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING
7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6
First Unitarian Society
724 Park Ave., Plainfield
(908) 756-0750

• Joint concert of the church's choir and the Little Opera Company of New Jersey. Adults \$10; children under 12 free.

JOE
8 p.m. Saturday, April 13
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226;
www.uacac.org

• R&B singer whose hits are on 98.7 Kiss FM and the newly resurgent WBLS. Admission \$42, \$26.

CECILE LICAD

8 p.m. Friday, April 12
Wilkins Theatre
Kean University, Union
(908) 527-2337

• Philippine-born pianist. Adults \$20, \$15; students \$7.

PAT MATHENY
8 p.m. Monday, April 8
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Jazzman whose biggest hit was a 1980s movie theme with David Bowie ("This is Not America"). Admission \$55-\$30.

THE MOODY BLUES
8 p.m. Monday, April 8
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• "Classic rock" (94.5 The Hawk/Q104.3) band that last hit in the age of Reagan. Admission \$75-\$40.

RONAN TYNAN
8 p.m. Friday, April 5
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• Irish tenor from PBS. Admission \$38-\$20.

Dance

COPPELIA
8 p.m. Saturday, April 13
Wilkins Theatre, Kean University, Union
(908) 527-2337;
www.newjerseyballet.org

• Polish-based work performed by the New Jersey Ballet. Adults \$18, Kean faculty, employees \$16; students \$12.

MOMIX IN ORBIT
8 p.m. Friday, April 12
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatrenj.org

• New Jersey premiere of "Millennium Skiva," "Pleiades" and "Discman." Admission \$32-\$20.

Events

COUNTRY FOLK ART CRAFT SHOW
New Jersey Convention Center
Raritan Center, Edison
(732) 417-1400;
www.countryfolkart.com

• Spring edition of touring craft show. 3-9 p.m. April 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 7. Adults \$7; children under 10 \$2 (no strollers).

SPRING WESTFIELD ART-CRAFT MARKET
Westfield Armory
500 Rahway Ave., Westfield
(800) 834-9437; www.americancraftmarketing.com

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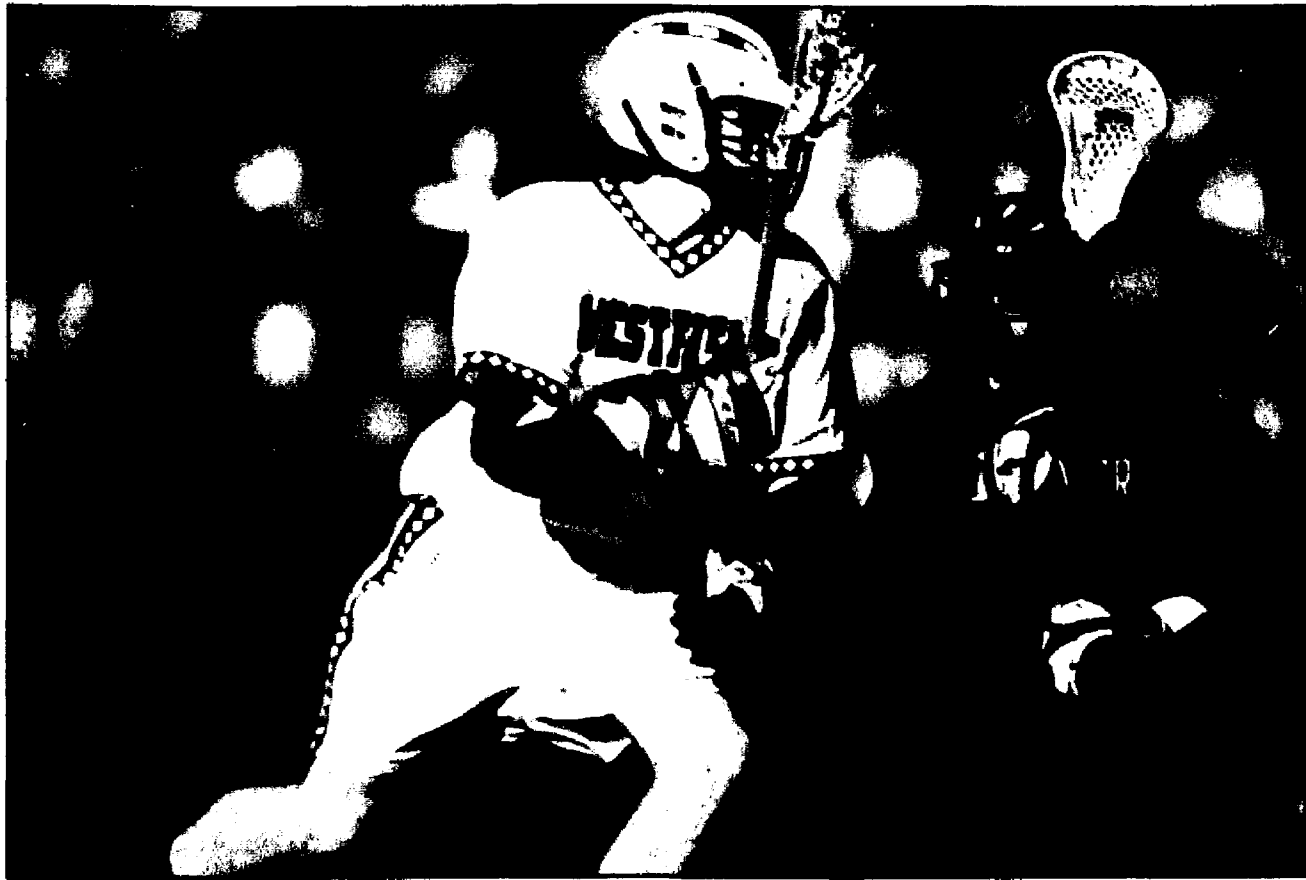
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Sports

Blue Devils rally back for overtime victory



LARRY MURPHY RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT
Westfield rallied back from a four-goal deficit to defeat Johnson 8-7 in overtime Monday. The Devils host Hillsborough 11 a.m. tomorrow.

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

What may be a rebuilding year for the Westfield High boys lacrosse team started off in strong fashion Monday as the Blue Devils rallied from a four-goal deficit to defeat a quality Johnson team 8-7 in overtime.

Senior Greg Elliot scored his sixth-career goal unassisted with 2:38 remaining in OT, after senior attackman Tim Mansfield led Westfield back from a 6-2 deficit with four of his five goals in the fourth quarter, the final off a feed from Billy Shultz with just seconds remaining.

The Westfield defense was also able to shutdown Johnson's Matt Poskay -- who tied the national career scoring record of 292 with his fourth goal -- when it mattered most, holding him scoreless throughout the fourth quarter and overtime. The goaltending tandem of Dan Kotch and Brian Piro combined for 11 saves.

"To comeback after being down 6-2 against a good team shows the direction this team is going," said Head Coach Gerry Benaquista. "It's something we can build on. The team stuck together."

The Blue Devils, who finished

11-8 and reached the second round of the state tournament last year, took on one of its biggest challenges of the season yesterday, hosting top-ranked Summit and will host Hillsborough 11 a.m. tomorrow before traveling to Columbia 4 p.m. Monday.

While Monday's victory was an impressive first step for a young Westfield squad, the day wasn't all roses. The injury bug which afflicted the team last season reared its ugly head again as senior attackman Dave Santoriello and face-off specialist Mike Charney joined the team's top midfielder Mike DeBrossy on the injured list.

There isn't a definitive timetable yet but DeBrossy, who had preseason knee surgery, and Charney could be out for close to a month, and Santoriello, who separated the same shoulder he injured last year, could be lost for the season, according to Benaquista.

But the squad isn't hanging their heads, using Tuesday's practice as an opportunity to step up and pick up the slack.

"Everybody is still very positive," said Benaquista. "Some of the younger kids have stepped up and are trying to compete for a varsity spot. They don't like to see their teammates get hurt, but it's

an opportunity to step up and play at the varsity level."

A lot of young players will see time for Westfield this season, with six of the starting midfielders and two of the top three attackmen underclassmen. Tim Mansfield, Billy Shultz, Gil Arbitsman, Andrew Tucker, Evan Sullivan and Tim Heine, along with Santoriello comprise the attack lines.

Ben Masel, Dan Kane and Elliot make up the first middle line, with Anthony Yudd, Matt Cleaves and Mark Schott playing together on the second line. Chris MacDonald, Tyler Hogarth and Jordan Loffredo are the third line.

The defense consists of Dylan DePalmer, Dan MacDonald, Duffy Lau, Dan Seeger and Chris Freisen, with Kotch and Piro splitting time in net. Elliot and DePalmer are the captains, along with DeBrossy and Santoriello.

"We have a lot of young guys," said Benaquista. "I just hope we can be peaking at the end of the season. We have a lot of talent coming off an undefeated JV season, and a couple guys returning from varsity. Hopefully at the end of the season we can be playing our best lacrosse, make the playoffs and go further than last year."

Returning veterans looking to lead young Raiders

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After graduating key players of off one of the program's most successful teams, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High softball squad expects to take a step back this year. But with four returning veteran and some talented newcomers, the Raiders don't expect that step to be very large.

Scotch Plains suffered a setback in its first game of the season, falling to Union Catholic 8-6 Monday when the Vikings rallied for seven runs in the sixth inning, turning a 2-1 Scotch

Plains lead into an 8-2 deficit. The Raiders battled back, scoring four runs in the bottom of the frame, but the comeback effort fell short. Laura Manzi doubled in two runs and Caitlin McNelis scored twice for the Raiders.

Scotch Plains will play the next three on the road, taking on Bridgewater-Raritan 4 p.m. today, Shabazz 4 p.m. Monday and Cranford 4 p.m. Wednesday.

"We played pretty well, except for that one inning," said Head Coach Frank Butz. "We lost a lot of good players, but we have some returning players. We'll be okay."

Leading the way for Scotch Plains will be senior second baseman and captain Kellie LaForge. In her fourth year as a starter, LaForge is a dependable fielder and contact hitter who should spend most of the season hitting out of the two-hole, after registering a team-leading .435 batting average last season.

Two players will split time at first base, junior Jen Oschner and sophomore Jodi Fiorino. Junior Kelly Lusk saw time with the varsity last year and will play shortstop along with the only other senior on the squad, Sharika Pleasant. Freshman

Taylor Cianciolo will split time at third base with junior pitcher Caitlin McNelis.

Junior Chrissy Cardinale will play leftfield when Laura Manzi is pitching. Junior Megan Reddington returns to the starting centerfield position, will bat leadoff and may see some time behind the plate. Junior Lindsey Pennella is back for her third season as the starting rightfielder. Sophomore Michelle Fisher will also see time in the outfield.

Sophomore Shanaya Willis, a designated hitter and outfielder last year, will catch the pitching duo of McNelis and Manzi. Neither pitcher is overpowering, but both have good control and movement on their pitchers, and aren't going to issue many walks to hurt themselves.

"Hopefully we'll be able to play solid defensively," said Butz. "We have a couple people back there with experience. If we can play good defense we'll be in

most games."

Butz's biggest concern is how well and how quickly his young players will adjust to varsity pitching. The Raiders' bats were somewhat quiet in the preseason, but Butz expects the hitting to pick up with each game.

"We faced some really good pitchers in five of our six scrimmages and Monday," said Butz. "I think we have some good hitters and I expect we'll be able to hit the ball fairly decently."

MacDonald tosses no-hitter as Blue Devils rout Linden

Batterymates Caitlin MacDonald and Tara Dowling provided everything the Westfield High softball team would need to gain a measure of revenge over Linden in a season opening 9-0 victory Monday.

MacDonald tossed a no-hitter, striking out 15 batters and walking just three, and was 1-for-3 with two runs scored while Dowling was 4-for-4 with four RBI and three runs. Linden defeated Westfield in the first round of the state tournament last season. Westfield host defending county champ Governor Livingston 11 a.m. tomorrow.

BASEBALL

Westfield registered an impressive opening day victory with a 14-4 thumping of Linden Monday.

The Blue Devils took control of the game immediately led by third baseman Mike Sofka, who had a run scoring single and a three-run double, both in the first inning when Westfield built a 9-0 lead. John Leonardis added a two-run

single in the first and finished with three RBI. Brian Butts and Ben Kokot each doubled.

Jay Cook earned his first win of the season.

TENNIS

In a tight battle with one of the state's elite teams, Westfield played well but fell to Livingston 3-2 Monday. Rich Morin won 6-1, 6-3 at second singles and Devin Power and Doug Shineman registered a 6-4, 7-5 victory at second doubles. Dave Eisenberg nearly won the match for Westfield, falling in a third set tie-breaker 7-3 at third singles.

GOLF

Westfield won its third match in two days, posting a 170-193 victory over Wardlaw-Hartridge Tuesday at Echo Lake Country Club. Adam Karnish and Ryan Shallcross each fired 41s while Chris Tropeano shot 43 and Eric Cockren 45. Westfield took on Summit yesterday, and will host Oratory Monday and St. Peter's Tuesday at Echo Lake.

Westfield 167, Union 196, Linden 263 — Westfield opened the season with two victories Monday, scoring 167 to defeat Union and Linden at Echo Lake Country Club. Adam Karnish and Ryan Shallcross posted 41s, Gerritt Ill shot 42 and Jeff Luker 43 on the par-36 course.

SCOTCH PLAINS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys and girls track teams each cruised to victory over a depleted Cranford squad in the first dual meet of the season. The boys squad won 89-38, while the girls posted 76-44 victory.

Ray Williams led the boys with victories in the 100 (10.7), 200 (21.5), 400 (47.6) and long jump (21-1). Jayme Ferraro sparked the girls with victories in the 200 (26.2), high hurdles (1:07.9) and high jump (4-8).

GOLF

Scotch Plains opened the season with 10-stroke victory over Union at Echo Lake Country Club Monday 186-196. Mats Notoane led the Raiders with a 45, followed by 47s from Brian Muller, Mike Sprung and Jon Bezrucyk.

TENNIS

Scotch Plains rolled to a 4-1 season-opening victory over Oratory Prep Tuesday.

Mike Thompson won 6-3, 6-4 at second singles and Josh Sanders won 6-0, 6-2 at third singles. Jason Kueger and Adam Corbin posted a 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 win at first doubles and Simon Poplyansky and Jesse Rogowsky won 6-1, 6-0 at second doubles.

SOFTBALL

In a battle with crosstown rival Union Catholic, Scotch Plains dropped the season opener Monday, falling 8-6.

The Vikings rallied for seven runs in the sixth inning, led by a bases loaded triple by Mary Rosado, to take a 8-2 lead. Scotch Plains rallied in the bottom of the sixth, scoring four runs, but couldn't climb all the way back. Laura Manzi had a two-run double for the Raiders and Caitlin McNelis had two singles and two runs scored.



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Mike Walker placed in the long jump and won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet Tuesday as Scotch Plains defeated Cranford 89-38.

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BASKETBALL

St. Helen's fails in finale

Playing one of the top 6th grade girls teams in the state, St. Helen's was defeated by Clark 6-25-11 in the IHM of Scotch Plains March Madness Tournament final.

St. Helen's just wasn't able to hit their open shots like they usually do. Trailing at halftime 11-7 St. Helen's was just 1-for-10 at the foul line which came back to haunt them later on Stephanie Slodyska. St. Helen's top inside presence and leading scorer, fouled out early in the second half. Clark was playing a box and one on St. Helen's other top scorer Enn Miller and held her to just 2 points, which was the big difference in the game. Clark also beat St. Helen's in the super league final. St. Helen's was going into the game with an 18-game winning

streak, which included the OLP tournament championship, the Union County CYO championship, the Middlesex County CYO championship, the 64-team St. Francis Cabrini championship and a win over Monmouth County CYO champs St. Mary's of Monmouth in the Cabrini Tournament.

Even with a second place finish in the IHM tournament the girls had a season to remember, finishing with a 64-9 record and winning 40 of their last 42 games, with both losses to Clark 6-25-11 and to Scotch Plains 11-7. Stephanie Slodyska, the only member of the team to play in every game, set an all time St. Helen's girls single season scoring record with 803 points in 73 games, giving her a two-year mark of 889 points. With two seasons left she should be a thousand point scorer for her four years at St. Helen's.

Enn Miller scored 739 points in 72 games,

giving her a two-year total of 1003. She scored 264 points in 45 games last year. Ali Mac Donald led St. Helen's in rebounding and keeps showing improvement in her offensive game. Rose Ursic, St. Helen's point guard extraordinaire led the team in assists and always played the other teams' top scoring guard. Danielle Infantino was St. Helen's third leading scorer and rebounder also covering the other team's best big guy. Kossy Winder was St. Helen's most accurate free throw and regular shooter.

Elizabeth Hartough, a first year player, showed tremendous potential and was one of the big reasons for St. Helen's end of year success with her improved play. Allison Oberlander improved play along with excellent shooting range was a big factor for St. Helen's. Anne Depalmer and Nina Brownstone are both developing into excellent all around players and were key factors in St. Helen's pressing defense. St. Helen's two 6th graders, Kate Sheridan and Cassie Simcox worked hard all year and played exceptionally well for 6th graders, going up against mostly 6th grade teams and show great potential for St. Helen's 6th grade squad next season.

St. Helen's success wasn't because they had 12 girls that could play but they had 12 girls that played together as a team.

Any girls from St. Helen's that would like to play next season for St. Helen's can do so by calling coach Ed Miller at (908) 233-6536. Any girls from Holy Trinity or Westfield are welcome to try out but preference is given to parishioners. St. Helen's needs players and coaches for all girls teams next season (3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th grade, 7th-8th grade) so don't be afraid to call. With enough interest we can have a team for each grade level. We will also have summer programs so call to get on email and mailing lists.

SOCCER

Sparx tame Wildcats

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Sparx U-11 girls soccer team dominated the Watchung Hills Wildcats from start to finish, winning 4-0. Jenne Altman scored first with a strong shot into the corner. Allison Goldberg then had a breakaway from the midfield and dribbled past the goalie to punch in a shot and put the Sparx up 2-0. Strong play by midfielders Becca Von Langen, Enka White, Jenna McGarry and Britney Vecek kept the ball out of the Sparx backfield and up at the offensive front line.

Anytime the Wildcats managed to enter Sparx territory, they were quickly turned away by the tough defensive play of McGarry, Stephanie Glover and Sheryl Markovitz. Becca Von Langen sent a solid cross to Corinne Walker who knocked in the shot. Allison Goldberg then fired off a cross to the mouth of the net which bounced in off a Wildcat player for her second score of the game.

Britney Vecek closed out the half with a great save in front of the net to keep the Sparx lead at 4-0. In the second half, with the offense switching to defense and vice versa, Goalie Jaclyn Law played up front and had numerous shots on goal. Stephanie Glover, Jenna McGarry, Sheryl Markovitz and Britney Vecek all took turns pressuring the Wildcats goalie, who denied their shots. Saxony Nielsen was strong in goal, making many great saves. Olivia Franzavilla did an excellent job defending the backfield along with Allison Goldberg and Jenne Altman.

Rebels suffer first defeat

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rebels U-10 girls soccer team suffered their first defeat when they squared off against the top-rated Somerset Hills Spitfires. The Spitfires were up 2-0 when Colleen Sweeney found the back of the net off an assist from Morgan Burke. The Spitfires answered back and the first half ended at 3-1. In the third quarter Michelle Goldberg and Lyndsey Douglas put together numerous attacks, but the Spitfires defense refused to allow any good shots. The Rebels defense anchored by Cassie Zito, Ally Prestidge, Sarah Canfield and Kathryn Dimzio played a tough and aggressive game, but in the end were overwhelmed by the speed of the Spitfires and gave up two goals to go down 5-3.

GYMNASTICS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA "C" Division gymnastics team competed in its fourth meet of the season March 23, finishing fourth behind Montclair YMCA, Western Monmouth County YMCA and Westfield YMCA with an 81.9 total, just four-tenths of a point behind Westfield. Although the team finished fourth, team member and coach enthusiasm has not waned. "We are very proud of all our gymnasts," said Dana Fiore, the team's coach.

Competing for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA were Aina Chabus, Kelsey Herbig, Cathryn Vaccaro and many ribbon winners. Julia Capodicasa placed second on beam as well as sixth on bars and all-around in the 12 and over age group.

In the 9-and under age group, Victoria Shak placed first on vault and floor, Olivia Dunham

placed second on beam and floor. Marissa Mastrocola placed second bars and third on vault. Samantha Mazzucco placed second all-around, third on bars and fifth on beam, and Sarah Van Buskirk placed second on vault.

The next C-Division home meet will be April 14. The public is invited to meet the YMCA members Saturday, April 13 when they volunteer their time at Healthy Kids Day, a celebration of healthy living for children and their parents. In addition to a gymnastic obstacle course, Healthy Kids Day will feature activities and demonstrations in the area of safety, health, athletics and fitness. Healthy Kids Day will be held at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA's Marine Ave. Facility Sat. April 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For information about the Y's gymnastics program or Healthy Kids Day, please call (908) 684-8880.

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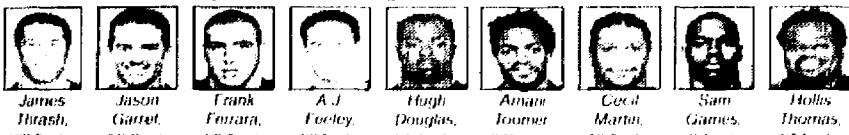
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SP-F SOCCER TRYOUTS
The Scotch Plains-Fairwood Soccer Association is holding open tryouts to select teams for the 2002-2003 Select Travel Program. Regardless of residency. This program is designed for the most competitive players.

All tryouts will be held at Park Middle School, Park Ave. Scotch Plains U-14 (born between 8-1-88 and 7-31-89) will be Wed. April 24, girls at 4 p.m. and boys at 6 p.m. U-13 (8-1-87-7-31-90) boys will be Wed. April 24, and Thurs. May 2 at 6 p.m. U-13 girls will be Wed. April 24, 4 p.m. U-12 (8-1-90-7-31-91) will be Thurs. April 25, boys at 6 p.m., girls at 4 p.m. U-11 (8-1-91-7-31-92) will be Tues. April 23, girls at 4 p.m., boys at 6 p.m.

For registration forms and more information visit www.spsoccer.com or call (908) 756-2087.

5-MILER AND FUN RUN
The Westfield Recreation Department will host its 12th annual 5-miler 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 over: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 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.

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.

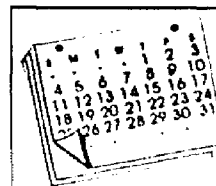
SHOOTING CAMP
The 14th annual John Somogyi Shooting Camp, co-directed by state championship coaches Neil Horne and John Somogyi, will be held for two days at Rutgers Prep in Somerset, N.J. during the weekend of June 15. Somogyi, who once held the state's boys career scoring record of 3,310 points and 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 McCormick 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 on their shooting techniques and give them individual and partner drills for further practice. Each player will have his/her shot videotaped and analyzed during the two day period.

For further information and an application call 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 7 through 9 and is held at Rahway High School. The dates are: Week 1 June 24-28, Week 2 July 8-12, and Week 3 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 game while, at the same time, ensure each camper has fun. Tom Lewis and John Petela, 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 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 Petela at 732-396-8022 or Tom Lewis at 732-396-1101.



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
Girls Lacrosse
Westfield vs. St. Elizabeth, 4
Tennis
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 4
Westfield vs. Piscataway, 4
Baseball
Scotch Plains vs. Bridgewater-Rantau, 4
Softball
Scotch Plains at Bridgewater-Rantau, 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
Softball
Westfield vs. Gov. Livingston, 11 a.m.
Boys Lacrosse
Westfield vs. Hillsborough, 11 a.m.
Track
Scotch Plains at Pawlowski Hays, 12

MONDAY, APRIL 8
Baseball
Westfield at Cranford, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 4
Softball
Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 4
Boys Lacrosse
Westfield at Columbia, 4
Tennis
Westfield at Scotch Plains, 4
Golf
Westfield vs. Oratory, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Innaculata, 3:45

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Girls Lacrosse
Westfield at Pingry, 4
Track
Westfield at Scotch Plains, 4
Tennis
Westfield vs. Columbia, 4
Golf
Westfield vs. St. Peter's, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Plainfield, 3:45

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Baseball
Westfield at Farm, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4
Softball
Westfield at Edison, 4
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 4
Boys Lacrosse
Westfield vs. CBA, 4
Tennis
Westfield vs. Chatham, 4
Golf
Westfield at East Side, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Roselle Catholic, 3:45

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Girls Lacrosse
Westfield vs. Phillipsburg, 4
Golf
Westfield vs. Roselle Park, 4
Scotch Plains vs. Newark Academy, 3:45

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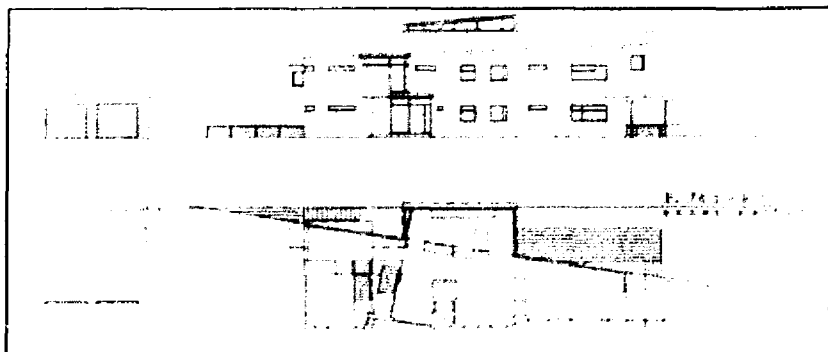
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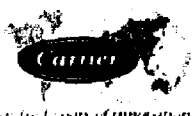
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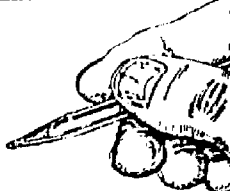
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Automotive/Classified

Honda's new CR-V is little bigger and a whole lot better

By MARK MAYNARD
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Honda's CR-V is an example of all that is good and useful about a sport utility vehicle.

It's a design with a new chassis and engine, but sort of the same thing as before except a little sleeker, a little bigger and a little stronger.

Sweet and simple to drive, the CR-V could be the "Idiot's Guide to Practical Cars" — or SUVs.

What's not to like about it, except maybe the blocky styling?

Remarkably lightweight, the four-cylinder engine has no trouble pulling a carload around while returning an easy 21 miles per gallon around town — and that's with Honda's Real Time four-wheel drive that works only when needed.

It's a romp to drive with the five-speed manual transmission. The clutch is light and the gears easy to find, which makes it no struggle in stop-and-go driving.

The seats are full and of kid-durable fabric. The driver's area and instrument panel are laid out for find-it-in-the-dark adaptability. There's generous head and leg room — especially in back — and so many slots, bins, trays, pockets and other clever features to keep owners "wowing" for a few weeks of driving.

It's available in three levels: LX, LX 4WD, EX 4WD — and prices start at \$18,190 for the two-wheel-drive LX, which comes with a four-speed automatic transmission.

Even the cheapest model comes with power mirrors, intermittent front and rear window wipers and washers, air conditioning with air filter, power windows and locks, floor mats, Immobilizer anti-theft system,

cruise control, sunglasses holder and four-speaker AM-FM-CD-cassette.

The LX 4WD, with five-speed manual shifter, starts at \$19,950; add \$800 for the automatic shifter.

And for \$22,500, the EX adds a six-speaker AM-FM-cassette and six-disc in-dash CD changer, power moon roof, alloy wheels and rear privacy glass.

Grocery-getter or kid-getter, the CR-V is about maximum capacity.

A flip-up tray table between the front seats has two burger-and-fries trays and two cup-holders that will hold just about any size mug. A couple of hooks on the backside will suspend plastic grocery bags, carry-out bags or a litter bag, which also is handy for people in back.

The collapsible table is also a slick idea for the long arm of a parent to reach to the back seat floor area or even slip between the seats to check on someone in a child seat.

A unique feature — or oddity — is the parking brake lever that pulls out of the center console. Integrated into the design of the center stack of the instrument panel, the lever pulls outward like a slot-machine handle. It seemed a little more awkward to operate than a floor-mounted lever or foot-pumper, but the design puts more room between the front seats.

Size-wise, the new CR-V is only an inch longer and a shade more than an inch wider, but the interior space is noticeably improved, especially in back with 2 1/2 inches more leg room and an inch more shoulder room.

The seats are larger, with bigger seat bottoms, and each seat has a shoulder belt and head-



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rest. The seat back has a 60/40 split for expanding the cargo area.

Also nice are slightly raised back seats that give kids a good view. There are grab handles for the adults and a pull-down armrest, with a pair of cup holders, to protect and enforce sibling territory.

Crawl around the back end and you'll uncover Honda's own picnic table built into the cargo floor. Pull out the table, unfold the legs and you're ready to serve lunch or staff the rally checkpoint.

Under the floor/table is a waterproof well that could work as the tailgaters' big cooler or to stash wet beach or ski clothes, jumper cables, an earthquake preparedness package or a hideaway for birthday presents. Even the inside of the rear door has some usable storage areas.

Honda says there's enough room in the back to carry two mountain bikes without removing the front wheels.

For the next redesign, Honda should hinge the door on the left side instead of the right, which is done for right-hand-drive markets. For North Americans, loading items in the back from the sidewalk requires walking around the door. Those who park on the street — nose to nose with other cars — understand the drawback to this design.

As an alternative to a small sedan, the CR-V is no more

prone to body roll, and Honda's real-time four-wheel drive does help keep it planted to the pavement when someone gets a little too enthusiastic going around corners. It's hardly noticeable when it engages, but all it takes is a little wheel slip and the system pipes some power to the rear wheels.

The four-wheel disc brakes, with anti-lock braking system, have reassuring stopping power. The suspension doesn't beat people up on the interstate and, except for a little wind noise rushing around its square corners, the cabin is well-sound-proofed.

At idle, passengers barely hear or feel the 160-horsepower engine — 10 percent stronger than last year's — and the "intelligent" i-VTEC system of variable timing control helps qualify it as a low-emission vehicle.

As a city slicker, the CR-V has tough plastic bumpers and lower body moldings that take the knocks of broken-up city streets, grocery carts and the mall parking lot. And for those who actually do enjoy tramping along the trails of our national park system, there are eight inches of ground clearance to navigate off-road, while searching for a good place to set up your picnic table.

Kids, dogs, the desert, Home Depot — the CR-V provides all the right reasons to own an SUV.



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Child Safety Day

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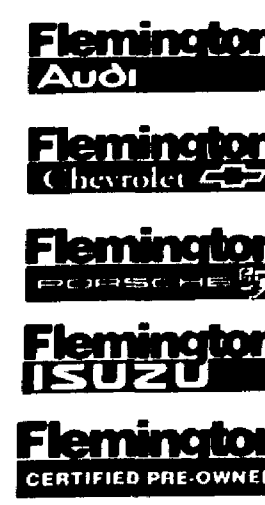
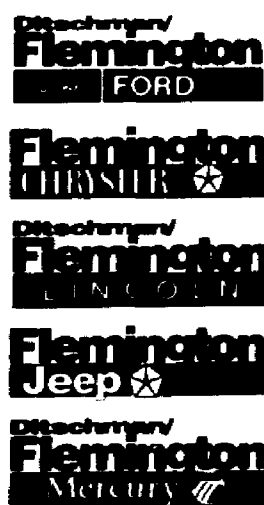
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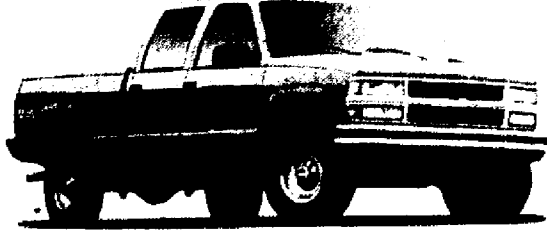


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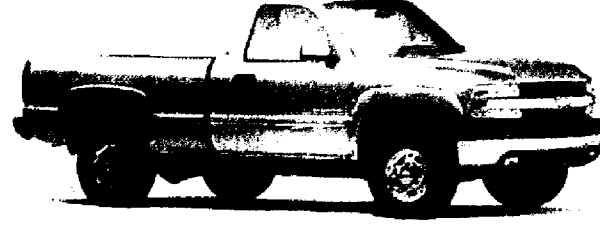


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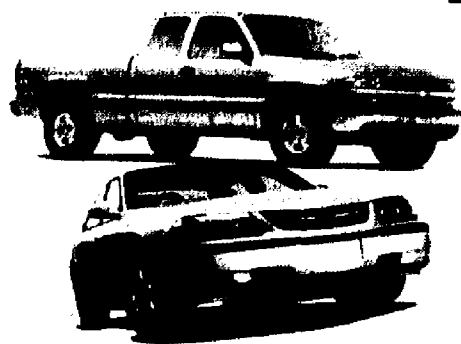
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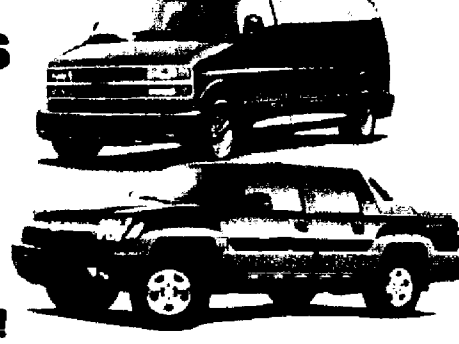
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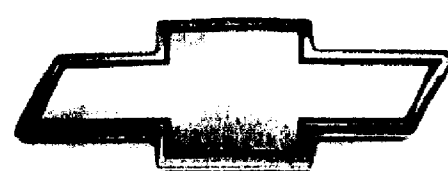
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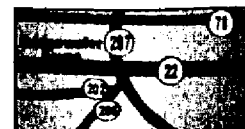
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