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Tough loss

Westfield lost a 9-6 decision Saturday to Delbarton, one of the state's top-ranked teams. The Devils take on another top-ranked foe tomorrow when they host Ridgewood. See story on Page C-1.



Sneezing?

Allergies acting up? Spring is in full bloom at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield. See Page A-3.



Squad appeal falls way short First mailing only met 38 percent of Westfield volunteers' goal

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad has only reached 38 percent of its fund drive goal.

"The people of Westfield have been very generous, as always, but we still have not reached our goal," said Fund Drive Chairman and Vice President Dan Sullivan.

Children

invited to

KENILWORTH --- Union

County will play host to The Golf Channel's "Drive, Chip and Putt"

Junior Golf Skills Competition Thursday, June 6, at the Galloping Hill Golf Course. "Dozens of young Tiger Woods and John Shippen wannabees from Union County are expected to participate in this popular golf program," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Lewis

Children age 7 through 12 will have a chance to advance to the regional championships and possibly to the national championship in November. The event is free and begins after school, at

After three highly successful years of "Drive, Chip and Putt,"

the Golf Channel picked the Galloping Hill Golf Course to be

one of the 100 stops throughout

the United States and Canada

for this year's program — the

largest youth golf competition in

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at golf

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the nation.

A second mailing went out to homes on April 24. "We understand that the economy is not the best right now," Sullivan said, but "we ask that you give what you can.' The Westfield Rescue Squad is

now in its 51st year as the emergency medical service to the

Town of Westfield. It is an all-volunteer organization and is solely funded by tax deductible donations. The squad is an in-house organization, meaning that crews are stationed in the building, allowing for faster response. Their building, located at 335 Watterson St., just off the South Avenue Circle, is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

In 2001, the rescue squad handled more than 2,200 calls, including sending multiple crews to assist in and around Ground Zero on and after Sept. 11.

"We are one of the busiest squads in the area," said Capt. Miki Urso, "Our members are a fantastic group of truly dedicated volunteers.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356 Westfield, NJ 07091.



Rained out

Just a few window shoppers were browsing in downtown Westfield Sunday afternoon. Rain had canceled the 14th annual street fair. The event has been rescheduled for this Sunday, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the downtown.

The competition in Union Park's Friends begin Phase III of fund-raising County will be limited to the first 175 youngsters who complete



Revolutionary

Participants in full battle dress from Lamb's Artillery and Mott's Artillery staged a Revolutionary War encampment Saturday at Hanson Park in Cranford. See story, more pictures on Page B-1.

The Osborn Cannonball House Museum at 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains, will be open this Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Vince LoBosco, owner of Ye Olde Tyme Radio Shoppe in Fanwood, will bring his collection of old tube-model radio sets. He also plans to have Victrolas and Edison mechanical phonographs on display. Admission is free.

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forms available at the Galloping Hill Golf Course or register online at: www.TheGolfChannel.com.

Contestants will be divided into three age groups: 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. Each contestant will hit three drives, which will be measured for distance and accuracy. They will chip three balls onto a pre-marked green, and they will putt two balls – one five feet from the hole and the other 15 feet from the hole.

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WESTFIELD — The Friends of Mindowaskin Park, a nonprofit organization founded in the early 1990s, is now entering Phase III of its fund-raising. More than \$350,000 has been raised by the Friends for the park to fund the overlook restoration, playground equipment, benches, lamps, signs, gardens and garden maintenance.

A new granite overlook located at the entrance of the park on East Broad Street, is being

restored to the original look of being raised. We sold out of granthe 1930s. The Town of Westfield appropriated capital expendi-tures to fund the overlook restoration using concrete. The Friends of Mindowaskin Park was challenged to raise the difference in the cost between concrete and granite. According to Nancy Priest, president of The Friends of Mindowaskin Park, "The community has been incredibly generous in supporting this project with more than \$95,000

ite pavers and acknowledgements on our overlook plaque."

Phase III will consist of focus areas in the park such as a "wedding walk" at the main entrance of the gazebo. Because the gazebo is a favored picture spot for weddings and family gatherings, couples can purchase engraved pavers with the name, date of wedding or anniversary, and possible graphics such as wedding rings or doves.

When \mathbf{the} Recreation **Department** receives a request for the use of the park for a passive event, the applicant will be provided an opportunity to provide a donation to The Friends of Mindowaskin Park along with their permit fee. In addition, members of the community can purchase pavers or be acknowly edged in other areas according t the level of contribution. Volunteer board members

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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'97 Philhower winner chosen new principal at McKinley

WESTFIELD --- The Westfield Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Claudia Andreski as the new principal of McKinley School, a K-8 school with 287 students. Her appointment becomes effective July 1.

Mrs. Andreski has 20 years experience in education, most recently as assistant principal of Franklin School in Westfield. She has been with the Westfield School District for 16 years. In 1986 she began teaching fourth grade at Jefferson School, where she remained until this year.

The 1997 recipient of the Philhower Fellowship - awarded by the Westfield Rotary for the elementary teacher of the year ----Mrs. Andreski is also a former winner of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award and a grant recipient of the "A+ For Kids Teacher Network." She has served on several curriculum committees within Westfield and most recently initiated a book donation program intended to create goodwill and communication between Franklin School and urban school districts in New Jersev.

She received her master's degree in education administration from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in ele-

"Claudia is an outstanding teacher and a fine administrator who works hard to bring out the best in children. I am confident she will be a great success as principal of McKinley."

> -William Foley Superintendent of Schools

mentary education from Newark State College (Kean University).

Mrs. Andreski was introduced to McKinley parents at their April 24 PTO meeting. A resident of the McKinley neighborood, Mrs. Andreski returns to the school where she first walked her own kindergartner and served as its PTO president more than 23 years ago.

Westfield Superintendent of Schools William Foley stated, "Claudia is an outstanding teacher and a fine administrator who works hard to bring out the best in children. I am confident she will be a great success as principal of McKinley."

Joining Foley in recommend-ing Andreski were Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Janie Edmonds; Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Margaret Dolan; Washington School Principal Joseph Malanga;

McKinley School teachers Holly Baly, Mary Dailey and Laurie Scaturo; and McKinley parents Renata Bieber, Susan Bigelow and Adrienne Bishop, all members of the McKinley School Principal Search Committee.

In commenting on her acceptance of the position, Andreski said, "What a wonderful opportunity it will be for me to be part of the McKinley School community!

I look forward to working with the teachers and parents as we help our children reach their finest potential."

Earl Tankard will remain as acting principal of McKinley through the end of June. Tankard assumed leadership responsibilities at McKinley following the resignation of former Principal Chic Hansen in January. At the April 24 meeting, Foley thanked. Tankard for the "great job he has done at McKinley."



To your health

Scotch Plains Fireman Mark Mecca helps a girl jump out of the fire safety house during a health fair Saturday at St. John's Baptist Church.

McGinn teachers engage whole staff in HIPP project

SCOTCH PLAINS A team McGinn of teachers at Elementary School has engaged the entire staff of the school in a collaborative project that has been funded through a grant from the NJEA Frederick L. **Hipp Foundation for Excellence** in Education.

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Their Project APPLAUSE, which stands for "Artistic Pupils Perform Literature Actively Using Senior Encouragement," is designed to keep abve the art of storytelling for parents and

children, to engage senior citi-zens in the everyday life of the school, all while helping to infuse the state's new performing arts standards into the existing literature-based courses and music programs.

Project team members, including Frincipal Cathy Cassidy, teachers Joan Costello, Heather Filipski, Carolyn Guarino-Nixdorff, instrumental music teacher Charles Jackson, and media specialist Karen Nobile, planned to introduce the project

with storytelling activities in order to help all students understand the importance of oral tradition in literature. In mediacenter classes and a performance by a guest storyteller, students in second through fifth grades will learn to express themselves. through storytelling using props and facial expressions. Students will be creating stories of their own with assistance from a seasoned professional writer. Selected student works will be performed by professional actors

in school assemblies where students can watch their written work come to life on stage. The actors will then work with students to produce their own performances for an audience of senior citizens.

Students will also work with a professional folk singer who will perform songs from around the world and discuss their history and origin. Primary students will be writing new lyrics to familiar songs such as "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." And McGinn's band director will coordinate with a guest instrumental artist to help students focus on the skills of hearing, rhythmic discipline, and intonation.

As a culminating activity, the students will invite local senior citizens to enjoy a visit to the school where they will be able to view student writing and to watch the students perform in an informal "dinner theater" setting.

The grant to the McGinn School teachers is one of only 20

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such grants awarded to educators in school districts across the state, selected on a "blind" basis from among all applicants. The Hipp Foundation, which was established in 1993, is dedicated to supporting projects that will enhance and improve the learning environment in schools. It has awarded more than \$600,000 in support of innovative educational projects since its inception.

May 3, 2002

Campus notes

Magnet school places second

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Union County Magnet High School fared well in the 24th annual contest sponsored by the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey.

The Magnet High School placed second among the 94 schools participating. It is based at the Union County Vocational and Technical High School on Raritan Road.

Kevin Galinsky, a senior, was third overall among individual scorers. He was joined on the Magnet High School team by Kevin Chen, another senior; Brian Curie of Scotch Plains, Tim Bernstein and Sridhar Ramesh, juniors; and Boris Pivtorak, a freshman.

More than 5,000 students were in the math contest, according to a press release from the Magnet High School.

Spelling bee winners named

SCOTCH PLAINS - Winners have been announced in the spring spelling bee sponsored by the Recreation Department and Junior Woman's Club.

The winners, listed by grade: Grade 5 - Kathryn Cockrell of Coles School, first; Kevin Handsman of St. Bartholomew

Interparochial School, second. Grade 4 — Adam Offitzer of Coles School, first; Brandon Wheeler of McGinn School, sec-

ond. Grade 3 — Kyle Mahoney of School No. 1 and Allison Staniec of Brunner School, tie for first.

All first-place winners received a \$20 bookstore gift certificate. Second-place winners received a \$10 bookstore gift certificate.

Friends

Continued from page A-1 the Friends of Mindowaskin Park include: Debby Burslem, Sherry

New Jersey and soloist honors from the New Jersey State preparatory division since 1994. and teaches the cello to aspiring WESTFIELD For the first Mary Academy in Watchung. The principal cellist of the time since 1983 the Westfield Karen played a cello solo musicians. Sunday as part of the Glee Club Glee Club has awarded its Her summer studies have Opera Festival the past four Cranford High School concert at the Westminster Orchestra, Karen is president of Presbyterian Church in the Cranford Chapter of the Triannual scholarship to two high included the Brevard Music years. A student of Westfield voice school senior musicians. Festival, the summer string pro-Berkeley Heights. She was a They are Karen Poleshuck of teacher Sonia Lewis since 1996. gram of the American String M music honor society and a Catherine also has received the Cranford, a cellist who attends member of the New Jersey member of the Prep Teachers Association and a Cranford High School, and Philharmonic at the Manhattan **Exceptional Young Artist award** Youth Symphony from 1993chamber music residency at the from the Crescent Avenue Catherine Spadoro of Union, a 2000 and has attended the School of Music. She is a mem-Killington Music Festival. Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. She is a track athsonrano who attend- Mount St. Manhattan School of Music ber of the Westfield Music Club Catherine sang with the Glee

A first: Westfield Glee Club awards 2 scholarships

Club in its Saturday concert at First Congregational the Church in Westfield. She has received the Young Artist Award the past two years from the Little Opera Company of

Red Cross planning babysitter courses

American Red Cross has scheduled two all-day babysitter training courses for boys and girls 11-15 years old.

Courses are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 18 and June 15 in the Red Cross office at 321 Elm St. Basic first aid, basic infant care and related activities are covered. Each boy or girl who

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Anyone interested in contributing to Mindowaskin Park, can contact The Friends of Mindowaskin Park, P.O. Box 87. Westfield, NJ 07091 at (908) 233-8110 or by visiting www.westfieldnj.ataclick.com/mindowaskin.

Children compete at golf

Continued from page A-1 Eighteen prizes will be awarded in Union County from each age group: one each to the top five "drivers, chippers and putters," as well as first, second and third rankings for the best combined performance. The national finals in November will include the first-place winners in each age group from the 18 regional championships.

The Drive, Chip and Putt Junior Golf Skills Competition at the Galloping Hill Golf Course on Boulevard is sponsored by Outback Steakhouse, Comcast Cable, and the Board of Freeholders. For more information, visit: www.TheGolfChannel.com.

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Briefs

Adult singles meet each Sunday

WESTFIELD - Singles age 45 and older are welcome at a gathering at 9 a.m. each Sunday at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, in the lower meeting room.

In addition to coffee and cake, guests discuss single issues like how to cope on your own and learn from each other. It's not group therapy, it's a sharing of experiences, and good company.

Other activities include winter movie nights, summer picnics, holiday get-togethers, and more.

A \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call (908) -889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

May basket demonstration set

WESTFIELD — Many rituals have welcomed in spring over the years

One of those rituals is decorating a basket with spring flowers in time for May. Patricia D'Angelo of Westfield shows how to decorate May baskets 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.

Bring your son or daughter so he or she can learn how to put a May basket together.

As is the custom, docents in period dress conduct guided tours of the 18th century farmhouse with the last tour leaving 4 p.m. Sherry Lane and Arlene Kendall will cook food of the season over an open hearth.

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

The Miller-Cory House Museum will be closed Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day.

Fanwood GOP meets Monday

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Republican Club holds its monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Community House, located on the North Avenue side of the railroad station

Councilman Stuart Kline and other Republican Party candidates have been invited. They are Andrew Calamaras, running for Borough Council; Anira Clericuzio, Joel Whitaker, Elyse Bochicchio Medved, Jeffrey Girod and Wayne Smith, all running for freeholder.

Mayor Louis Jung will speak about the proposed municipal budget. County Republican Chairman Ron Frigerio and



Sneezing?

Allergies acting up? Thank the beautiful but allergen-filled blossoms like these at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

SCORE is offering free counseling

The Service Corps of Retired Executives is offering community and business groups access to free business counseling and training programs for small business owners and new companies based in Union County.

SCORE is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Small Business Administration, a federal government agency.

The service corps' members recently met with representatives from libraries, chambers of commerce and economic development groups. These organizations discussed how SCORE can provides its help to small business on a much larger scale.

"We feel there is room to

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expand the services of SCORE in 1700. Union County," said Marvin Solomon, chairman of the service

corps' local chapter. "If the opportunity presents itself, we would be interested in providing business counseling in other Union County communities," he said.

SCORE locations in the county and the hours they operate:

Plainfield Public Library, Wednesdays by appointment. Phone (908) 757-1111, Ext. 144. Union Township Chamber of

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Cindy Smith dancers bring home awards

Dancers from the Cindy Smith Dance Studio took home awards in the Starbound regional talent competition, held in Cherry Hill over Easter.

The competition was the first of three scheduled for the dancers in the Garwood-based company.

Starbound Babes received gold level trophies and first place in two brackets: jazz dancing to "Vamos" and tap dancing to "Twist and Shout." Members are Rita Della Valle, Deanna Hehl, Emma Fyhr, Cassandra Lauer, Amy Markuske, Kate McCann, Tiffani Serafin and Brenna Westcott.

Fancy Feet won a gold level trophy and first place for jazz dancing to "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." This group also received a gold level trophy for tap dancing to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Members are Ally Bunin, Rita DeChillo, Maggie Fyhr, Chrissy Kleespies, Katie Rogers and Amanda Stryker.

Knierim, Cecile Jillian Moskowitz and Christine Petillo won a high level silver trophy for jazz dancing to "American Woman," They are members of the Magic Motion troupe.

Leanne Hade, also a member of Magic Motion, won a gold level trophy for a solo tap routine to "I Can Cook Too."

Dance Electric won a gold level trophy for their jazz performance to "Wild and Free." Members are Alina Chabus of Scotch Plains, Alicia Markuske, Tiffani Serafin and Amanda Stryker, Alina, Alicia and Amanda also won a gold level trophy for their tap dance to "Bandstand Boogie."

Rockin' Rhythm won a gold level trophy for their tap dance to "Billy-a-Dick" and a silver level trophy for their jazz dance to "Sweet Home Chicago." Members are Megan Baniewicz, Alisse Connolly, Jennifer Conti. Lacy Pettit, Glorin Ryan and Selena Santangelo.

The Cindy Smith Dance Studio has locations in Garwood, Cranford and Kenilworth. Classes for preschool through adult are offered in tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, hip-hop, modern, lyrical and competition dancing. A combination course for preschoolers is also available.

Registration for summer and fall classes is under way; phone (908) 789-9123 or (908) 276-5053.



SCORE regional office Newark; newarkscore@yahoo.com phone (973) 645-3982.

other council members also are scheduled to attend.

If you wish to attend, phone Sophie Kauchak at (908) 322-3241. Refreshments will be served.

The Republican Club has scheduled a wine and cheese fund-raiser for June 14.

Edited Mozart at St. Paul's

WESTFIELD --- Robert Levin has completed a "new" version of the "Requiem" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The funeral music was the last Mozart composed before his death in 1789. Levin kept most of the unfinished material intact and tried to correct musical discrepancies supposedly added by a Mozart student.

This version of the Mozart "Requiem" is featured 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., in the 10th anniversary concert of the St. Paul's Choir. Soloists are Sally Wolf, soprano; Jane Bunnell, mezzo-soprano; Randall Reid-Smith, tenor; and baritone. Ely, Elem Accompaniment is by musicians from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Also on the program is the Concerto for Two Trumpets and Violin by Antonio Vivaldi. Musicians in this piece are Garth Greenup and Michael Baker, trumpet; and Brennan Sweet, violin.

Both works will be conducted by Charles Banks, director of music for the Episcopal church. Donations will be accepted at the door. For more information,

phone Banks at (908) 232-8506, Ext. 17.

African violets on group's agenda

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

"Nutrient Deficiencies in African Violets" is the program.



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New member joins board of park friends

WESTFIELD Richard Edge, a Westfield resident and employee of the Department of Public Works for more than 17 years has joined the Board of the Friends of Mindowaskin Park.

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He has a degree in horticulture from Delaware Valley College of Science & Agriculture and previously managed Steuernagels Nursery, formerly in Westfield, and owned Holly Hill Landscape.

"We are thrilled to have Richard on our board. Having worked in the Department of Public Works for such a long time, he is very familiar with the park, has a wealth of knowledge, and will be instrumental in enabling the Friend to achieve our long range plan for the park," said Craig Stock, landscape designer and board member of the Friends of Mindowaskin-Park

Other volunteer board members include: Debby Burstem, Sherry Cronin, David Foltz, B. Carol Molnar, Melba Nixon, Nancy Priest, Marilynn Shields, Barbara Vincentsen, and David Williams.

The Friends of Mindowaskin Park is a nonprofit organization founded in the early 1990s to revitalize and preserve the park. The mission of the Friends of Mindowaskin Park is to ensure the long-term enjoyment of the public park by Westfield residents and patrons. The Friends of Mindowaskin Park may be reached at P.O. Box 87, Westfield, NJ 07091, (908) 233-8110 or www.westfieldnj.ataclick.com/mi ndowaskin.

Work, and reward

Carlene Palia of Westfield, above, holds the bird house while Sophia, 6, does the hard job. At right, Linda Hayes of Edison supervises her sons Eddie, 5, and Ryan,8, and Molly Pryblaki, 7, as they toast marshmallows. The children were participants of the Animal Neighbors program at Trailside Nature and Science Center in New Providence.



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Band parents hold fund-raiser

WESTFIELD The Westfield High School Band Parents Association will hold its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11

The sale will be held from 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Board of Education Building, Elm Street across from Stop And Shop, Roosevelt Intermediate School, Clark Street and Dudley Avenue; and Edison Intermediate School, Rahway Avenue.

The sale will offer a variety of begonias, geraniums, dahlias,

mim roses, New Guinea impatiens, hydrangea, fuchsia, petumas, marigolds, dusty miller, dianthus, ageratum, allysum, coleus, salvia, and Boston ferns.

Hanging baskets, flats, and potted plants as well as handcrafted planters will also be available. A new artist will present crafted planters featuring mallards, swans, cows, pigs, cats and dogs

Proceeds from the sale will support scholarships for members of the 2001 - 2002 Westfield High School Marching Band.



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Friends of Eddle Ernst console each other near a makeshift memorial on his truck in the parking lot of Cranford High School. Eddle was killed in a parkway crash early Sunday.

Popular Cranford teen killed in parkway accident Sunday

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD — Friends, family and teachers this week mourned the death of Edward Ernst Jr., 17, killed Sunday in a car crash on the Garden State Parkway.

At Cranford High School, where Ernst was a senior, students turned his Chevy Blazer into a makeshift memorial, decorating it with flowers, messages, and mementos of his life

Classes took a back seat as students crowded into counselor's offices and gathered in the parking lot. "It's been very hard," Eddie's girlfriend Mary Miller said Monday. "We just stood out here, and everyone cried."

"He was very caring, very loving," Mary said. "He loved all his friends. He accepted everyone for whoever they were. Anything you needed, he was always right there."

After he lost his father to lung cancer in 1999, teachers said, he pleaded with his friends not to smoke.

"Eddie always had a smile and a twinkle in his eye," said Enid De Luca, a teacher. "He was a gentle soul." While Eddie worked hard in school, his true talent and pas-

sion was cars. "He was a great student," said Bill Tuma, who taught Eddie's Auto Collision Technology course at Union County Vocational-Technical School during his junior year. "Everything 1 gave him, he would just gobble up."

Though he was too young at the time to have a driver's license, Tuma said, Eddie spent the semester customizing his El Camino. "He would literally carry the parts in piece by piece," he said.

The day he put the car on the road and drove it to school,

Tuma said, "was the best day of his life."

He was a passenger, not a driver, on the day his life ended. According to a State Police spokesman, Eddie was in the front seat of a 1994 Ford pickup truck traveling north on the Parkway in Clark at 2:30 a.m.

He felt ill, and leaned his head out the window. When the driver of the truck tried to pull over onto the wet highway shoulder, the vehicle slid down the embankment and into a stand of trees. Eddie was pronounced dead on the scene at 2:50 a.m.

There is no indication alcoholwas involved in the accident, the spokesman said.

Another rowdy party leads to drug, alcohol charges

By GREG MARX

CRANFORD — Police arrested 16 township residents, including four juveniles, on drug and alcohol charges over the weekend.

Officers responded to a Hollywood Avenue home 12:40 a.m. Sunday on a report a fight had broken out at a party. No charges were filed in connection with the fight, but police arrested 16 guests, all on charges of underage possession consumption of alcohol, possession of a controlled dangerous substance under 50 grams (believed to be marijuana), and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Arrested were Kyle Ward, 20; William Bennett, Jon Decker, Luke Hartmann, Carmen Pirillo, James Seeman, Stuart Stanzione, Justin Tansky and Samuel Warington, all 19: and Jeffery Baumann, Joseph Caravela and Florio Hawkins, all 18:

Also arrested were two 17-yearold girls, one 16-year-old girl, and one 13-year-old girl.

School administrators said Wednesday that among the arrested, four students are enrolled in the Cranford school system.

The latest incident comes 10 weeks after the Valentine's Day arrest of 16 teens on underage drinking charges. Bennett, Seeman, Warington and Caravela were arrested at that time as well.

The end of the school year, said Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod, is "such a precarious time of the year" for teen drug and alcohol abuse.

With events like the high school prom and graduation upcoming, he said, teachers and supervisors stress the dangers of drug and alcohol use. "Everybody's on a high alert, high activity level) in terms of turning the message on as heavily as we can," he suid

Disciplinary action from the school, he said, can involve keeping students out of ead of year functions such as the prom and the graduation ceremony But he said while for some students that will be a deterrent, "for other students, it has little meaning"

And, he said, there are limits to what the district can do. "There is nothing the school can do that's going to really work without the support of the home," Feinsod said.

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May 3, 2002

Commentary

Crime knows no borders

As surely as dandelions sprout every spring, so do the flim-flam artists. And usually it's the elderly, concerned about the welfare of a friend or relative, who are the victims.

Just this month there have been numerous accounts in Cranford, Kenilworth, Scotch Plains and Westfield about older residents getting a call from someone impersonating a friend or relative in need.

So far, the victims have turned over to the scam artists a total of \$13,000: a Westfield man, 98, was cheated of \$4,000; an 85-year-old Westfield woman lost \$5,000; and a Scotch Plains woman, 81, lost \$4,000 in the swindle.

No one in Cranford or Kenilworth has fallen for the scheme, police say.

Where are the thieves getting the names and phone numbers? Are they somehow accessing the rosters of senior citizen clubs?

Why are each of the communities conducting independent investigations? Doesn't it make more sense for police to pool all their information and leave the investigating to a single task force?

Are the swindlers bound by town borders? Isn't it likely, probable, that this scam is broader than just four municipalities in Union County?

How many good people willing to help someone in need have to get stung before officials take a look at the big picture?

A win for horseracing

Not many people realize how important the horse is to New Jersey.

There are large areas of the state where the horse reigns supreme. Equestrian activities and their support services are a large part of the state's agricultural economy.

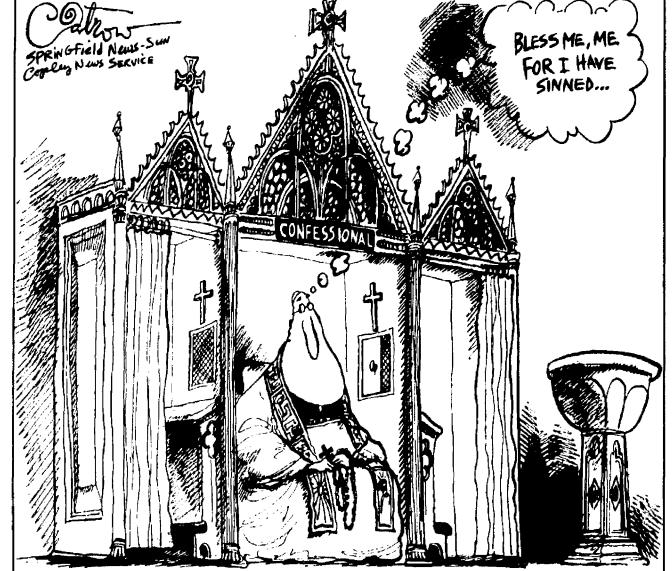
Horseracing has also played a large role in the Garden State. In recent years, however, as the national horseracing industry has suffered, so has the racing industry in New Jersey.

One track, Garden State in Cherry Hill, has even been demolished to make way for a development.

That is why it was important last month that Gov. James McGreevey and New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority President George Zeffinger reached a settlement on a long-standing dispute on offtrack betting and phone wagering.

Off-track betting and phone wagering had been approved by the State Legislature in 2000. The revenues to be generated by these practices would be critical to the survival of the horseracing industry and also provide the state with much needed revenue.

But the Sports and Exposition Authority, which oper-



Letters to the editor

Atheist/humanist offers pledge

To The Record-Press:

The National Day of Prayer (article, April 26) is going to be a chance to express unity following the atrocities of Sept. 11. As an atheist/humanist I seek a way to join with the efforts of all people of conscience. I am concerned, however, especially in the light of Sept. 11, about those who use religious texts to claim infallible knowledge and then promote destruction and death. Any action from any source must first be checked against its human consequences. To protect ourselves we must embrace our responsibility to each other. With this in mind, I propose the following nonsectarian statement for May 2 in the form of a pledge we might all take.

Good people everywhere:

"Our destiny is in our own hands. We can each of us be a source of goodness in the world, but let us recognize the harm we can do to each other and have done to each other when we stray from humane principles. Our actions can end terrorism The Record-Press' publication date.

if we refuse to obey the tyrannies of mind and leadership that seek power over us. We each possess within us great moral power. We will strongly support each other to resist the temptations of hatred, anger and bigotry which we are all subject to at times.

"Humankind is literally a single family, tied by bonds of common blood and common needs. We must recognize which actions tear us apart and which bring us together. We are accountable to each other.

'We seek freedom, fairness, justice, peace and progress for ourselves and, more importantly, to assure a better world for our children.

"To these ends we pledge our best efforts today and every day."

BARRY KLASSEL **Scotch Plains**

Editor's Note: The National Day of Prayer occurred after this letter was submitted, but before



Jersey Boy

Thirty-two years ago, as I received my eighth grade diploma on the stage of the gym in Branchburg Central School, a roll of thunder shook the building.

I don't know whether that's true; a 13-year-old with an overactive imagination and sense of the melodramatic would have no trouble conjuring in his memory an act of God for a significant event in an otherwise dull life. I asked my parents whether it actually happened and they, quite reasonably and sanely, don't remember. And I don't remember either, but the story has acquired such gravity in my mind that I refuse to allow the facts to dilute the irony.

June 1970 was a great time to officially enter adolescence. In the previous two months the country had been overwhelmed with a number of traumatic events --- the Apollo 13 flight, the invasion of Cambodia, the deaths of students at Kent State and the Knicks winning the NBA championship. In conservative Branchburg, I distinctly remember, I was only one of two students in Mr. Zagoria's social studies class who thought we should stop bombing North Vietnam; I always believed that apocryphal roll of thunder was a sign of disapproval from the heavens. The atmosphere was thick with anxiety and excitement; it was as if the whole country was going through its own painful throes of adolescence in trying to figure out its identity.

And perhaps in the last three decades, we have finally settled on our identity. Like most adults, we have made a number of compromises — the eventual demands of reality dim the romantic intensity of teen idealism - but we've incorporated some notions that were considered dangerously radical at the time.

For example, we all now accept that capitalism is basically good. In 1970, that was the subject of great debate. Many fervently believed capitalism was inherently unfair and was a tool of the rich to oppress the poor. Such a concept is laughable now; since the 1980s, we've accepted the "greed is good" motto for our culture. But 30 years ago the issues of economic justice and mindless materialism were debated ceaselessly across dinner tables. But one radical notion that we've adopted from 1970 has been a liberal attitude toward attire, This liberal — and I'll repeat the word "liberal" until the irony soaks in — attitude has even made its way to Wall Street where the major capitalistic firms have disregarded their formal dress code and allow their employees to dress casually.

ates both The Meadowlands and Monmouth Park tracks, balked at the idea. It was, naturally, wary of losing revenue because people would no longer have to go to the track to bet.

The agreement between the new governor and the Sports and Exposition Authority is a win-win proposition.

"New Jersey is committed to its racing industry and customers," said McGreevey. "This agreement will not only allow us to maintain and the highest quality racing product for each breed, but will also be the first step in weaning the Sports Authority off the state subsidy."

The settlement includes a three-year settlement on live racing dates. There was also an agreement on a new distribution of revenue that will help the horseracing industry by increasing the purses for races. That is essential if New Jersey is to compete for the best horses with New York and Delaware.

Though the agreement received little notice last month, it was an important step in supporting one of the most important sectors of the state's agricultural economy.

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To The Record-Press:

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Repertory Theatre wishes to express its appreciation for your support through printing of our press releases, prior to the opening of our recent musical production "Mame." The students here work very hard to stage our productions. Getting the word out to the area residents via your paper helps being in the audiences to sup-

port their efforts and continues the growth of our program.

Again, thank you, and we will be sure and let you know all about next year's production!

LAURIE WELLMAN ANA LLANOS Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Scotch Plains

Skaters: Make your voice heard

To The Record-Press:

It's spring, when once again a young man's or woman's fancy turns to ... the love of skateboard-

It's noticeable now that the weather is nice, there are more kids, younger kids, skating everywhere. The fact remains that there are still no safe, designated areas for kids in Kenilworth to gather and enjoy their sport. Without a skate park that would mandate kids participating wear safety helmets and pads, the kids pose a risk to themselves and drivers.

Towns all over New Jersey are finding ways to accommodate alternative activities for the kids -which are now becoming mainstream. Kenilworth has the space which was determined several years ago by the Borough Council. The cost would be min-

imal with Project Pocket Parks funding through the county freeholders and donations. The skaters need to step up to the plate again. Skateboarding is not a crime — skaters are just kids whose talents lie in other areas.

Cranford's police chief recently told his commissioners to find a place for the kids to skate safely to keep them off the street and prevent damage to private property. Skaters and their parents need to talk to the mayor and police chief about making safety for our kids a priority.

Skaters can go up to a council meeting or show up at a Recreation Committee meeting to talk about the things that are important to them. Maybe somebody will listen this year.

PATTY KOTCH Kenilworth

What are your fondest prom memories?



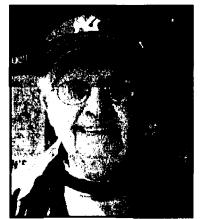
"I went with my brother's best friend at the time. It was kind of fun, but it was sort of nervewracking."

Robin Stryker Cranford



"My father's in the military, and my prom was in Germany. We had it in a castle - I just remember the excitement and the decor, and of course the dress."

> Alicia Sullivan Cranford



"I went with my future wife; we've been married 57 years. And I had a lovely time." Horace Baumann Cranford

That's a long way from the day in 1970 when the masters of Branchburg Central School took the courageous step of allowing girls to wear jeans to school for a single day.

I don't remember the day too well. My budding libido didn't throb and frogs did not fall from the sky. But there was a certain exhilaration bouncing off the walls of the school, as if the tide of liberation sweeping across the country had finally come ashore in Branchburg. For a day we tasted the sweetness of revolution. What other rules were going to thrown onto the ash heap of history?

It was a long time before the taste returned. In my four years of gym class at Somerville High School, we still had to wear the orange t-shirt and black shorts we bought at Muller and Cashen on West Main Street. Change never comes quickly enough for the revolutionary.

Now there are no such thing as gym uniforms and today's high school students would ferociously balk at the idea. But where is the gratitude for us, the liberal pioneers of the 1970s, who took on The Establishment and dared to risk the wrath of the heavens, which could only respond with an old-fashioned scare tactic like thunder?

We may not have been able to overturn capitalism, but we won the style wars.

Camp specially for handicapped

MOUNTAINSIDE - Like many children and adolescents, Dennis Fitzpatrick of Scotch Plains, Elise Schoenmann of Westfield and Veronika Zbrizher of Elizabeth will be leaving their homes this summer for a week in the country. But for these summer campers, there will be more than games and campfires at their rural getaway.

All three adolescents are dealing with the daily challenges of Cerebral Palsy and they hope summer camp improves their ability to communicate.

For 10 years, Children's Specialized Hospital has offered Camp Chatterbox, a week-long overnight camp that is designed for children who are severely speech impaired or are completely unable to speak as a result of Cerebral Palsy or other developmental disabilities. The camp is unique in that family members join the campers, who are learning how to improve their skills on their Dynavox, a computerized communication device that allows children to express themselves, but requires practice and patience to master. Campers and their families enjoy a mixture of educational and fun activities.

"It has been useful being around so many different people because we have seen the range of disabilities people are dealing with," says Sharon Fitzpatrick, Dennis' mother. "We have met people from all over the world and we stay in contact with each other." Dennis has been going to



Veronica Zbrizher and staff member Deb Bassett work on the camp newspaper.

Camp Chatterbox since it started 10 years ago.

'I like to see my friends," says 16-year-old Dennis though his Dynavox. His eyes light up as Sharon mentions Justin, the older brother of another camper whom Dennis idolizes. "He takes me all over," Dennis says.

Camp Chatterbox is believed to be the only week-long overnight camp in the country, which allows families to participate. The camp is designed to give

special-needs children an opportunity to interact with other children using communication devices.

"We can have a tremendous impact on the quality of life these children can enjoy," said Joan Bruno, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, director of Educational Technology at Children's Specialized Hospital and the creator of Camp Chatterbox.

A Mountainside resident, Bruno is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of augmentative communication.

goal, but it may not be feasible in light of their child's disability." The devices can enable them to communicate.

become more interactive with their devices and to have fun inthe process.

During a typical day a camper will be involved in approximately five hours of therapeutic activities. Therapy is conducted in small group sessions. Camp also includes a range of semi-structured educational and recreational activities such as swimming, hiking, campfires and a talent show. Parents attend daily training sessions and they are expected to participate in camp activities to learn along with their child. Daily training sessions range in topics from vocabulary selection to operating a range of AAC devices. Parents also benefit from the opportunity to network with other parents who share experiences and concerns.

"The camp provides a great opportunity to learn advanced



Dennis Fitzpatrick poses with counselors at a dance at Camp Chatterbox.

more than just work and therapy. features such as sophisticated Veronika Zbrizher, 10, says screen programming and modification," says Anna Zbrizher of through her Dynavox, "I like the talent show. Last year, we did a Broadway play - Dinner Party." Elizabeth, who has been attending camp for five years with her daughter, Veronika. "In the Dennis Fitzpatrick also has fond memories of participating in evening, after the children go to the play. Dennis laughs as he sleep, parents and therapists get together for small and very useful

> end he learned an important lesson: both girls dumped him. To learn more about Camp Chatterbox, please call (908) 301-

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Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. Children's treats infants, children, and young adults from birth to 21 years of age, through a network of services including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation, and long-term care at its sites in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Elizabeth, Newark, and Union, as well as outreach pro-

But Camp Chatterbox is about

ideas that have been lea**rne**d."

will be going back this year along

with her 13-year-old-sister, Greta.

things at camp," Wendy said, "and

now that Elise is in public school,

she is using the Dynavox much

more often and it is helpful with

her homework. I hope to have

Elise develop a larger vocabulary

this year by using the device

more and by learning more at

camp.

'Elise learned many new

recalls the play because his character had two girlfriends, but in the study groups, and then during the day they practice together with the children trying new skills and Elise Schoenmann, 10, smiles brightly at the thought of return-5451ing to camp. She attended last year with her mother, Wendy, and

grams in many communities.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood day off means work for district teachers

While district students enjoyed a recent day off, teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools became students themselves as they participated in a full-day of professional development activities and workshops.

The activities were designed to boost their skills in the classroom and help them meet new state professional development requirements. Offerings for the day covered all academic disciplines and all grade levels, and presenters included district supervisors, staff members and outside consultants or corporate representatives when specific specialized training was required.

High school and middle school language arts teachers viewed various methods that integrate Internet use with the study of novels and they also sampled a wide range of literary websites. Others participated in a GAINS Project Workshop designed to help convey the state's vision of the language arts literacy standards to educators and the community at large. High school teachers were involved in "Best Practices" and course revision activities and, in particular, the school's health and physical education teachers participated in a "Project Adventure" workshop. Math teachers worked collaboratively in exploring websites featuring resources for mathematics classes in Grades 6-12 while science and aerospace faculty reviewed websites helpful for integrating

their lessons. They also completed a "Web Activities Exchange" to be shared among all science teachers. An OSHA Lab Safety Update was held to review the latest regulations involving laboratories, handling and disposing of chemicals, and disposal of biological specimens.

Social studies staff members from Grades 6-12 received training in the use of MarcoPolo.com, a teacher website that offers standards-based lesson plans, teacher-proofed websites, and a list of student activities by grade and by subject matter. Teachers in the district's gifted and talented program visited the Playwrights Theater of New Jersey to assist them in planning a Junior Playwrighting Workshop for students.

In the elementary schools, health and physical education staff focused on "Best Practices"

opportunity to explore technology programs that can be used in the high school and middle school art curriculums while district media specialists delved into the wealth of NASA resources that are available on the Internet. World language teachers began the "study group" process of meeting with their colleagues to research, discuss, and share their findings on effective instructional strategies for special-needs students, effective assessment strategies in the world language classroom, and interesting, practical activities for the integration of technology into the world language curriculum

the district art staff used the

In the area of special services, guidance personnel began preliminary planning for "Project 39," a project dealing with diversity issues and conflict resolution. School nurses resolution. received CPR training while special education teachers focused on program planning for specialneeds students, behavioral supports for the inclusionary environment, the use of technology for IEP development, and psychiatric and medication issues in children and adolescents. The local Staff Development Committee, including MaryLu Farrell, Laurie Feinberg, Susan Marchalonis, Carol Senff, and cochairs Barbara McGuane and Dr. Kathleen Regan, was pleased with the outcome of their joint planning efforts and predicted that the students were bound to be the ultimate beneficiaries.

Many parents want their children to speak," Bruno said. "And they should not lose sight of that

Bruno said Camp Chatterbox

designed to help children





activities and program coordination with school nurses. An array of offerings was presented in the area of language arts including guided reading, handwriting, open-ended questions, and persuasive writing. An "Inquiry Science" class was presented for fifth-grade teachers and a GEMS (Great Explorations in Math and Science) unit for use in third grade was reviewed.

Some district teachers, including Title I and some music and art teachers, used the professional development day for site visits to other districts where outstanding programs are in operation. Other members of

Bernardsville man faces drug count after Rt. 22 arrest in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS

20. Kevin Ritchie, of Bernardsville, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be heroin) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ritchie was arrested on the 2500 block of Route 22 about 2:45 a.m.

He was also found to have an outstanding contempt of court warrant for \$560 from Berkeley Heights, Police issued a summons for the drug charges and turned Ritchie over to Berkeley Heights police. ***

A Malanga Court resident reported April 22 his van had been broken onto overnight, and several personal belongings had been taken.

After breaking a rear window, the suspect took a bicycle, a handheld computer, and other items valued at a about \$2,600.

A Raritan Road resident reported April 25 a bicycle had been stolen from the property during the previous night.

An employee of a local drug store reported the morning of

Police Log

April 23 several boxes of cigars had been stolen from the store.

An employee of a Route 22 business reported April 23 a 1997 pickup truck had been stolen from the company's parking lot. The door of a U-Haul trailer on the lot was also damaged, but nothing else was taken.

WESTFIELD

Plainfield resident Franklin Hardy was charged April 23 with driving while intoxicated.

Hardy, who was arrested at 9:32 p.m., was also charged with refusing to submit to a breath test.

Kevin Feath, 26, of Middlesex, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated. Feath was arrested at 12:13 a.m.

Westfield resident Timothy Greenlaw, 19, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated.

Greenlaw, who was pulled over

at 4:16 a.m., was also arrested on an outstanding Scotch Plains warrant. ***

A Gucci wallet valued at about \$200 was stolen from a vehicle parked on the 200 block of Munsee Way April 23.

There were several cases of criminal mischief reported in town.

A Clark man and a Scotch Plains man reported April 23 their cars had been vandalized while parked in the town.

A bike parked outside the Roosevelt School was vandalized April 24.

The rear side window of a car parked on the 300 block of Benson Place was damaged Sunday.

And also on Sunday, the sidewalk on the 700 block of Coleman Place was vandalized when a green substance was poured on it.

Turnersville resident Remee Kiley was arrested Monday afternoon on three oustanding Westfield warrants.

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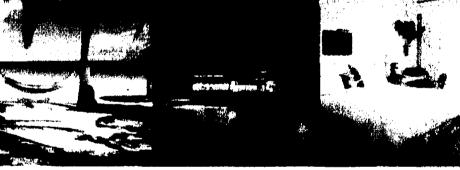
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Nominations sought for top volunteers

SCOTCH PLAINS — Nominations are being solicited for township Volunteers of the Year.

All nominees must have done their volunteer work in the township. Forms are available at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.; Wallis Stationery, 441 Park Ave.; and the Recreation Department, located within the Municipal Building at 430 Park Ave.

Deadline for nominations is June 28. A female volunteer, a male volunteer and a volunteer organization will be honored Dec. 6 in the Mayor's Charity Gala at Pantagis Renaissance. For more information, phone (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221.

Youth Orchestra plans last concert

Bruce Smith Jr. of Fanwood, Michael Gleason and Nancy Twu of Scotch Plains and Eunice Park of Westfield will participate in the New Jersey Youth Orchestra's last concert of the season at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at Richardson Auditorium, located in Alexander Hall on the Princeton University campus.

Admission is 410 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

Local students present poetry

Scotch Plains students were among those to participate in a poetry reading Monday at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Springfield.

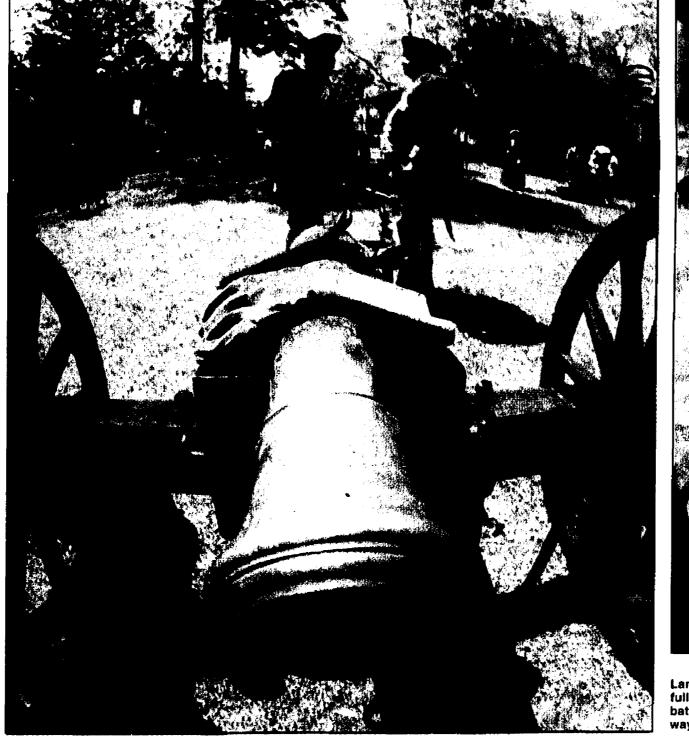
Kia Kearney, Kevin Holden, Erica Martin and Katisa White, all of the Hillcrest Academy, presented their poetry.

Prudential honors Westfield junior

WESTFIELD — William Masket, a junior at Westfield High School, has been awarded a medal of honor from Prudential Securities. He was presented with Prudential's Spirit of the Community Award



The Westfield Fife and Drum Corps provide period music at the Revolutionary War Encampment staged Saturday at Hanson Park. The event helped mark the Cranford Historical Society's 75th anniversary.





GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

at a recent Board of Education meeting.

Willie raised more than \$46,000 through a direct mail donation campaign and benefit concert for "Cure Autism Now."

Gerard Rabadeau of Prudential Securities said there were more than 29,000 applicants for the national award.

B'nai B'rith couples plan dinner outing

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be having dinner at The Buttonwood, Manor, Route 34, Matawan at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 19. The cost is the price of your own meal. Ketubah Unit is open to married, Jewish couples who are 40 and older. Nonmembers are welcome. To reserve a spot, call Barbara at (732) 264-6604 by May 17.

May crowning planned Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church holds its May crowning and birthday party Monday.

The program follows a Mass in the Westfield Avenue church 7:30 p.m. Officers for 2002-03 will be installed. Members are asked to bring a friend.

Career coaching seminar planned

SCOTCH PLAINS — K. Denise Bane conducts a "Career Coaching" seminar 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St.

"Career coaching is a process of self-assessment, goal-setting and action planning to help create and navigate an ideal career path," she said.

Bane is a career coach and the facilitator for the 90-minute program.

Cost of \$10 includes a followup session. Registration is required; phone (908) 322-6007.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Lamb's Artillery and Mott's Artillery staged a re-enactment Saturday in full battle dress. At left, participants chat near their cannon before the battle. Above, Jean Johnson whips cream for pies the old-fashioned way.

Cranford brings the Revolution to life

By KIMBERLY MERZ

CORRESPONDENT

Camped along the banks of the Rahway River, soldiers, carrying swords and wearing knee britches and wool regimental coats, prepared their cannons and artillery for battle.

A few yards away, the women, dressed in bonnets, long dresses, showed off their needlework, while children played with wooden toys.

Dancing to beat of the fife and drum, flower blossoms floated in the gentle breeze.

Marking the 225th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, the Cranford Historical Society sponsored a re-enactment of a Revolutionary War encampment Saturday, complete with costumes, weapons, and artifacts.

It was the first major event of the Historical Society's 75th anniversary. Two experienced groups — Lamb's Artillery Company and Mott's Artillery — performed the historic wartime re-enactment. Artillerist Carl Halgren answered many questions about the weapons and training methA Cranford resident asked about a decorated stick, which was displayed among the rifles and bayonets. In the evening, when a gentleman went through a stroll in town, in order to make sure that he looked like a gen-

"This is what we (The Cranford Historical Society) are about; teaching history and raising people's awareness." Christine Glazer

President of the Cranford Historical Society

ods of the day. He explained, in character, that his rifle would have been specially made for

him, and taken 10 years to build. Three notches were put into the barrel, representing his three children. The gun would have cost a militiaman \$12, but an average farmer's income was only \$7 at that time. tleman, he carried a walking stick.

"Along the way, I might come across a highwayman like you, and I would have to defend myself," Halgren said. To the delight of the crowd, he pulled the walking stick apart, showing off a long slender blade, which was hidden inside. "I'm ready to

defend myself," Holgren said. Ann Neufeld displayed her

Ann Neufeld displayed her embroidery, representing what a girl would have to learn, starting at the age of 7 or 8.

She said that the fabrics and threads came from Europe. According to Neufeld, when a girl was old enough for suitors, her parents proudly showed off her needlework to the prospective husband.

There were schools for young girls, but not just for reading and writing. The wealthy class would send their youngsters to boarding school, or finishing school, Neufeld said.

Fife and drum music was provided by the Westfield Fife and Drum Corps, which consists of children, ranging from 10-18 years old. Director John Daley said there are only two Fife and Drum Corps in New Jersey, and the musicians are always looking for new members. The money that is raised from their performances provides college scholarships for their members.

The wonderful explanations of the rifles and bayonets, were what Cranford resident Matthew Stoke, 8, said was his favorite part of the encampment.

Christine Glazer, president of the Cranford Historical Society said that the day was a success, with a steady flow of traffic. "I think everybody had a good time, so that is what is important," Glazer said.

According to Glazer, the Rahway River was a main thoroughfare, and troops camped all along the river. The British encampment was also nearby, located in Elizabeth.

"This is what we (The Cranford Historical Society) are about; teaching history and raising people's awareness," Glazer said.

Eugene Godby

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Eugene T. Godby, 67, died April 24, 2002 at his home in Raritan Township, Hunterdon County. He loved growing flowers and for the past 15 years owned the Stewart's Root Beer stand in Lebanon.

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Mr. Godby was born in West Orange and had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Cokesbury in 1970. He had resided in Raritan Township for the past six months.

He graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and formerly was self-employed as a builder. Mr. Godby served in the

Army during the Korean War. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Vivian Grobe Godby; three sons, Mark and wife Rose of Holland Township, Michael and wife Diane of Ashburn, Va., and Stephen of Herndon, Va.; a daughter, Lisa of Stow, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Holland Township firehouse.

Arrangements were by Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington. Donations may be sent to Hunterdon Hospice, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Mary Louise Thomas

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mary Louise Thomas, 65, died April 20, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. A certified home health aide, she was for 20 years a nursing assistant at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Camden, S.C., and had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Plainfield in 1952. She also was a secretary with the city of Plainfield for 10 years and a barmaid at the Anchor Bar in Plainfield.

Surviving are two sons, Charles and Morris, both of in Plainfield.

Plainfield; two daughters, Shelley Davis of Buford, Ga., and Kelley of Plainfield; three brothers, Charles Nelson Jr. and Robert Nelson, both of Plainfield, and James Nelson of Daytona Beach, Fla.; four sisters, Susie McCoy of Daytona Beach, Etta L. Nelson and Eval King, both of Plainfield, and Helen Martin of Atlanta; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a niece, Yolanda Nelson of Plainfield.

Services were held Friday at **Greater Refuge Church of Christ** in Plainfield. Arrangements were by Judkins Colonial Home

Kenneth Hoover

SCOTCH PLAINS - Kenneth Michael Hoover, 39, died April 24, 2002 at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento, Calif. He was a lifelong Scotch Plains resident, self-employed as a management consultant.

Mr. Hoover earlier was a financial planner for two years with Meeker Sharkey in Cranford. He spent nine years as a purchasing manager with the former Nynex Corp.

He received a master's degree in 1990 from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hoover earned a bachelor of business adminis-

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tration degree from

St. Bonaventure University in 1985. He was a member of the St. Bonaventure Alumni Association.

Surviving are his parents, Raymond F. Hoover and Lois L. Carell Hoover, and a sister, Laura Lackatell, all of Scotch Plains; a niece and two nephews.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

were by **Arrangements** William R. Dangler Funeral Home in Summit.

Obituaries

Mary Coveleski

Harold Cohen

WESTFIELD - Mary Duma Coveleski, 97, died April 23, 2002 at Community Medical Center in Toms River. She was a waitress in the Public Service Electric & Gas Co. executive dining room in Newark for 20 years prior to her retirement.

Mrs. Coveleski was born in Poland and came to the United States in 1912. She lived in Newark, Westfield and Homestead, Fla., before moving to Bayville in 2001.

WESTFIELD - Harold

Cohen, 74, died April 23, 2002 at

Overlook Hospital in Summit. He

was an insurance broker with

Marsh & McLennan in

Manhattan prior to his 1990

York City and lived in Elizabeth

before moving to Westfield in

1970. He served in the Army

owned the Roberts Cleaners in

Scotch Plains for more than 40

He was born in Belleville and

Mr. Ryan served in the Marine

Corps during World War II and

earned a degree in philosophy

lived in Irvington before moving

to Scotch Plains in 1979.

Mr. Cohen was born in New

retirement.

vears.

Deceased are her husband, Stanley; and two daughters, Helen Wolfe and Lorraine Kwasek.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Wall; a son, Stanley Kowalewski; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Friday at St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church, Bayville, following services at Mastapeter Funeral Home in Bayville. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

after World War II and received a

hachelor's degree in business

administration from New York

Gertrude Schiller Cohen; two

daughters, Linda Weisberger and

A memorial service was held

Sunday at Menorah Chapels at

Anne; and two grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife,

retired in 1976 after seven years as a bookkeeper and secretary with Kanaematsu-Gosho in Manhattan. Mrs. Cupo was born in Jersey

City. She lived in Linden, Margate, Fla., and Clark before moving to Scotch Plains in 2000. She earlier was a bookkeeper

2002 at Ashbrook Nursing and

Rehabilitation Center. She

in Elizabeth with the Morey La Rue Laundry and the former W.T. Grant Co. Mrs. Cupo recorded 16,000 hours over 19 years as a volunteer at Northwest Regional Hospital in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Her husband, William Sr., and a son, Air Force Sgt. Michael, are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters Dorothy A. Callahan and hus band Vincent of Florida and Mary Elizabeth Bartus and hus band Thomas of Vineland; a sor William J. and wife Janet Coldwater, Miss.; two sisters Margaret Fucillo of Florida and Patricia Barba of New Vernon; 1 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Westfield, following ser vices at Krowicki McCracker Funeral Home in Linden. Buria was in Holy Name Cemetery Jersey City.

Donations may be sent to St Helen's Helping Hands and Hearts, 1600 Rahway Ave. Westfield, NJ 07090.

Herbert Lockley

WESTFIELD — Herbert Lockley, 65, died April 24, 2002 at his home. He was a mason contractor with Hugo Loeffler Inc. for 30 years prior to his retirement.

and Queen County, Va., and had Home.

James of Plainfield and Lewi of Westfield; and many niece and nephews. Services were held Tuesda

Mr. Lockley was born in King at Plinton-Curry Funera

lived in Westfield since 1967.

Surviving are two brothers

Frederick Wieboldt; college athletic director

teams until his retirement i

Mr. Wieboldt was born i Summit and lived in Scotch South Dennis, Mass. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 served in the South Pacific during World War II and held the teams at Upsala from 1956-86. rank of staff sergeant on his discharge in 1946.

Surviving are his wife, Marion Davis Wieboldt; a son, Kenneth of Coventry, R.I.; two daughters, Phyllis Wieboldt Mass.; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional in South Dennis. Donations may High School in Dennis, Mass. be sent to Camp Calumet Mr. Wieboldt coached its softball Lutheran, P.O. Box 236, West

She was born in New York City and had lived in Westfield the Society.

Surviving are a sister, Charlotte of Westfield; and a nephew, Edward Murray of Manhattan.

Mass was offered Wednesday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic

PLAINS SCOTCH -----Frederick W. Wieboldt, 80, an 1996.

athletic director and sports coach at the former Upsala College in East Orange, died Plains before moving in 1986 to Sunday at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mass.

He coached basketball, soccer, golf and cross-country In addition, Mr. Wieboldt was a physical education teacher at Upsala and a member of the college's Hall of Fame.

He began his career as a teacher at Highland Park High Tyler of Holliston, Mass., and School in 1948, the year Mr. Ellen of Fallston, Md.; a brother, Wieboldt earned a bachelor's Herbert of Dennis; a sister, Ann degree from the New Brunswick Wieboldt Wilson of Andover. campus of Rutgers University.

In 1986 he joined the faculty and girls junior varsity soccer Ossipee, NH 03890-0236.

Township woman heads state's consumer affairs

> SCOTCH PLAINS - Reni Pharmacy in 1981-82. Erdos has been nominated by Gov. James McGreevey as tive director of the New Jersey director of the New Jersey Academy of Ophthalmology. In Division of Consumer Affairs. addition, Erdos is an assistant

Currently she is the execu-

A son, Robert, is deceased.

Surviving is his wife, Eleanor M. Gorski Ryan.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Theodore Pavelec

FANWOOD -Theodore Pavelec, 84, died April 28, 2002 at Capital Health System-Mercer Campus in Trenton. A businessman and machinist, he worked for the Rampart Machine Co. in Clark prior to his 1972 retirement.

Mr. Pavelec was born in Clark. He lived in Fanwood and Yardley, Pa., before moving to Columbus in 1995

He was an Army Air Corps

Mathilde Pfeiffer

WESTFIELD — Mathilde Pfeiffer, 89, died April 28, 2002 at Rahway Hospital. She was a past president of Chapter 17, American Society of Woman Accountants.

Robert F. Ryan SCOTCH PLAINS — Robert from Seton Hall University in F. Ryan, 81, died April 24, 2002 at **Overlook Hospital in Summit. He**

Millburn, in Union.

University in 1950.

1946. He was a member of American Legion Post 209.

Home. Burial was in Gate of

flight instructor during World War П

His wife, Susanne Nielsen Pavelec, died in 2000.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Marion; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held yesterday at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were by Dooley Westfield. Colonial Home in

Westfield Historical

Dorothy Cupo

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Miss Pfeiffer retired in 1982 after 30 years as an accountant with Barnes Commissary in Cranford. She was a member of

Church, of which Miss Pfeiffer was a parishioner. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. by

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She would be the ninth director in the division's 31 years if she is confirmed by the state Senate. Consumer Affairs is among 10 divisions that fall within the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Erdos, who lives in the township, worked in Consumer Affairs from 1992-95 as its legislative liaison to the state attorney general's office. She was executive director of the New Jersey State Board of county counsel in the office of the Union County counsel and an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School in Newark.

The nominee received her law degree from the Seton Hall Law School in 1992. She holds a bachelor's degree in zoology and physiology from Hunter College of the City University of New York.

Erdos has a grown son Jordan, and a grown daughter Jennifer.

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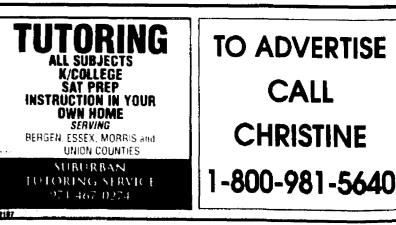
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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Symphony ends with Beethoven

PLAINFIELD - In a fitting conclusion to a season which drew from national tragedy, local uncertainty and ultimate triumph, the Plainfield Symphony's final notes of 2001-2002 will be those of Ludwig von Beethoven's immortal Fifth Symphony.

The season finale will take place May 4, 8 p.m., at the Crescent Avenue **Presbyterian** Church in Plainfield under the baton of Music Director Sabin Pautza. Maestro Pautza's own composition, Games III for Viola and Orchestra, featuring **PSO Principal Cellist** Elizabeth Schultze, is also on the program along with the Roseamunde Overture by Schubert.

Like many arts organizations, the PSO faced severe financial problems as 9-11 ravaged an already-shaky economy. The new year found the orchestra barely alive, but the Plainfield community rallied to the cause and, following a sold-out March concert, the orchestra will be back on May 4 and for its 83rd season in the fall.

Plainfield Symphony Concertmaster Evelyn Estava has been playing Beethoven's Fifth for years but has not lost her enthusiasm for the work.

"My favorite part of the symphony is the transition between the third and fourth movements," she said. "When I played for the first time in the Youth Symphony of Venezuela, our conductor used to say that those 50 or **60** bars of mystery signify the end of the classical era and the beginning of the romantic..you feel like something really great is about to happen."

Her words ring true for the future of the Plainfield Symphony, as well.

Tickets will be available at the door, \$15-\$45, or by calling (908) 561-5140.

Cranford Street fair is on Sunday

take on many flavors Perhaps the tastiest is the beautiful Spring festival hosted in Downtown Cranford on May 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m

Cranford's 13th Arts and Crafts Festival is a combination of food, crafts, music and children's activities. It brings thousands to the Downtown Business District where unique shopping and tasty festival foods are just part of the festivities. The Cranford Chamber of Commerce sponsors this popular event, planned to be a full day of family fun.

Admission is free and more than 150 crafts and food exhibitors will exhibit and sell along the Eastman Plaza Area and North and South Union and Alden Streets.

Jewelry designers will be selling their creations of silver and gold, as well as fun and

CRANFORD - Spring celebrations can fashionable wearable art. David Rosenberg will display his uniquely Victorian jewelry. Other professional craftspersons will sell original designer clothing and accessories, toys, dolls, decorative furniture and unusual home accessories. Airbrush artist Jurgen Westphal decorates mailboxes and textiles.

Stained glass garden stones and jewelry boxes are made by Carolyn Mangan. Sharon Hendricks decorates old window frames with beautiful floral bouquets.

Uncle Floyd Vivino will bring his fastpaced comedy to the stage at noon and 2 p.m. The originator of New Jersey's longest running television show, The Uncle Floyd Show; Vivino is legendary for engaging his audience with his song parodies and non-stop one-lin-

Also joining the fun will be musicians

Mobluez at 11 a.m., Front Porch Swing at 1 p.m., country singer, Tom Klimchock at 3:30, and the high energy Dean Shot Blues Revue at 4 p.m. The stage area will be on North Avenue near the Rolex Clock.

Greek and Italian foods are just part of the festival menu. Tasty selections from more than 15 food vendors will include toasted mozzarella and combread sandwiches, Teriyaki barbeque, Passarelli's famous Italian Hot Dogs and DB's sausage sandwich. Ike's Crab Cakes of Millville will serve his famous crabcakes, chowders and lobster cakes. Other food specialties include Strawberry Dan's Fresh fruit Smoothies, Greek gyros and grilled shish kebob, calzone, zeppoles, kettlekorn and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

The children will love the Moon Bounce,

pony rides, and petting zoo.

There are more than a dozen friendly critters for young children to observe and pet. Louie the Bum, Jubilee the Clown and other street performers are scheduled to appear. Radio station New Jersey 101.5 will be at the festival. The Cranford Police plan to provide DWI information.

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The 13th Cranford Arts and Crafts Festival will take place along Eastman Plaza Area, North Union and Alden Avenues. North Avenue will remain open for traffic, but parts of Downtown Cranford near the Train station will be detoured of traffic for the day. Parking will be free. The rain date is May 26.

For more information call the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance, Inc. at (908)

995-2246. Carving, wildlife art sale is set for weekend

BASKING RIDGE - One of the Somerset County Park Commission's most significant and regionally recognized annual events, the 22nd Annual Carving & Wildlife Art Show & Sale is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and May 5.

Attended by wildlife art lovers from across the Northeast, the display and sale will take place rain or shine at the Somerset County Park Commission's Environmental Education Center at 190 Lord Stirling Road from 10 a.m to 5 p.m., each day. There is a \$2 per person suggested donation and parking is free. The show regularly draws in excess of 1,000 visitors.

Startling realism and attention to detail are the hallmarks of the show. Offered as part of the environmental education program, the show presents unique and creative perspectives on native wild plants and animals and the habitats that they frequent.

The 22nd annual show features the works of more than 40 accomplished wildlife artists who will display and sell their interpretive renditions of North American and exolic wildhie and plants. Included

The Duprees will be performing two concerts at the Forum Theatre on June 1.

Oldies groups to perform at the Forum The Duprees, Kenny Vance and Planotones perform double bill

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Woodland Walks at Buck Garden

FAR HILLS - Somerset County Park Commission has announced that Leonard J. **Buck** Garden will host Woodland Walks on Sunday afternoons, May 5, 12, and 19. The tours will introduce visitors to the many spring wildflowers and bulbs blooming within the garden's unique setting of woods, streams, and rock outcroppings.

This naturalistic woodland rock garden is located at 11 Lavton Road in Far Hills. The tours will meet at the **Buck Garden Visitor's Center** at 2 p.m.. Tour fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

Preregistration is not required. For information, call (908) 234-2677.

Putting course is now open

FRANKLIN — The **Colonial Park Putting Course** is now open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. through Friday, May 24.

Summer hours, beginning Saturday, May 25 will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, through Labor Day, Sept. 2. Fall hours will revert to Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

The cost per round ranges from \$4 per person (group) rate) to \$5 for an individual adult. Ten play passes are available at a discount. Combination tickets for both the Putting Course and Paddle Boats are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For information, call the Colonial Park Putting Course at (732) 873-8585.

for an evening of nostalgic bee-bop and rock with The Duprees and Kenny Vance and the Planotones in a double bill at Forum Theatre n Saturday, June 1 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The Duprees first came to recognition in the early 1960's with their interpretation of cherished romantic ballads of the 40's, 50's and 60's. They continue to bring their distinctive style to showrooms around the world, while at the same time effectively incorporating a touch of today's sounds and actions. These attributes, plus their talent for friendly interaction with the audience, are among the reasons why The Duprees have endured over the decades as one of the leading purveyors of romantic nostalgic songs

The Duprees started performing in the early sixties when four young men, lead by Mike Argone, gathered to sing on the street corners of Jersey City. They were brought to To Me," a 1950's hit for Jo Stafford. Although personnel changes have evolved over the 37 years since their first hit made them a household name, present Duprees Phil Granito, Richie Rosato, Jimmy Spinelli and Tony Testa prove that old favorites need not go the way of the wind-up Victrola.

Kenny Vance and the Planotones' extraordinary performance of original and cover 50's and 60's inspired music is delivered with a rare and exciting passion. Whether on stage, record, film, television, video, radio or commercials, they command a standing ovation with every performance. Each member of the group brings a special gift to the mix, and between them they have released over thirty albums, have had chart topping million selling records, and have performed throughout the U.S. and internationally. Featuring Kenny Vance, Murray Weinstock,

the group has released four CDs and has performed on the world's most prestigious stages including Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Universal Amphitheatre, MGM Grand and Taj Mahal and more.

Vance has composed, supervised and produced a long list of scores and soundtrack albums for feature film, and television, including some of the great rock and roll films. He was music supervisor and soundtrack producer for American Hot Wax, (the Allen Freed story); he played Professor LaPlano, the leader of the fictional group The Planotones, and so the legendary group was formed in 1978. Vance also musically supervised for Saturday Night Live, and the films Animal House, Eddie and the Cruisers I & II, Streets of Fire and Hairspray.

Tickets are \$35, and can be reserved by calling (732) 548-0582.

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are paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolor; signed prints; lifelike, hand-painted and stylized woodcarvings; etchings; photographs; sculpture and inlaid pottery. The subject matter focuses on wetland, song, and predatory birds, as well as a variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and wildflowers. The works displayed will be shown with artists in attendance describing their styles and motivations for rendering their wildlife art images.

Many local artists are featured along with artists from as far away as Ohio, Virginia, Michigan, and Canada. Art pieces will be judged on Saturday May 4 for ribbon and cash awards.

Well-known outdoor sculptor Harry Robinson of Bernardsville will be demonstrating his carving techniques. Also available will be artist demonstrations, a silent auction, live animal exhibits, children's activities, a food vendor, and a gift shop. Ballots will be distributed to all visitors to vote for their favorite artist. The "People's Choice" winner will receive a cash award. The silent auction will take place on both days, making available some of the artwork at bargain prices. The proceeds of the auction are donated to the Environmental Education Center

The interactive exhibit, "Secrets of the Great Swamp," including a 4-foot by 8-foot living diorama of Great Swamp denizens, will be open to show visitors. Also open are the over 8 miles of wide, level, and occasionally mushy hiking trails leading to the ponds, swamps, marshes, fields, and forests of the Great Swamp.

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The Somerset Art Association located in Bedminster will be hosting a lecture presented by Feng Shui practitioner Valerie Bogdan of Somerset on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

A basic introduction to Feng Shui and its tools along with the history and importance of Space Clearing will be presented. Bogdan has studied psychol-

mer. Adding Feng Shui principals to her practice opened a new dimension to her work with highly encouraging results. 'Valerie Bogdan's talk is a

'The series embraces speakers representing all branches of the arts to reflect the various cultural interests of the community at large. Other lectures scheduled in May are Zen and Yoga: The Art of Living and The Mastery and Mystique of Oriental Watercolors.

-Robyn Tromeur

ogy, criminology and human behavior for 24 years. She began her career as a corporate trainer and later became a behavioral consultant, therapist and neuro-linguistic program-

continuation of the Somerset Art Association's Tuesday evening lecture series launched this spring," says Executive Director Robyn Tromeur. "The series embraces speakers repre-

Performances of 'South Pacific' begin on Friday night

CRANFORD — The romance of one of Rogers and Hammerstein's most beloved musicals, "South Pacific," will be brought to the stage this month by the Cranford Dramatic Club.

Performances of "South Pacific" are on Fridays, May 3, 10, 17 and Saturdays on May 4, 11, 18, all at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee (Mother's Day) is May 12 is at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The theatre is located at 78 Winans Ave. For more informa-

tion, call (908) 276-7611.

A few of the many memorable tunes in "South Pacific" include Some Enchanted Evening," "Bali H'ai," "There is Nothing Like a Dame,""I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair", and "Bloody Mary is the Girl I Love."

Making her debut at CDC is Cindy Jung of Basking Ridge, who is playing Nellie Forbush, the young Navy nurse from Little Rock, Arkansas who falls in love

with Emile, and is forced to come to terms with her own prejudices. Jung started doing musicals when she was only 5 years old at St. Marcalline's Church in Illinois. Her varied background includes performances ranging from theme parks, Opryland and Dollywood, to variety shows such as Louise Mandrell, all in Tennessee, the Musicana Supper Club in Florida, Tennessee Frontiers in Okinawa, Japan, and on cruise ships, and in hotel shows.

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Another newcomer to CDC, is Roy Tornberg of West Orange, who portrays Luther Billis, the enterprising Seebee, who is always in and out of trouble, with a lust for the ladies. Tornberg recently performed as Mr. Upson in "Mame" at the JCC in West Orange, after an almost 30-year hiatus from performing.

Following up her role as Lady in Waiting in last December's Children's Theatre production of "Sleeping Beauty" at CDC, is Samantha Dango of Cranford, playing Ensign Sue Yaeger. Dango is a junior at Cranford High School, where she also runs track, and sings with the Women's Ensemble. She has also performed as the Narrator in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", was in "Oliver" and "Once Upon A Mattress", all at Hillside Avenue School

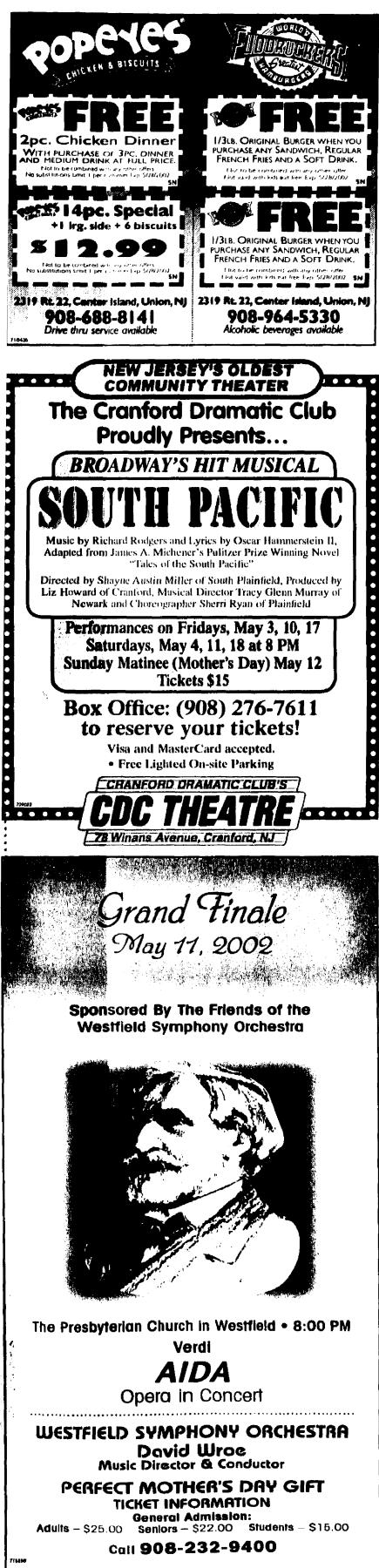
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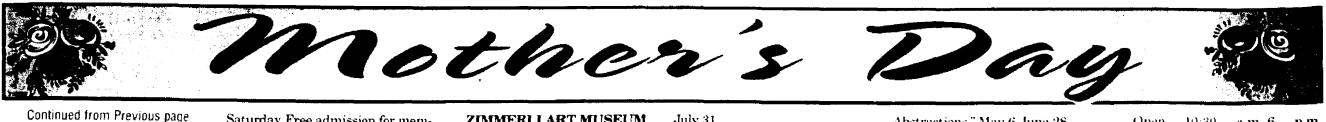
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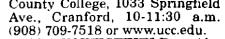
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Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue, Plainfield, 4-8 p.m. May 13. Donor requirements: (800) NJ BLOOD.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT - "Sex in the New Millennium." Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. May 15. \$10. Registration: (908) 322-5007.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -"Legally Blonde," hit from summer 2001. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. May 17. Free, (908) 322-6400. USED CLOTHES --- clothing

drive for Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 8-11 a.m. May 18. (908) 889-7497.

BABYSITTER — training for boys and girls 11-15 years old. Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 18, June 15. Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

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COFFEE — for those interested in Newcomers Club of Westfield, 7:30 p.m. May 23. Registration: (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK --"A.I.," Steven Spielberg project of last summer. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. May 24. Free, (908) 322-6400.

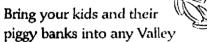
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Two women from The Record-Press area were named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Joanna E. Garibaldi of 1320 Cushing Road, Scotch Plains, is a junior majoring in early childhood education. Katherine E. Tway of 8 Essex Road, Scotch Plains, is a senior majoring in communication.

Three area students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Rider University in Lawrenceville. The students and their majors:

Jodi Baker of Westfield, ele-mentary education/psychology.

Melanie Mele of Scotch Plains, elementary education/communications.

Melissa Parisi of Scotch Plains, communications.

Keith Shaffer of 736 Crescent Parkway, Westfield, has received academic honors through the PRIDE program at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. PRIDE supports all engineering and computer science students at Syracuse with particular emphasis on women and people of color.

Shaffer is a junior majoring in computer engineering at the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Two area women were named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Nesa Jihan Crisp of Scotch Plains is a sophomore majoring in international studies. The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sydney A. Crisp attended Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison.

Jaimee E. Hills of Scotch Plains is a senior majoring in writing seminars. The daughter of John Hills attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



UNION COUNTY BASEBALL TOURNAMEN

Ready for title pursuit

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

As the Westfield High baseball team looks to replace Cranford at the top of Union County it will look for a little help from an old rival.

Unable to argue its case for the top slot on the field because of rain, Westfield will seek its first Union County Tournament title since 1997 as the second seed in this year's field when first round play begins tomorrow.

Scotch Plains (4-5) was seeded 11th and will take on sixth-seeded and three-time defending champ Cranford 2 p.m. tomorrow at Orange Ave. School in Cranford. The Raiders knocked off Cranford 4-2 April 10 on a two-out two-run double by Andrew Pavoni in the bottom of the sixth.

Union snatched the top seed from Westfield after its scheduled meeting with the Devils was postponed from April 22 to Tuesday, when Westfield jumped out to a 5-0 second inning lead before the rain returned once again. Summit garnered the third seed, Johnson the fourth and Elizabeth the fifth seed.

Undefeated Brearley grabbed the seventh-seed with New Providence rounding out the top eight teams who will host games 2 p.m. tomorrow. The first two rounds are played at the home of the higher seed, with the semifinals slated for May 18 at Veterans Field in Rahway and the final scheduled for 8 p.m. May 25 at Memorial Field in Linden.

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LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Josh Wexler (sliding) and Scotch Plains hope to trip up defending champ Cranford in the first round of the Union County Tournament tomorrow, while Jim McKeon and the Blue Devils look to stand tall in their quest for a county title.

Cook thrives in big games

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

As the Westfield High baseball team begins its quest to win the program's first Union County Tournament title since 1997 it will rely on dominating pitching and an explosive offense to power its way through the field.

Jay Cook figures to be prominently involved in both.

The wirey 6-foot-4-inch senior right hander is scheduled to start each of the team's county tournament games, with junior Andrew Garrison ready to go in relief. As Cranford demonstrated the past two seasons county championships can be won on the strength of one unbeatable ace, a roll Cook has been anxious to fill for Westfield.

'I wanted the opportunity last year but it was Nick Geissler's turn. • plate, opposing coaches know he can hit it out of the park in a Now it's my opportunity to be the ace and take the ball in big games."

On the season Cook is 3-0 with 1.83 earned run average and 21 strikeouts in 23 innings. He can fire his fastball in the mid 80's, and keeps hitters off balance with a strong overhand curveball and changeup. He also mixes in a split-finger from time to time.

But it's highly doubtful he'll have to throw four shutouts to lead Westfield (8-1-1) to the crown. The Devils bolster one of the county's top offenses, averaging just a shade under 10 runs per game. Westfield can hit from one to nine in the order - boasting a team batting average of .393 through the first 10 games - and each player has come through with key hits and important contributions throughout the season.

But Cook is still the most feared hitter in the Devils lineup, and his presence creates opportunities for others. With a .577 average, 12 runs batted in, one home run -- which gave him the school's "I'm real excited. I've been waiting for (a UCT start)," said Cook. record with 10 career dingers - and more selective approach at the

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Tourney week for golfers By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

It's that time of the year again the eight days that determine the success of the golf season for many of the local high school teams.

Beginning with the Watchung Conference Tournament Monday the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High golf team will hope their games come together during a short span that covers three of the major tournaments of the season.

After Westfield attempts to defend it's conference champi-onship at Roselle Golf Club Monday, the Blue Devils and Raiders will look to knock Cranford off as Union County Tournament champions Thursday, then qualify for the state championships at the sectional tournaments May 13.

At last year's Watchung Conference Tournament Cranford senior Mike Occi fired a tournament record one-under 71 to win the individual title, but Westfield edged the Cougars by four strokes 331-335 for the team title.

Occi stayed hot three days later, shooting a one-over 73 at Echo Lake Country Club to win the Union County Tournament, as Cranford edged Westfield for the team title 321-327.

This year should follow pretty much the same script, with Mike and sophomore Jason Occi - winner of the Blue Devil Classic leading the list of candidates to win individual championships at the county and conference tournaments, with Westfield's Adam Karnish and Ryan Shallcross also in contention.

The hunt for the team titles should also come down to the a dual between Westfield and Cranford with Scotch Plains in the hunt, and it will be depth that determines the winner. Cranford has two tournament tested veter-

See Golfers, page C-2

Devils have all the pieces to solve UCT puzzle

RECORD.PRESS

On the strength of an eight game winning streak and a 10-1 record the Westfield High softball team earned the top seed in this year's Union County Tournament.

The Blue Devils, trying to win their first title since 1998, will host the Plainfield-Dayton playin-game survivor 2 p.m. Saturday in the first round. Roselle Park garnered the second seed, with defending champ Governor Livingston, who knocked off

Scotch Plains to win last year's title and is the only team to be Westfield this season, seeded third and Johnson fourth.

Union, Cranford, Linden and Union Catholic round out the topeight.

Scotch Plains, who has been rebuilding since reaching last year's final, earned the 14th seed and will take on Governor Livingston 2 p.m. Saturday.

Though seeded number-one, Westfield knows it can't start looking too far down the road to the county championship. As the

third seed last year the Devils were upset by 11th-seeded Union Catholic in the second round, and they could meet the Vikings in the second round again this year.

The Union County Tournament is often decided by strong pitching, solid defense, the ability to manufacture runs, the ability to play in tight situations, and experience.

The Devils have it all.

Westfield bolsters one of the best pitchers in the county in senior Caitlin MacDonald, who has tossed four shutouts already

this season. She can also count on a strong defense behind her, bolstered by senior third baseman Lisa Venezia, shortstop Nicole DeFabio and an outfield of seniors **Rachel Wagner, Erin Corbett and** Sara Bobertz, Freshman first baseman Lauren Giemetti and sophomore second baseman Jessica Guerrerio have also come on strong on the right side of the infield. Senior Tara Dowling is as good as they come behind the plate.

"Caitlin's pitched extremely well throughout the season," said

Head Coach Maggie McFadden. "We've been able to reduce the number of errors and that helps a lot because it give Caitlin a lot of confidence."

As the tournament goes on the Devils will face tougher and tougher pitching and will find themselves in close games, but they've been winning those games all season. Westfield has won three one-run games, rallying from behind in all three.

"We've been doing a good job of late of being able to manufacture runs when we need it," said

McFadden. "(Come-from-behind victories) are important. It gives the kids a lot of confidence. They don't believe they are ever out of a game."

While Westfield has cruised, the Raiders have struggled. After losing many of the players who led them to the county final last year, Scotch Plains has experienced some growing pains, win-ning just three games. The Raiders received the unenviable task of trying to dethrone last year's champ and a team that defeated them 9-1 April 20.

Devils come up short in battles with state's elite

The Westfield High boys lacrosse team fell to two of the top ranked teams in the state last week, dropping a 9-6 decision to Delbarton Saturday a Mountain Lakes 18-7 April 24. and

Mountain Lakes raced out to a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter, before the Devils were able to climb back into the game, cutting the deficit to 10-6 on goals by Ben Masel and Billy Schultz in the third period. But Mountain Lakes reeled off five consecutive goals to put the game away.

Westfield didn't have to climb out of as deep a hole against Delbarton Saturday, trailing just 2-1 after the first quarter and 6-3 at the half. Schultz had four assists and scored one goal and Mike Debrossey had two goals for the Devils (8-3). Tim Mansfield had one goal and one assist and Chris MacDonald and Greg Elliot each scored a goal. Brian Pirot had five saves and Dan Kotch four.

Westfield will try to get back on track when they host Ridgewood, who defeated both Delbarton and Mountain Lakes, 2 p.m. tomorrow.

GIRLS LACROSSE Westfield's five game winning streak was snapped Tuesday

HIGH SCHOOL WRAPUP

when Kent Place's Liz Perry scored with :47 seconds remaining, handing the Devils a 14-13 loss

Morgan Lang scored four times for Westfield (9-2) and Ali Pino added three goals.

Westfield 19, Morristown-Beard 2 - Morgan Lang had four goals, Ashley Kent had three goals and two assists and Sara Flood and Ali Pino each had a hat trick for Westfield in a 19-2 win over Morristown-Beard April 24.

SOFTBALL

Nicole DiFabio drove home Lisa Venezia to cap a three-run sixth inning rally that lifted Westfield to a 6-5 win over Delaware Valley Saturday.

Caitlin MacDonald drove in two runs and Jessica Guerriero had two hits and an RBI.

Westfield 27, East Side 0 -Caitlin MacDonald and Sara Bobertz combined for a one-hitter in Westfield's 27-0 drubbing of East Side April 24.

Westfield scored 10 times in the first and15 times in the second inning. Lisa Venezia had a two-run homer, four RBI and three runs scored, MacDonald had three RBI and four runs scored and Bobertz had three singles,

three RBI and four runs scored. BASEBALL

Westfield pounded out 11 hits in a 10-0 win over East Side April 24. Jay Cook was 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Lindsay Pennella drove home two runs and scored three times and Shanayia Willis drove in two runs in Scotch Plains' 16-3 victory over Plainfield Monday. Laura Manzi struck out nine over six innings, while scattering four hits.

Kearny 10, Scotch Plains 1 - The Raiders were limited to four hits in a 10-1 loss to Kearny April 24. Jen Oschner had a single and scored for Scotch Plains.

Baseball

Steve Horn was 3-for-3 with two doubles and two runs batted in for Scotch Plains, but the Raiders dropped their fifth straight Monday 9-6.

Kearny 9, Scotch Plains 3 -Josh Wexler and Jeff Hensel each had three hits for Scotch Plains in a 9-3 loss to Kearny April 24.



GEORGE PACCIELLO FECOR Ben Masel and the Westfield boys lacrosse team will look to rebound from two disapp losses tomorrow when they host Ridgewood at 2 p.m.



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BASEBALL

Westlield International League play contin ued last week with ten games completed. The White Sox combined solid pitching and hitting to move up to the top of the standings with a 13-1 victory over the Diamondbacks and a 3-0 win over the **Dodgers**. Remaining undefeated were the **Angels**, who narrowly defeated the **Athletics** 4-3 and won over the **Mets** 5-0, the Cardinals with a 9-1 win over the Blue Jays. and the Indians 8-2 over the Braves 1 Athletics, Blue Jays and Braves were all previ-ously unbeaten. Other action saw the Blue Jays defeat the Orioles 10 - 0 and the Red Sox come up with an exciting 6-4 victory over the Mets

In another game, the Diamondbacks picked up their first win of the season by defeating the Orioles 13-5. Ethan Krell turned in three strong innings on the mound for the D'backs, scatter ing four hits. Jimmy Boyle and Gorden Arnold came up with nice defensive plays, each knock-ing down hard smashes, and Harrison Sacks, Neil Amalo and Jimmy Boyle chipped in two hits apiece. For the Orioles, Nari Watanabe and Stephen Koepfler each had a sirigle and two RBI's, Christopher Bartell had a hit and an RBI and Michael Rediker singled, as well.

GYMNASTICS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 'B' Division gymnastics team hosted its final home meet of the 2002 regular seasori Saturday, with the South Mountain, Montclair, Westfield, Madison Area and South Brunswick YMCAs in attendance. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains team finished second with a 91.1 score, behind Madison's 98.05. Montclair scored 88.35, Westheld 84.1 and South Mountain 75.9. South Mountain did not compete for a team score.

Allison Zeller competed in the 11 and under age group on vault and floor exercise, earning personal high scores in both events

Four gymnasts represented F-SP in the 12 year-old age group. Second place all-around honors went to Rebecca Keiser, who earned first place on balance beam, second on vault and third on uneven bars and floor Magda Mierzejeska was awarded third place all-around along with second place on uneven bars and floor exercise, and fifth place on balance beam Fourth place all-around went to Francesca Lumetta for her performances on all four events. Lumetta also earned fourth place awards on uneven bars and balance beam. Natalie Szaroleta earned season personal best scores on all four events.

Samantha Scarini competed for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA B Division team in the 13 and over age group on all four events and contributed to the team's final score.

With only three weeks remaining until the state championship meet, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 'B' Division gymnasts are looking ahead to wrapping up a good year. Three gym-nasts from the 'B' Division team have qualified to compete at the Regional Championship meet, along with all 11 members of the 'A' team. The 'A' team will also be traveling to Niagara Falls, N.Y. in July to compete at the national championship meet. The Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA will be

hosting the 'C' Division State Championship on May 5. For more information on the gymnastics at the YMCA please call Barbara Breuninger at (908) 889-8880

SOCCER

Galaxy Win The Westfield Galaxy U-9 boys soccer team deleated West Orange 2-1 in the strongest effort of the spring season by the Galaxy.

The Galaxy was paced by goals by Bryan Reilly, who found the back of the net in the second quarter, and by Daniel Eliades, who scored the third quarter. Westfield dominated midfield

play throughout most of the game on strong play from Ben Kraus, Robert Bunting, Jeremy Lin and Hema Keder — all of whom played strong offensive and defensive games. The sta-mina of the Galaxy midfielders was most impressive as Westfield played with only one

YOUTH SPORTS

impressive as westrield played with only one reserve and without injured standouts Evan Gingrich and J.P. Githens. When West Orange was able to penetrate Galaxy territory, they were often turned away by outstanding defensive play of sweeper, Steven Kom, and defenders, Jacob Walker and Bran Korn, and defenders Jacob Walker and Brian Montiero Montiero seemed to be all over the held in the victory while Walker played tena-cious man defense and Korn coolly handled the West Orange attack. The Galaxy also received strong keeper work from Bunting, Reilly, and Eliades as well as a goal saving defensive play from Kraus late in the match.

The Scotch Plans-Fanwood U-11 Sparx girls soccer team, coming off a disappointing loss to Millburn, defeated the Soccer Gals from Franklin Township 3-1 April 21. The Soccer Gals scored first in the opening

minutes of the game, but the Spark quickly answered back when Jennie Altman popped in a shot. The always strong backfield of Samantha Bremer, Sheryl Markovitz and Stephanie Glover persistently shut down all Gais scoring attempts. Any shots that got into the backfield were consistently turned away by the excellent play of Jaclyn Law in goal. Law's punts changed the field each time she touched ihe ball.

Erika White scored her first goal with a high shot to put the Sparx in front 2-1. In the second half, the Franklin goalie was kept busy when midfielders Jenna McGary, Brittney Veeck and Kim Shelus, who all have good shots on goal kept the ball pushed up to the front line of Corrine Walker, Allison Goldberg, Becca VonLangen and Olivia Francavilla, who also took several shots, keeping the Gals goalie on the move. Finally, Corrine Walker found the back of the net to put the final score in the

Sparx favor 3-1

Rebels fail to Stars The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rebels U... girls soccer team fell to the undefeated Bridgewater Shooting Stars 4-2 April 21.(las: names were not included)

Four earn **Piccolo** honors

Andrew Pavoni and Jayme Ferraro of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High, and Matt Daly of Westfield will be awarded the 2002 UNICO District 10 Brian Piccolo Award Sunday.

Westfield's Angela Ricci will receive the True Grit Award. Derek Tranchina, son of Westfield Athletic Director Ed Tranchina, is also among the 10 recipients.

Recipients are students with Italian heritage, honored not for their athletic accomplishments, but their display of character and scholastics. The Brian Piccolo Award was established in 1977 in honor of the Chicago Bears' running back who died at the age of 26 after his confrontation with five cancers. His story is best remembered in the movie "Brian's Song.'

Golfers

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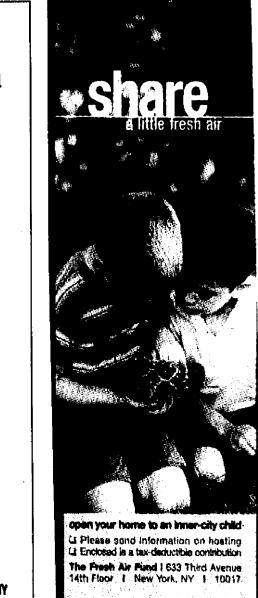
an's in the Occi brothers, but behind them the Cougars are inexperienced. Westfield has veteran's in Karnish, Erin Cockren and Jeff Luker, a tournament tough freshman in Shallcross and Gerritt Ill, who's new to the golf pressures, but has played in plenty of big games with Westfield's boys soccer team.

"I think our depth and our experience is an advantage," said Westfield Head Coach John Turnbull. "Whether that means anything or not we'll find out."



(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted) FRIDAY, MAY 3 Tennis Union County Tournament, 9 a.m. Semis, Finals, consolations Donald Van Blake Courts, Plainfield Softball Westfield vs. Roselle Park, 4 Baseball Scotch Plains at Roselle Park, 7:30 uon Scotch Plains vs. Union Catholic, 3:45 SATURDAY, MAY 4 Baseball Westfield vs. Governor Livingston, 2 Scotch Plains at Cranford, 2 UCT First Round Softball Westfield vs. Dayton/Plainfield, 2 Scolch Plains at Governor Livingston, 2 Boys Lacrosse Westfield vs. Ridgewood, 2 Girls Lacrosse Westfield at Lawrenceville, 2 MONDAY, MAY 6 Golf Watchung Conference Tournament, 4 Roselle Golf Club Westfield at Kearny, 4 Scotch Plains vs. East Side, 4 Softball Westfield vs. Kearny, 4 Scotch Plains at East Side, 4 Girls Lacrosse Westfield vs. Old Bridge, 4 Tennis Westfield at Plainfield, 4 Scotch Plains vs. Irvington, 4 TUESDAY, MAY 7 Westfield at Edison, 4 Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 3:45 WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 Baseball Westfield vs. Plainfield, 4 Scotch Plains at Irvington, 4 Softball Westfield at Plainfield, 4 Scotch Plains vs. Irvington, 4 Girls Lacrosse Westfield at Princelon, Goff Westfield vs. Elizabeth, 4 Ashbrook Golf Course Tennis Scotch Plains vs. Bound Brook, 4





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SPORTSCENE

JACQUES IN HALL

Shelly Jacques, a teacher at Union Catholic High School was recently inducted as into the Bowlers' Hall of Fame of the Central Jersey Women's Bowling Association. She rolled a per-fect game May 14, 1997, had a high average is 201, a three-game series score of 740, 56 series of 650 or better, 21 games 264 or higher In the county tournament she won Team

Event twice. Singles once, All Events three times. Queens Tournament 1988/1989. 600 Club

Tournament 1998. She won Doubles in the state tournament in 1983. On March 1, she bowled 298. Her dad, Robert Jacques, bowled a 297 on the same pair of lanes. BASEBALL REGISTRATION April 19 on the

The Union County Baseball Association invites young basebail players — boys and girls - ages 8 to 15 to register for its Summer 2002 Youth League baseball teams. Sign-ups for the

beginning May 11 and continuing May 18, June 1, June 8 and June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon each

day. Each player is required to bring a \$25 registration fee and birth certificate to the sign-up Players must be at least 8 years old by June 25 and cannot be 16 before August 2.

A new feature this year is a skill level evalua-tion at the time of registration, so all players must

and Jersevland Field in Scotch Plains. The tour nament's championship game will take place approximately 2:30 p.m. at Brookside Park, with trophies for the first and second place teams. If your softball team wishes to participate contact Joe Locasio at (732) 297-2004.

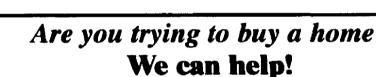
This will be the second annual Jim and Susan Airey ALS Fund Softball Tournament dedicated to raising money to fight Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS, commonly know as Lou

BASEBALL CAMP

"Baseball Like it Ought to Be" under the direc-tion of Westfield varsity coach Bob Brewster, has expanded it's 2002 camp schedule to include sessions for teenagers on the 90-tool diamond and a weekend session for parents and children together. Two sessions for boys and diris entering grades 4-9 remain, as does a session for boys and girls entering grades 1-3. The schodule 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 pm. 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 1908) 889-0097





May 3, 2002

Cranford Commuters will have longer walk to trains

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD - Continuing a decade-old practice, the Township Committee adopted a set of ordinances April 23 that restrict long term parking on two residential streets near the downtown.

The ordinances prohibit people who do not live on Berkeley Place and Hampton Street from bus commuters, unable to get a

as long-term parking. Street residents will be able to get stickers permitting them to park curbside throughout the day, but other drivers will be limited to two-hour parking during business hours.

The streets are the 33rd and 34th to be restricted in this way since 1992. In what has become a familiar pattern, train and

using portions of those streets permit for long-term downtown parking, have resorted to parking in nearby neighborhoods and walking to downtown. Currently, the wait list for longterm parking is 239.

In response, homeowners frustrated about cars disturbing their neighborhoods, blocking their driveways and making it impossible for guests to find parking have petitioned the Township Committee for relief.

are desperate for parking. Lt. John Baer of the Traffic Investigation Unit said in the case of Berkeley Place and Hampton Street, the nonresident parkers were mostly high school students and downtown employees.

The problem for the township is that thus far, people seeking parking spaces have been will ing to walk farther and farther

It is not only commuters who to their destination. In 1994, the committee restricted parking on Arlington Road between North Avenue and Hamilton Avenue. Seven years later, the restrictions were extended north to Cranford Avenue.

The situation is the same on the south side of town. In 1994. the committee put restrictions on South Union Avenue and Washington Place, Six years later, the restricted area on South Union was extended to the intersection with Lincoln Avenue. The next year, parking on tiny Woodlawn Avenue. which juts off South Union, was restricted.

The latest move comes despite a recommendation in a preliminary version of the Downtown Vision Plan commissioned by the committee to make greater use of curbside parking.

New board member proposes parents do teacher evaluations

By OREG MARX

THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD It didn't take Michael Caulfield long to make his presence felt on the Board of Education.

At his first meeting since being elected April 16, Caulfield recommended the district develop a for-

mal mechanism, such as a twiceannual survey, to solicit parent feedback about specific teachers. That information, he said, should be incorporated into the evaluation and renewal process that ultimately determines which young teachers are given tenure and which are let go.

ents - by consumers, if you will is an important element that must be considered," Caulfield said. He commended the work of administrators, but said, "I frankly don't see how you can have an evaluation for tenure without getting a formal comment from the parents." The use of formal parent evalu-

"I think that evaluation by par- ations in the renewal process

would be a dramatic change for the district. Currently, supervisors and administrators evaluate teachers. and the administration makes recommendations for renewal to the board. Board members make the final hiring decisions, but do not participate in the evaluation process.

But the proposal met a chilly

reception from Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod, Cranford Education Association President Charlie Kiamie and other board members.

Parents have not been trained to evaluate teachers and may be blinded by emotional investment. they said, and administrators already take parent feedback into

account.

"I don't believe parents are qualified. Parents aren't in the classroom... and I think sometimes parents refuse to see the whole picture," said board member Rita Veca. "....Is it fair to affect a professional's career by overlaying (a) child's weaknesses onto the evaluation?"



County plans to repave 11 miles of roadway

Union County will resurface 11.6 miles of county roadway in nine municipalities in 2002 as part of its ongoing road improvement efforts.

Also on the table are improvements to 19 intersections and 22 bridges and culverts. Major improvements to the Park and Ride lot at the New Providence Train Station are also scheduled for this year.

In all, the county has scheduled more than \$25 million in transportation improvements for the coming spring, summer and fall months.

A 4.1-mile section of Springfield Avenue between Berkeley Heights and New Providence will be the largest resurfacing project this year. A 1.3-mile section of Mountain Avenue in Springfield and a one-mile section of South Avenue between Westfield and Garwood will be resurfaced, as

Road in Springfield.

Most will occur from June to October.

When roads are repayed, the top layer is removed and the road surface is shaped and resurfaced. Drainage problems are remedied and curb cuts and ramps are installed at intersections. The county also improves visibility at intersections by installing striping and reflective pavement markers.

Union County has more than 171 miles of roads, some of which are in every municipality. In 1999, the county began a five-year improvement plan to ensure that the county's roadways are maintained and improved on a regular basis.

"Since 1999 Union County has paved more than 40 miles of roads and repaired bridges and infrastructure that had been neglected. for decades," said Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari, who had initiwill a one-mile section of Shunpike ated the improvement program

when he was chairman of the freeholder board. "Now we are addressing these problems and making Union County safer for motorists.

In addition to the road replacements, the county plans to improve 19 intersections in eight municipalities. The county will replace poles and lights, replace the controllers and add battery packs to the signals to ensure that lights continue to function if poweris interrupted.

The new signals use red, amberand green LEDs rather than incandescent bulbs for illumination. With this change, the new signals use only 10 percent of the energy drawn by the old incandescent bulbs. In addition, the lights last longer and shine more brightly. This passes savings onto municipalities, which pay for utility and maintenance cost for signals on county roads.

Avenue Bridge in Rahway and the Snyder Avenue Bridge in Berkeley Heights. It also hopes to begin work on the Vauxhall Road Bridge in Union, a \$4 million project. pending easements being obtained by the Township of Millburn.

The aging bridge spans the East Branch of the Rahway River and is located in both Union and Essex counties. In addition, the Valley Road Bridge in Clark and the Union Avenue Bridge in Scotch Plains are scheduled for replacement beginning this year.

"Due to age or increased use or environmental factors, these bridges have received low structural ratings by safety engineers, so these repairs are an absolute priority for us," said Freeholder Rick Proctor.

In New Providence, the Park and Ride parking lot on Springfield Avenue, used by com-The county continues its maters on the Gladstone Rail

replacement of the East Milton - Line, will be paved. By paving the unimproved lot, the county will create 114 parking spaces and three spaces for handicapped dravers. The county will also create a drainage system, alleviating an ongoing stormwater problem there, as well as build new side walks and install new lighting.

"Many of these projects will begin in the spring, with the majority of the paying projects beginning in June after schools let out," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. "While some of these projects are seen as an inconvenience, they are absolutely necessary for the safety of everyone on the road.

Notices of road closures and detours will be posted along those county roads when possible, as maintenance schedules are set, and the county's website "www.ucnj.org" will carry notices of closures in its "Important Information" section.

Upcoming Projects

Between Westfield and Garwood, a 1.1-mile section of South Avenue will be resurfaced. In Cranford, the intersec-

tions of South Avenue with Union, Walmut and Centennial avenues and High

Street will be improved. Work is being done

at the intersection at Springfield Avenue and Boulevard.

In Kenilworth, the intersections of Boulevard with Coolidge, Columbia,

Market, and 21st streets will be improved:

Work will continue on intersections on Park/Martine Avenue m Scotch

 Plains and Fanwood at South Avenue and Bonnie Burn Road

Goodman's Crossing Bridge on the Clark/Scotch Plains border will be replaced.

The Springfield Avenue Bridge will be replaced in Cranford.



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Revolutionary V-Rod is an eye-popping dazzler

BY JERRY GARRETT

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What people think of Harley Davidson's revolutionary new V-Rod depends on what they decide to do with it.

They could park it in the living room, where the coffee table used to be, and just admire its handsome, long, low 21st century styling. Guests would be dazzled.

A host might even want to charge admission, which could help offset the \$17,000 suggested retail price and attendant dealer markup of at least 20 percent.

Or, it could be ridden around the neighborhood, which could help drive floor traffic to the living-room display.

Garaged, housed or ridden, the V-Rod is guaranteed to draw attention.

Even as I left the Harley Davidson Fleet Center on a V-Rod press bike, passing motorists were stopping and gawking.

Running down the freeway commuter lane, other motorcyclists were sucked out of traffic into the car pool lane with me, until I had a positively Pied Pipercaliber following.

Even riding down my block, neighbors who I had never met suddenly materialized in zombie-like trances from their homes, garages and shrubbery as if they had heard the Siren's Song

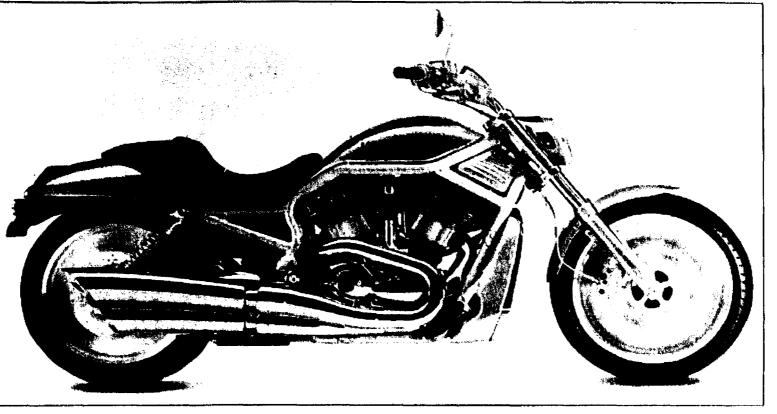
All good - especially if that Harley Davidson had been purchased as a fash--ion statement.

If not, maybe it's already understand that the V-Rod is a state-of-the art machine --- from its hydroformed steel frame, to its four piston caliper disc brakes, its Superbike-inspired motor, its Getrag gearbox and its cast aluminum swing-arm rear suspension.

It accelerates, handles and stops like nothing H-D has ever made.

One owner gushed: "It's the bike of the year - no, the bike of the century!" For now, maybe, but we reserve the right to revisit that claim 98 years from **DOW**

Serious operators, however, need to know this: As complete a package as the V-Rod is, if they really want to devote



Garaged, housed or ridden, the V-Rod is guaranteed to draw attention.

some significant seat time to it, they're going to need a few accouterments.

Like a chin spoiler. Gasp! On a Harley? Heretics have been burned at the stake for less egregious acts. But get over it. "Otherwise your

hands get tired," notes one veteran rider, "from hanging on so tight."

That brings us to another accessory worth considering: handcuffs. Riders might want to lock themselves the handlebars, for the moment they wind up the 108-horsepower water-cooled engine, dump the clutch and await the almost immediate arrival of 74 footpounds of torque.

Warning: Do not attempt to jump straight from a Fat Boy to the Water Boy.

The 600-pound V-Rod is more than a second quicker in the quarter-mile and 20 mph faster than any previous Harley not to mention everything else in the

power-cruiser category.

But even with a 9,000 revolution-perminute redline, a 134 mph top speed and zero to 60 times of three seconds

FLAT! riders will be wishing the transmission had a sixth gear. The fun seems to end too soon.

All this power comes from a 1,130 cubic centimeter motor which is puny by burgeoning power cruiser displacement standards.

But, the fuel-injected V-twin, sourced from the VR1000 Superbike, is the product of a joint engineering venture between The Motor Company and Porsche. So expect to check preconceived notions at the door.

This 60-degree double-overhead cam mill seems like the offspring of a blind date between a traditional 45-degree Harley and a 90-degree Ducati. The V-Rod certainly has the same horsepower pedigree as the fabled Ducati 996.

And, that leads us to the No-1 question asked by V Rod Oglers: Does it still sound like a Harley? The answersort

At low rpms, and low altitude, the V-Rod makes a refined burbling neise like an idling Porsche 956. At full song, the counterbalanced, rubber-mounted motor is wailing like a turbocharged jackhammer. With about the same sensory feedback through the operator's hands, arms and medulla oblongata.

Editors at Motorcycle magazine predict the most popular aftermarket accessory for V-Rods will be new exhaust pipes — as traditionalists seek a Spinal Tap-quality heavy metal on metal decibel level. Not to mention relief from the large Intestine-like shape

Aside from new pipes and a spoiler or windshield of some sort, there's not much that can be — or needs to be

done with the appearance of a V-Rod. But that shouldn't bother too many buyers

It's eye candy for even the shortest attention span. It comes in one color: silver. It has plenty of chrome and even more anodized aluminum.

And, that leads us to the second most-asked question about V-Rods: Where's the gas cap? We know where it isn't: On the aluminum can that looks like a gas tank. That ain't no gas tank, pump jockeys. That's just a shell that hides the air box, battery, fuses, radiator catch tank and filler.

The real gas tank is under the rider's seat and is reached by turning the key cylinder backward. It's important to immediately find out where the gas tank is, because owner operators will be refilling it a lot.

The tank holds only 3.7 gallons, and the way most people romp around on their V-Rods, expect to get about 34-35 mpg

Stopping is a good thing, though, for a V-Rodder (forget about passengers, with that microscopic pillion) because the feet forward, arms-outstretched riding position is OK only for short rides.

A rider carries the weight of his body right on the gluteus checkimus. Arms quickly get tired of holding the rest of the body on the bike, against the wind blast. And the taut suspension transmits road shock right up through the spine

The best advice is to dismount often and act eager to show off the bike. Until it's accessorized with spollers and other cruising gear.

That brings us to popular question No. 3 about the V-Rod How much does it cost, fully loaded? It comes "fully loaded" for the price previously listed --which is, yes, just about what has to be anted up for a fuel-injected Softail Deuce

Accessories, as they become available, might add a couple grand to that. (Speed sadists are already offering engine "hop-up" kits!)

But, bottom line. If that V-Rod, hasn't already been ordered, the price won't matter. Would-be buyers are probably too late. Harley is only making 11,000 of them this first model year.



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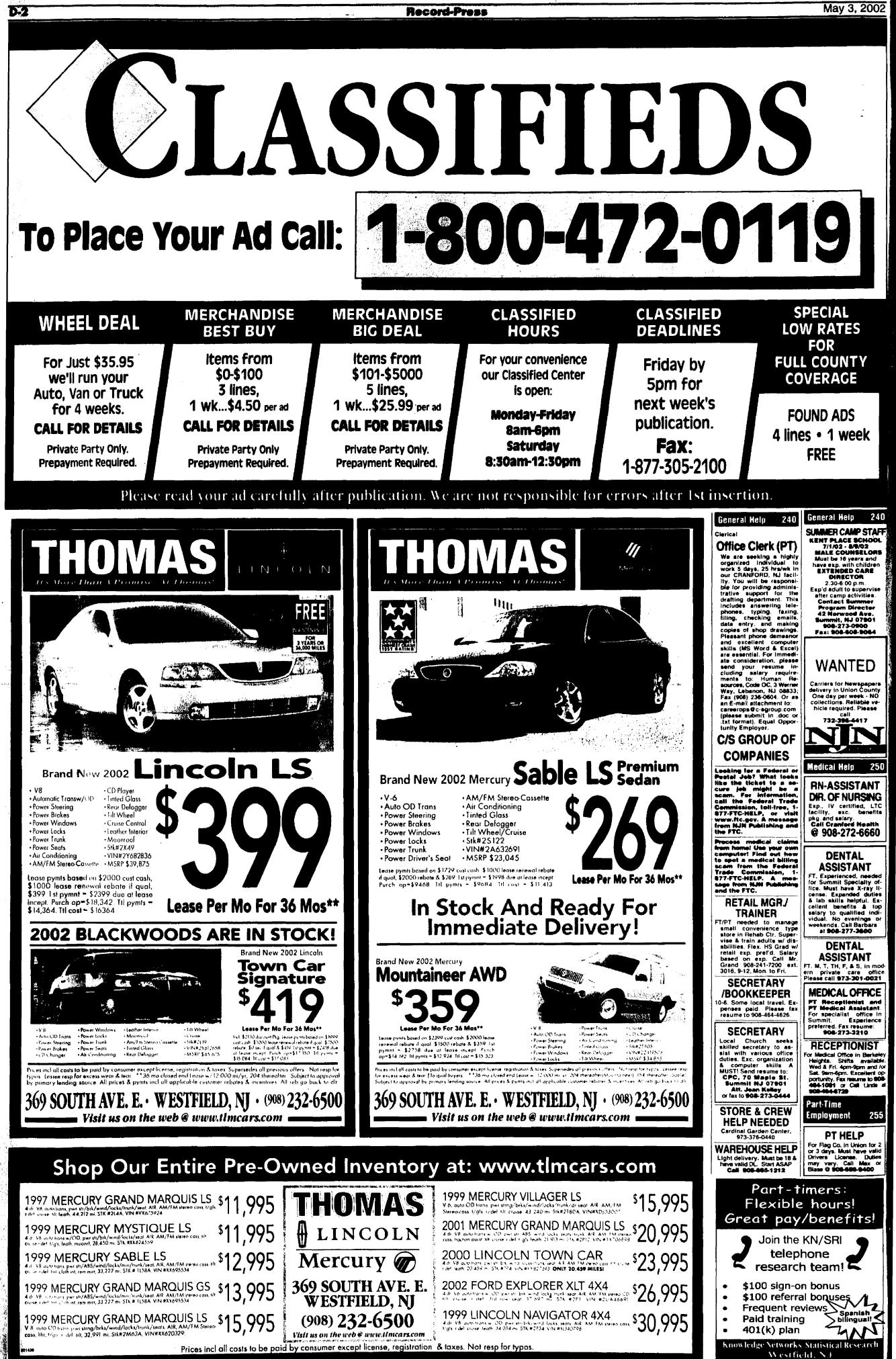
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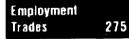
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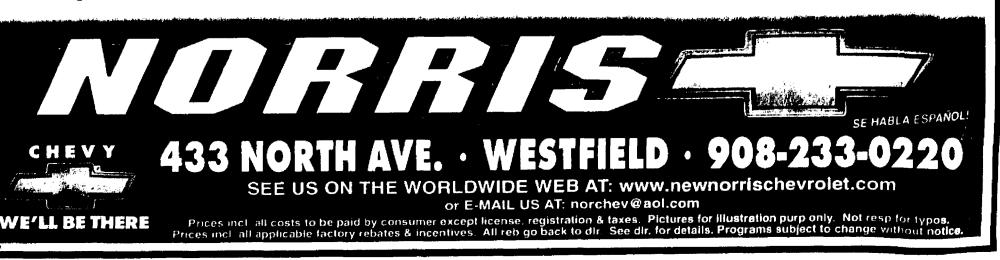
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