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Westfield defeated Brearley 6-2 and will take on Plainfield in the Union County Tournament semifinals Saturday. See story on Page C-1.



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School Resource Officer James Grady nearly blends in with the students as they go to their lockers after school at Brearley High School in Kenilworth. See story on Page A-4.



'50s are back

Morgan Jakubowski, 14, delivers food on her roller skates Saturday. Westfield teens re-created a car hop as a fund-raiser for their First United Methodist Church youth group.

REMINDER

The Madrigal Singers will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield.

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'Lean' spending plan passes

Scotch Plains mayor calls for constitutional convention support

By DAVID LAZARUS
CORRESPONDENT

For Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks there was pride in presenting a 2002 municipal budget that passed with little public opposition, but Marks, who had spent the day at a seminar discussing property tax

reform, sounded like a man with bigger fish to fry.

"New Jersey's property taxes are highest in the nation by a long shot and that's obscene," said Marks, who is an outspoken proponent for New Jersey convening a constitutional convention on property taxes.

The Scotch Plains 2002 municipal

budget included a 1.6 increase in spending that was mainly caused by a \$236,000 increase in health insurance premiums and will result in an average \$46 increase for the average property owner.

"A \$46 increase is relatively low. We worked very hard to keep the budget lean," said Township

Manager Thomas Atkins. "We can stack up against almost any local town for fiscal responsibility."

"We didn't cut any services and I think that is important for our people," said Councilwoman Geri Samuels who also noted that this year's budget was especially challenging because state

aid was not increased.

In addition to the health-care increases, the township lost \$300,000 of revenue because of lower interest rates.

The municipal budget makes up only 17 percent of the property tax bill. The majority, 64 per-

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More teens admit role in sexual assault

ELIZABETH — Two more juvenile suspects pleaded guilty in Superior Court Monday in the forced sexual assault of a 13-year-old Fanwood girl on school property.

Mark Russell, 17, and Jesus Gonzalez, who was 15 at the time of the crime and is now 16, pleaded guilty as adults before Judge John Malone to first-degree charges that will result in a potential sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The two defendants waived out of juvenile court after the prosecutor's office filed motions to have them treated as adults, said Assistant Prosecutor Casey Woodruff.

The boys said they participated in the assault and restrained the girl while others molested her. Gonzalez admitted to a second count of sexual assault because of an incident that occurred when he followed the girl back inside Park Middle School after the group attack. The two were returned to detention, where they have been since their arrest several days after the attack on Jan. 2.

One juvenile, who was 14 years old at the time of the attack, remains in the George W. Herlich detention center awaiting his waiver hearing. His four co-defendants now face evaluation at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel to determine whether they are compulsive and repetitive sex offenders.

They will also be subject to the lifelong requirements of lifetime community supervision, notification and registration as well as the state's No Early Release Act, which requires that 85 percent of the sentence be served before parole.

They will remain in detention pending the posting of any bail

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amazonian project

Laura Martin, 10, shows Nicole Blackman, 11, items she and her fifth-grade class made for a curriculum project on the rain forest. Tamaques teacher Mariassa Katz and her students built a rain forest in their classroom. See story on Page A-2.

Stage House Inn wins 4 diamonds

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Stage House Inn has earned four diamonds in its listing in the upcoming 2002 AAA TourBook for New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Park Avenue inn is one of 13 restaurants and four hotels in New Jersey to receive the second-highest ranking from the automobile club.

Stage House Inn management received a plaque from AAA officials in a ceremony at Marriott's Seaview Resort and Spa in Galloway, a venue that itself earned four diamonds in lodging.

AAA surveys 28,000 hotels and motels plus 13,000 restaurants every year to determine rankings for the members who use its

TourBooks. The automobile club has issued rankings for accommodations since 1963 and restaurants since 1986.

The AAA club for Scotch Plains and all of Union County is the New Jersey Automobile Club, which has its main office in Florham Park and a branch on Route 22 in Springfield.

Manrodt chosen to lead Westfield parade

WESTFIELD — Richard Manrodt will lead the town's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27 as its grand marshal.

The longtime Westfield resident is a senior vice commander of a local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Manrodt also is a member of Martin Wallberg Post 3, American Legion.

He and his wife of 55 years, Loretta, have two grown children and three great-grandchildren.

Manrodt was drafted into the Army for World War II duty in December 1942. He received three Bronze Stars and two unit citations while stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines with the 79th Engineer Combat Battalion.

On one occasion his unit shot down three Japanese fighters before the unit was forced to abandon the ship. His hip took gunfire from a kamikaze plane on another occasion. In the Philippines his unit was part of a diversion that drew enemy fire from Manila and Luzon Island.

Manrodt was training to remove mines from Japanese waters in August 1945 when the U.S. dropped nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He was discharged in early 1946.

Organizations and individuals who want to march in the

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Presbyterian Church to dedicate its new steeple

SCOTCH PLAINS — Willow Grove Presbyterian Church will dedicate the Walter J. Murphy Memorial Steeple during the worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Kenneth Hetzel, pastor, will describe the lasting impact made by Murphy upon the lives of his family, friends, co-workers, community neighbors, church friends and strangers.

It was through the gifts of those whose life he touched that funds were secured to erect the steeple.

Murphy, a senior executive with AT&T, had lived in Fanwood since 1974 with his wife Judith and their three sons: Jamie, Todd and Matthew. He had served in various leadership capacities as a church elder at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and he was an active volunteer, particularly with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA.

In April 1996, AT&T delegated Murphy to be its representative on the International Trade Commission trip to Croatia organized by Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. He was among a number of executives from American businesses whose mission was to help jump start and invigorate the economic infrastructure of war-torn Croatia.

All the delegates, including



The congregation of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Scotch Plains, will dedicate the Walter J. Murphy Memorial Steeple following worship services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday May 19.

Murphy, 52, and the secretary of commerce, were killed in a plane crash in the Croatian mountains.

"This beautiful steeple is a fitting tribute to Walt's devout Christian faith and will serve as a constant reminder of how he

pointed others to look up to the Lord for help, wholeness and fulfillment," Hetzel said.

After the worship service, members of the congregation, friends and visitors will adjourn to the church lawn, weather per-

mitting, for the official dedication of the Walter J. Murphy Memorial Steeple, and then Mrs. Murphy, with a church committee, will host a luncheon reception downstairs in Ryno Hall. There will be pictorial memo-

rabilia and a video of the raising of the steeple.

The church, at 1961 Raritan Road, is fully handicapped accessible and wireless headphones are available for individuals who desire hearing assistance.

Citgo station gets green light in Cranford

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Board of Adjustment Monday granted preliminary site plan approval to a proposed gas station and sandwich shop at 120 North Ave., on the Orchard Street intersection.

In granting the approval, the board also granted most of the variances requested by the applicant, who plans to put a Citgo station and Blimpie restaurant on the site. The board granted variances allowing the applicant to build a canopy and kiosk on the site, to erect a sign larger and closer to the property line than the ordinance allows, to place signs on the canopy, and to put parking spaces closer to the property line than allowed.

The board denied requests from the developer to eliminate the required bicycle rack and to use

concrete rather than Belgian block curbing on the north and east sides of the property.

The board also imposed numerous conditions, requiring lighting that will not spill onto neighboring properties, requiring the developer to pay back taxes, restricting hours of food and gas delivery, and prohibiting a left turn from the site onto Orchard Street.

The approval was granted 6-1, with new board member Angelica Liem dissenting. The board will likely pass a memorial resolution at its Monday meeting. No date has been set for a hearing for final approval.

In granting preliminary approval, the board overrode vociferous opposition from residents who say the project will pose a safety hazard at a busy intersection.

Board members acknowledged the station and sub shop are not

ideal development for the site. But both are permitted uses; given that fact, members said, granting the variances would allow the developer to be commercially competitive without further impacting the neighborhood.

"We can't say to this applicant, 'Because there's a safety problem at that intersection you can't rehabilitate the property and be profitable,'" said chairman Marc Brown.

Board members also said granting the variances would actually allow the township greater control over development at the site. Without the variances, the developer planned to install a gas station and mechanic shop, which board members said would have been less desirable.

In her dissent, Liem said the applicant had not demonstrated the value to be gained from the

variances. "The only benefits I've been hearing are benefits to the property owners," she said. "I haven't heard any positives for the neighborhood."

The approval was granted at the end of a four-hour meeting, just the latest in a hearing that began last summer. But the legal wrangling may be far from over.

Frank Krause, who owns the neighboring building and who has spearheaded opposition to the project, would not say whether he planned to contest the ruling but said an appeal is "a very legitimate

prospect."

Krause, who commissioned a traffic safety report that concluded "the safety of the public is threatened and compromised" by the development, had harsh criticism for the board's decision.

"Every excuse possible was utilized by six or seven board members to violate the considerations of the Municipal Land Use Law," he said. "The board failed miserably to represent and defend the interests of the Special Improvement District and the general interests of the community."

Bagger to address coalition commuters

WESTFIELD — State Sen. Richard H. Bagger (R-Dist. 21) will address the May 20 meeting of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition.

The meeting will take place Mon., May 20, starting at 8:15 a.m. in the Town of Westfield Municipal Building at 425 E. Broad St. A question-and-answer session will follow the senator's presentation.

Sen. Bagger represents numerous municipalities located along the Raritan Valley in Somerset and Union counties. He will discuss his views on public transit in New Jersey, including the current fiscal crisis at NJ Transit and the current state budget. He will also address the upcoming state budget process and what may lie ahead for NJ Transit related to state funding for important bus and rail projects.

A former Assembly Appropriations Committee chairman, he was elected in November 2001 to a two-year term in the New Jersey State Senate. He currently is a member of the State Senate Judiciary, Law and Public Safety and Veterans Affairs committees.

He has extensive background in the financing of highway and public transit in New Jersey as part of the state budget process. He also has a wealth of experience in related areas including economic development, open space preservation, human services and energy policy.

Sen. Bagger has served in municipal government in New Jersey as mayor and as a Town Council and Planning Board member in Westfield.



Trailside activities

Kishor, Kavita and Sneha Bupathi of Scotch Plains take part in the Web of Life game at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The program is designed to teach children the roles of plant, prey and predator in a food chain. The next program will be the Garden Fair and Plant Sale Sunday. The event is run by the Union County Master Gardeners and will include nature walks and seed planting. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

All 4 choral ensembles plan spring concert performance

SCOTCH PLAINS — All four choral ensembles of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School hold their spring concert on the Westfield Road campus 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Select Choir sings "The Awakening," "Dirait-On" and other works.

Las Cantadoras, an all-girl ensemble, sings "Rain Dance," "From a Distance" and "Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day." Soloists on "From a Distance" are Laine Bonstein, Erin Breznitsky, Nisha Jamhankar and Delsa Slaugh. The

soloist on "Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day" is Emily O'Connor.

SPFHS Sensations, a show choir, sings its "Showstoppers" medley of "Seize the Day," "Bosom Buddies" and "Written in the Stars." Soloists are Adam Corbin, Ryan Aspell, Abe Hiatt, Emily Nguyen, Christina Perrotta, Sam Slaugh, Ian Wehrle, Nora Weber and Laine Bonstein.

The Concert Choir ends the show; its portion of the program includes "Fanfare for Festival," "Java Jive," "Ezekiel Saw Ze Wheel," "Like an Eagle,"

"Testament of Freedom" and a medley of "America the Beautiful/God Bless America." Soloists are Laura Kavinski, Stephanie Fowler, Deanna Mustachio, Stephen Carroll, Jill Prefach, Ryan Aspell and Emily Nguyen.

Accompaniment on "Testament of Freedom" is by Durand Thomas, trumpet, and Tom Hardy, timpani. Accompaniment on the closing medley is by the SPFHS Wind Ensemble.

Choral ensembles at SPFHS are under the direction of Laurie Wellman.

Admission is \$5. For more information, phone (908) 889-8600.

More teens admit role

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prior to sentencing, which has been scheduled for Sept. 13.

If convicted at trial, the suspects could have been facing a sentence of up to 20 years upon conviction of first-degree aggravated sexual assault.

An investigation led by Scotch Plains Detective Jeffrey Breil resulted in their quick arrest.

Fifth-graders re-create rain forest in classroom

WESTFIELD — Teacher Marissa Katz and her 23 fifth-grade students at Tamaques School "built" a rain forest in their classroom. It was the focus of a two-week curriculum.

The class began their rain forest unit on Earth Day, April 26. The EPA sent over a Powerpoint presentation on recycling and the greenhouse effect. Following that, the class had a presentation about

aquifers from a parent who is a geologist.

Next Elizabethtown Water Co. came to teach children about conserving water. According to Katz, "The children have been learning about the rain forest and created many neat projects relating to it. I taught this unit using differentiated instruction based on ability and interest."

Some items that the children

made are: bats, eggshell mosaics (recycling), flowers, bananas, creatures, bugs, terrariums, leaf necklaces, products, feely bags, brochures, postcards, posters, butterflies, vines, homemade paper, chocolate, etc.

Hands-on projects were created to teach children about the rain forest. In addition, the students just completed a mini-field trip to a tree doctor, who taught the chil-

dren about soil and decomposition. They each received a tree and a flower which now are included in the rain forest.

The class hosted a "museum day" May 10 at which the students dressed as tour guides to explain each layer of the forest.

At the end of the unit, students took part in a scavenger hunt, and shared a cake and "jungle juice."

'Lean' budget

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cent, goes toward education.

"The taxpayers spoke in April when they passed the school budget," said Marks.

Only three residents chose to speak with the harshest criticism being that the budget was not available on a line-by-line basis. Marks and Atkins disagreed, saying that the detailed budget was available in the township library.

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Before the final vote Marks urged residents to contact their legislators, Joseph Suliga, Jerry Green and Linda Stender and voice their opinions about property taxes.

"Let's not forget the governor either," added Marks. "He may be on the fence on this issue."

In other meeting developments, Township Police officers Paul Belford and Dennis Murphy were presented meritorious service awards by police Chief Marshall Nelson. The officers were cited for heroic action during a 2001 incident in Plainfield.

Councilwoman Paulette Coronato announced that the township had begun a West Nile observation period. Anyone who finds a dead crow on his property should contact the town health department for testing to see if the potentially deadly virus is present. They could also contact the Union County Mosquito Control at (908) 654-9835.

Parade

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Memorial Day parade are asked to meet 8 a.m. May 27 in the Lord & Taylor parking lot on North Avenue, West. The parade follows a 9 a.m. ceremony at the monument where North Avenue and East Broad Street meet.

For more information, phone Stan Cuba at (908) 233-2767.

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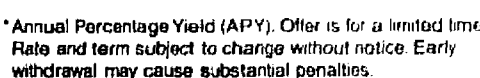
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School officer a hit with kids and teachers

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — James Grady never knew how easy he had it as a police officer.

Grady, 29, has been one of Kenilworth's Finest for the past five years. But on May 6, he moved from the patrol car to a new position — school resource officer at the borough's three schools.

He immediately noticed working in a school is "totally different" from working the streets. While a patrolman's shifts "run in waves," he said, at the schools, "there's really no downtime. There's always something going on."

Despite the hectic pace, said Grady, his first weeks in the brand-new position have gone better than he could have hoped. "I was nervous" about how he would be received," he said. "I'm coming into their territory, after all. But everyone has been exceptional."

School staff and administrators have welcomed him and given him

"free rein" to develop programs, he said; in addition to working with the existing DARE and GREAT programs, he hopes to bring the county prosecutor's Project Pride to David Brearley School, organize trips to the State Police museum, and hold weekly open gym sessions at Brearley over the summer.

More important, the students have welcomed him, too. Though teenagers and police officers are not always natural allies, Grady said students have been coming to visit his Brearley office, and a group of juniors has even asked the criminal-justice major if he could help teach a class on law and society.

That welcoming attitude has been made possible in part by the nature of the SRO position. Though Grady is still a police officer, and though he wears a gun and will be the first responder to any criminal activity at the schools, his role is more of a counselor and mentor than a disciplinarian. Speaking Tuesday to one middle-school stu-



School Resource Officer James Grady nearly blends in with the students as they go to their lockers after school at Brearley High School in Kenilworth.

dent who is chronically tardy, Grady admonished him to improve his performance but also suggested strategies to get to school on time.

He will be called upon to deal with much more serious problems, of course, perhaps drug and alcohol abuse. He describes himself as a "realist" about teen behavior, strongly urging students to make the right choices but knowing some will make mistakes — especially because, he says, "the kids know

more than I did when I was in high school. They're a little more street-smart and savvy."

"There's going to be a place and time when you're going to have to make a choice and do the right thing," he tells students. But when bad choices are made, he urged a class this week, "Learn from it, make yourself a better person, accept the responsibility of it."

So far, that message, and Grady's eagerness to explore ways

to connect with students, have been winning acceptance. After meeting him for the first time in a class this week, seventh-grader Stephanie Bonnell said she would feel comfortable confiding to Grady because "you won't have to worry about him talking to other people about your problems."

"He seems like a cool guy," agreed classmate Darrell Brown. "Like somebody you could talk to if you had a problem."

Briefs

Honor society inducts 2 women

WESTFIELD — Shara Greenbaum and Denise M. Teodoro are among the newest members of Sigma Phi Omega honor society in gerontology.

The two Westfield women were inducted Wednesday at Kean University in Union as part of the annual meeting for the Kean-based Omicron Chapter. The annual meeting also marked the chapter's 20th anniversary.

In addition, Betty Jacox of Westfield helped lead a panel discussion on trends in gerontology over the past 20 years.

High school alumni meeting on Tuesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association holds its final meeting for the year 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the multipurpose room on campus at 641 Westfield Road.

Officers for 2002-03 will be announced and elected. In addition, recipients of Alumni Association scholarships will be honored with the students' parents in attendance.

For more information, phone Laura Swidersky at (908) 889-2089 or Kathy Van Horn at (908) 232-4132.

Library conducts annual book sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue holds its annual book sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow.

Fiction, nonfiction, reference books, paperbacks, children's titles, cookbooks and how-to manuals are available at reasonable prices. Hardcover books are \$2 each. Paperbacks go for 25 cents and 50 cents. Videos, Books on Tape and coffee-table books also will be available.

In addition, the library has free balloons for all boys and girls under 12. Kids can also win free books and videos in a prize drawing. Tom Downey provides entertainment for the kids. 11 a.m.

Also tomorrow, the Junior Women's Club holds a bake sale at the library in conjunction with the book sale. The Junior Women's Club co-sponsors the book sale with the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

For more information, phone (908) 322-5007.

Church celebrates 93rd anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS — The public is invited to events this week that mark the anniversary of St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave.

The Rev. Keith Marshall, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Trenton, is the guest speaker for services 11 a.m. Sunday. He also will conduct spring revival services 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

St. John's Baptist Church was founded in 1909 and has been led since 1967 by Dr. Jelma Porter, the pastor.

For more information, phone (908) 232-6972.

Red Cross club needs kids books

WESTFIELD — The High School Red Cross Club is sponsoring a children's book drive through May 24.

Children's books, teen books, kid videos, CDs and tapes are welcome. Magazines, textbooks and encyclopedias are not wanted. All items must be new or in good condition.

Bring your donations 9:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to the Red Cross office at 321 Elm St. They will be given to local children and community groups in need.

For more information, e-mail johnsonl@crossnet.org or phone (908) 232-7090.

Drop off glasses in yellow mailbox

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Lions Club participates in "Recycle for Sight Month" this month.

Drop off your used eyeglasses and sunglasses any time before May 31 in the yellow mailbox at East Broad and Elm streets. The Lions Club will sort the spectacles and distribute them to poor people in developing nations.

For more information, phone Dave Hensel at (908) 233-5533.

Cranford board apt to join consortium

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Board of Education will decide Monday whether to apply for membership in the Morris Union Jointure Commission, a consortium of schools that pools resources to provide special education and other services.

The commission, which includes 25 member districts mostly in Morris and Union counties, began in 1969 as a means to lower special-education costs and improve services by taking advantage of economies of scale. It specializes in treating low-incidence disorders, such as autism, since its founding, the commission has also developed programs in other areas, such as gifted and talented education and music instruction. The commission operates three schools and also sends instructors to member districts.

Cranford currently uses some of the commission's services, but does so at non-member rates. By seeking membership, Superintendent Lawrence Feinsold said at this week's board meeting, "We will save money and be able to utilize the extraordinary services of the commission." Feinsold headed a member district in Madison before coming to

Cranford.

One of the key services, district administrators said, would be access to the commission's fleet of 48 school buses. Transportation of special-needs students can be a headache for school districts, in addition to being expensive, it is difficult to find private operators who are both reliable and trained to interact with the students. But the commission owns its own buses and hires and trains its own drivers, said commission superintendent Kim Coleman.

Membership in the commission would cost the district \$17,500 in the first year, said Business Administrator Bob Carfagno, but half the dues would be refunded if Cranford sends one student to one of the commission's schools, as happens nearly every year. After the district is granted full membership, a maximum of three years, the full dues would be refunded if Cranford sends at least one student to a commission school.

Even with only a partial refund, savings on transportation and other instructional costs would more than make up the balance of the dues, Carfagno said. Cranford could use commission buses for as many as 10 of its about 25 out-of-district student placements, he said.

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by Jill Guzman

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Police log

Jewelry cache reported stolen

WESTFIELD

Police received a report May 7 that \$15,000 worth of jewelry had been stolen from a North Chestnut Street residence.

Westfield resident Joseph Ashby was charged May 7 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Ashby was arrested on the 900 block of South Avenue East at 10:07 p.m.

Westfield residents Caroline Helfman and David Connor were charged Saturday with possession of drug paraphernalia. The two were arrested at 2:23 a.m.

Christopher Kinsella, 33, of Westfield was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated. Kinsella was arrested at 12:10 a.m. and turned over to a responsible party.

A Lawrence Avenue resident reported Saturday the theft by deception of \$1,900 worth of property.

An employee of a local supermarket reported Saturday \$1,030 had been stolen from the store safe.

\$770 in cash and checks was reported stolen from an Elm Street doctor's office May 7.

A West Broad Street resident reported Friday her car, a 1994 Oldsmobile, had been taken without her permission.

Orange resident Gary Calloway was arrested May 7 on a Westfield warrant and held in lieu of \$200 bail. And Fairwood resident William Stratton was arrested later that day, also on a Westfield warrant, and held on \$162 bail.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Otis Jones, 37, of Plainfield was charged May 6 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be cocaine).

Jones was arrested after being pulled over on Willow Avenue at 8:30 a.m. He was also arrested on a contempt of court warrant from the Union County Sheriff's Department.

A Yarmouth Court resident reported May 8 she had been the victim of identity fraud. A fraudulent cell phone account was opened in her name, and \$1,400 in charges made on the account.

A Cook Avenue resident reported May 6 her cell phone had been stolen two days earlier while she was at the Booth Little League Field on Valley Avenue.

A resident of the 400 block of Sycamore Avenue reported May 7 a lawnmower was stolen from the rear of the house that afternoon.

There were three reports of damage to vehicles.

A Glenside Avenue resident reported May 8 his vehicle was damaged while it was parked at the Booth Little League Field about 5 p.m.

A Victor Street resident reported Saturday his vehicle had been damaged 3 p.m. that afternoon while it was parked in front of his house.

And a Clydesdale Road resident reported Sunday his vehicle had been damaged during the previous night or early that morning while it was parked in front of his home.

Briefs

Seminar targets women investors

WESTFIELD — Women's clubs and other organizations are especially welcome to attend a seminar on "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them."

The free seminar is 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood. Stewart Ritter from the Westfield office of Prudential Securities is the presenter.

Individuals as well as groups are invited. For tickets, phone Rose DeSimone at (908) 789-7827.

Marine group pays tribute to WWII hero

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

WESTFIELD — Area residents will honor a military hero and committed public servant 7:30 Monday night, when the Westfield Marine Corps and League Detachment hosts Joe Rybak Night at the American Legion Hall on North Avenue.

A longtime Clark resident, Rybak joined the Marine Corps immediately after graduating from Perth Amboy High School in 1942.

Less than three years later, he fought at the battle of Iwo Jima, where he earned a Bronze Star Citation for risking his own life to save a wounded man.

"Four of our men were killed and five were wounded," he remembered later. I gave first aid to two of them and somehow managed to carry them back to a dressing station. A hand grenade exploded and fragments scraped across my left knuckles, but I didn't think it was very serious...

The next day a doctor looked at my knuckles and had me evacuated.

Rybak wasn't done with the military when World War II ended. In 1948, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve, and served two years of active duty during the Korean War. Twenty years later, at the age of 48, he revisited Parris Island to undergo the "Third Marine Division Re-training and Re-orientation Course," a re-enactment of his original boot camp training. Still in fighting trim, Rybak again breezed through the drills.

Rybak kept in shape by constantly exploring adventure. In 1976, he went parachute jumping with his son Gene, also a Marine. In 1990, at the age of 66, he and family members scaled the 13,770-foot summit of Grand Teton Mountain in Wyoming.

"I'm on the go constantly," he said just before his 72nd birthday. "I like to walk, dance, jump rope, lift weights, and work at the American Legion."

Sidewalk sale set at resale shop

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Best Friend Second Chance Resale Shop holds a sidewalk sale tomorrow as part of the townwide garage sale.

The thrift shop will set up a table on the sidewalk at 1750 E. Second St. All merchandise on the sidewalk sale table is 25 cents and 50 cents.

Most everything else inside the thrift shop will be 50 percent off tomorrow: furniture, jewelry, crafts, CDs, books, housewares, clothing, sporting goods.

Donations are welcome 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday. Good quality col-

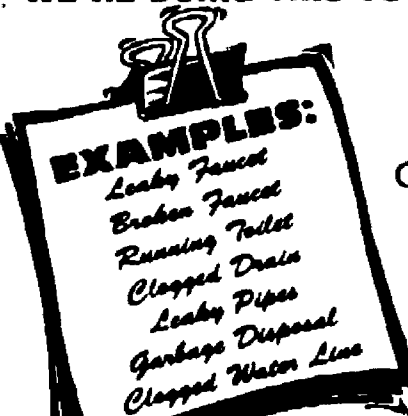
lectibles, antiques and jewelry are desired, along with new clothes with the tags still on. Craftspeople are encouraged to donate original craft items. Small furniture and unused gifts also can be donated.

Regular store hours are 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday. Proceeds benefit Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, an animal welfare organization in Union County.

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Joe Rybak, who was awarded a Bronze Star for valor during World War II, will be honored tonight at the American Legion Hall in Westfield.

Rybak was just as vigorous in his community. He was elected Clark councilman-at-large in 1988, and has been named "Citizen of the Year" by the local B'nai B'rith for his work with Special Olympics.

Now 78, Rybak has been slowed by Alzheimer's. But his life story still has power to inspire.

When John Patterson, commander of the Westfield League, recently met Rybak for the first time, he immediately knew he had to find a way to honor him.

"I was so taken by who Joe was," said Patterson. "The first things I could do is pay tribute to the man... to show our appreciation for a man we consider a hero."

Scanlons to receive UNICO award

Patrick and Deborah Scanlon of Union are the 2002 recipients of the Richard J. Galante Jr. Humanitarian Award from the Union Chapter of UNICO National.

The annual award is given to recipients who show extraordinary dedication to helping others less fortunate.

Deborah Scanlon is a lifelong county resident. As a freeholder, she focuses on programs that help children, women and families through her affiliations to Rumlins Specialized Hospital, the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board and the Juvenile Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Her husband, Patrick Scanlon, is mayor of Union Township. He is nationally certified and a widely recognized expert in substance abuse treatments. He was the coordinator of Smart Moves, a program designed to educate teenagers on the dangers of substance abuse, intimate relationships and smoking.

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Commentary

The children got it right

Sometimes kids just can't win.

Sometimes they can address a problem in a mature and sensible way only to find that it is adults who are behaving like bullies and brats.

With the guidance of parents Phyllis Howard and Flora Attardi, 50 second-graders at Walnut Avenue School in Cranford made up posters encouraging dog owners to clean up after their pets as part of their Earth Day observance.

The day after the posters were hung at various locations around the school building, the more than 40 signs were pulled down.

It's a safe assumption that someone older than an 8-year-old went to the trouble to walk around the perimeter of the school and tear down each and every one of the signs.

The culprit may even have been a dog owner.

Perhaps it was a dog owner who refuses to carry one of those plastic supermarket bags to capture his pet's calling card. Maybe he didn't like being reminded by a child that his inattention to his pet was both illegal and disgusting.

At least in this case, the children should lead us. And if pet owners become more responsible, maybe the children will win after all.

A good chance for tax reform

Time may be running out for tax reform in New Jersey — at least for this year.

Before both houses of the State Legislature are bills calling for a question to be placed on the November general election ballot asking New Jersey voters if they want a Constitutional Convention next year to recommend a restructuring of public finances.

For the question to appear on the November ballot, the bill has to be passed by the Legislature's summer recess. The process is scheduled to begin May 30 when the State Senate Judiciary Committee starts to consider the bill introduced by State Senators John Adler and Bob Martin and Assemblymen Joe Roberts and George Geist.

Property taxes in New Jersey are like the weather — everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything. Because the Legislature has done nothing except implement complicated "relief" packages that no one outside of Trenton understands, it may be time for a Constitutional Convention to tackle the problem.

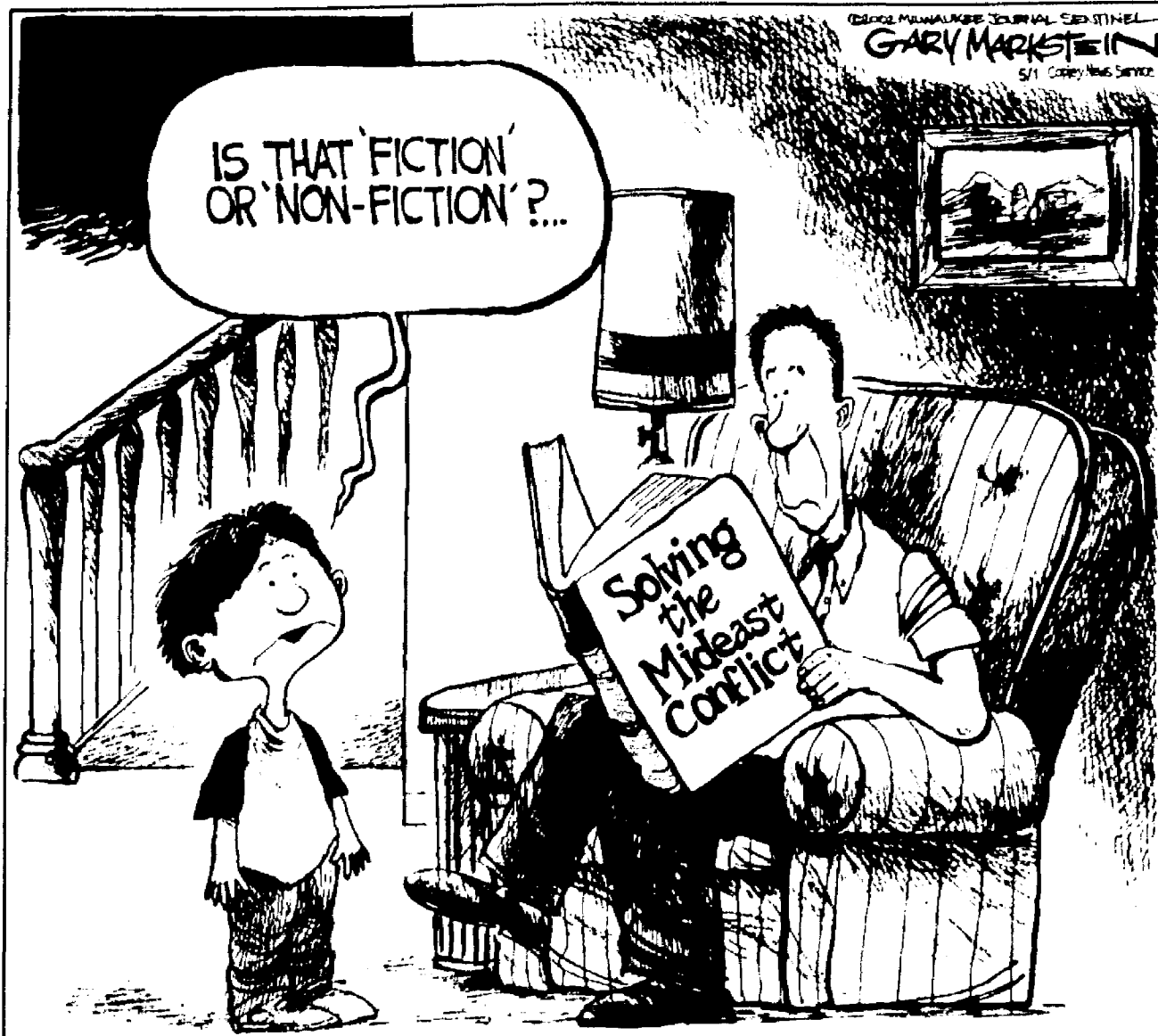
William G. Dressel Jr., executive director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the organization that represents the interests of local governing officials throughout the state, says it best:

"The call for a Constitutional Convention is focused exclusively on the need to relieve the people of our state from our well-documented over-reliance on property taxes to fund local government and schools. The property tax is universally regarded as the most regressive source of revenue.

"For too long, the people of New Jersey have suffered from our over-reliance on property taxes. For too long, they have seen the problem studied by special commissions denied the power to effect the changes they came to advocate. For too long, our neighbor states enjoyed the benefits of less onerous property taxes. And for too long has the blame for the burden been laid on the brow of municipal officials, struggling to fund essential services in a system that they did not create and that they cannot change."

A Constitutional Convention may be the only way to finally get some action on property tax reform. Though governors have created special commissions over and over to study the problem, not many of their recommendations have ever been implemented. There simply has not been enough political willpower by either governors or the Legislature to take the radical action necessary to reform one of the country's most unfair taxation systems.

Simply put, a Constitutional Convention would take the hook off our elected officials of both parties who have refused to drive a stake through the heart of the property tax system. It's time for residents to contact their State Senators and Assembly members and urge them to pass the companion bills, S-478/A-540 so the process of reforming and overhauling New Jersey's anachronistic public financing can finally — and we hope finally — begin.



Letters to the editor

Traffic-calming steps necessary

To The Record-Press:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Westfield Town Council and town administration for having the courage to proceed with the implementation of traffic calming measures through the Railway Avenue project, as well as through any future projects they deem necessary. Though there may be specific complaints with regard to the methods employed, I applaud the overall message that Westfield will no longer tolerate unsafe conditions for both pedestrians and motor vehicle occupants.

Blatant disregard for existing traffic laws has gotten us to this point, and it is time to teach offending motor vehicle operators how to drive

again. Too often, driving is viewed as an inalienable right, when in fact it is a privilege. Excessive speeding has become commonplace, not surprising for a society that is too often in a rush to nowhere. Pedestrians know they are taking their own lives into their hands when attempting to properly cross major thoroughfares, as driver courtesy is becoming a rare find these days.

Westfield is a town that prides itself on being a wonderful place to raise a family, yet has been living with these problems for years. I thank the town leadership for recognizing this and finally doing something about it.

ED BROWN
Westfield

Remember our war dead May 27

To The Chronicle:

Memorial Day observances will soon be taking place in towns and cities throughout New Jersey and across the nation.

Americans pay tribute on Memorial Day to those who fell in battle defending our country. The observance had its beginnings following the Civil War when Southerners marked the graves of those who died fighting for the Confederacy. Today, we honor all of America's war dead — those who died that freedom might live.

Their selfless sacrifice spans the history of

America, from the Revolutionary War to the current war on terrorism.

These men and women, patriots all, left their homes and families when their country called and gave the last full measure of devotion in defense of freedom.

The American Legion salutes our fallen comrades and asks that all of New Jersey's citizens pause to remember America's fallen sons and daughters on this upcoming Memorial Day.

Daniel McCole
State Commander, The American Legion

Editorial cartoon was offensive

To The Record-Press:

Re your cartoon (May 3): I find it offensive to my Catholic faith; a mockery of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and an insult to the 98 percent of priests who are living moral lives, serving God and the faithful outstandingly and unselfishly.

Your so-called cartoon serves no purpose other than to ridicule a faith, a sacrament and a sacred vocation.

I demand, not request, an apology from your publication, your cartoonist and you personally to be published in your publication immediately, along with my letter.

Incidentally, any Catholic over the age of reason (7) knows that everyone who approaches and

Sacrament of Reconciliation must fulfill three conditions before absolution:

(1) To be truly and sincerely sorry for their sins.

(2) Confess them truthfully and contritely.

(3) State their resolution to avoid the sin and any occasion that would cause him/her to commit it again.

Additionally, a priest who has sinned must also fulfill these requirements including presenting himself to another priest in confession. A priest cannot absolve himself. And priests absolve in God's name and the church's.

JOAN A. CAVANAUGH
Westfield

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Still waiting to grow up

The happiest day of my adolescence came on a steamy Friday afternoon in May when I suddenly got a hot putter.

It was 31 years ago and I was a 14-year-old freshman on the varsity golf team of Somerville High School. We were playing our dreaded rival, Bound Brook at Green Knoll, and on the last four holes of my 9-hole match I sank putts of at least 12 feet for a 3-0 win. The team won that day, too; any victory for Somerville was an upset, but this was doubly delicious because we had edged Bound Brook. The sweet elixir of victory soaked my heart and there was this incredible moment, in my brother's car on the way home from the course when the radio was playing The Doors' "Love Her Madly," when I thought life could not get any better.

But that was a rare moment in my adolescence. The memories of those years are kept in the Transylvania of my soul, a place where dark clouds roil about empty castles and lightning bolts kill innocent sheep grazing in the fields. These were the unhappiest years of my life and I remember being frustrated at the insidious drip of miserable time until I grew up and life would be so much simpler and free of the anxiety that stalked me every day.

Of course life has not gotten simpler. Life has become increasingly complicated; the more you learn about the subtleties of "real life," the more the black and white issues dissolve into a fuzzy gray. You realize the power of mitigating circumstances to provide acceptable exceptions to the rules and no longer do you rush to harsh or cynical judgments. But, through experience, you've gotten better coping with the curve balls — and the occasional spitball — that life throws at you. And the anxieties have gotten bored and, like an old hound dog, sleep most of the time, but are still ready to stalk their prey when the scent of fear arrives.

There are too many times these days when I wish the complications would melt and collect in a puddle that I could stomp in while singing a happy song. But that's not going to happen. Maybe in 10 or 20 years, when I am eased into my twilight years with good grace and dignity, perhaps the only problem I will have is deciding how much to eat at the buffet table at an Atlantic City casino. But that time is far, far into the future and I am again experiencing the twinge of adolescent frustration at the tedious march of time. Perhaps it really is true; the early 40s are a second adolescence but much more dangerous than the first because you are armed with knowledge and the money to do foolish things.

There is another memory I have of that day I got home just in time to gobble a ham sandwich, then I rushed out of the house with the youth group of the Neshanic Methodist Church to catch a presentation of "Jesus Christ Superstar" at Princeton Theological Seminary. I don't remember much except the familiar anthems, now haunting Broadway again, and that everything was loud and unorganized. But one moment sticks in my mind like an grasshopper encased in amber. Off to one side of the stage in the tumult that was omnipresent in the early 1970s was a slender but well-shaped girl, about my age, in a tight T-shirt dancing alone to the music. The stirrings I began to feel did not come from the spirituality of the music, but from a much bigger, more incomprehensible force. I tried to quiet the stirrings by reminding myself this was a religious function and such stirrings were not allowed, but the mix of the cliched sacred and profane, the complicating contradictions, was just as intoxicating as the victory on the golf course. It was a signpost leading into the tunnel to the future; I'm still looking for the next signpost.

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"Beef stroganoff. I don't like the sauce and stuff."

Daniel D'Alto
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Examples of photographic art on display at the Union County Administration Building through the end of the month are the doorway, above, by Anthony Riccio Jr. of Westfield, Kissing Judith by James Kirkikis of Cranford and Reflections by Judith Neff of Fanwood.

Conference set this weekend on Olmsted Parks

Officials representing Union County parks will be on hand at the spring conference of the National Association for Olmsted Parks this weekend.

The Union County park systems was designed by the famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. and the firm founded by his sons, Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects. The Olmsteds completed more than 3,500 projects across the United States and Canada from 1857 to 1950. They are best known for planning Central Park in Manhattan and Prospect Park in Brooklyn.

The parks officials will display original maps and architectural drawings produced by the Olmsted Brothers for the creation of Warinanco Park and other Union County parks.

Union County Freeholder Angel G. Estrada will be among the scheduled speakers at, which will be held May 16-19 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

"This important conference will address watershed management, environmental issues facing urban areas, and historic landscape preservation," said Freeholder Estrada, liaison to the Union County Human Services Advisory Council. "I will be participating in a discussion of government's role in park development."

For further information about the conference, phone (973) 643-7850, or log on to www.olmsted.org.

Historic Society offers tour of Kenilworth

KENILWORTH — "Architectural Styles of Historic Kenilworth" are covered in a walking tour sponsored by the Kenilworth Historic Society.

The tour is free and steps off 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15 from the Nitschke House at 513 Boulevard. Rain date is Saturday, June 22.

This excursion takes around 90 minutes to cover architecturally significant sites in the borough. Refreshments will be served after the tour ends at the Kenilworth Public Library, down the Boulevard from the Nitschke House.

Tour leaders are Margaret Hickey of Cranford and Mary Delaney Krugman. Hickey has worked on the restoration of the Crane-Phillips House Museum in Cranford and is a former program officer for the New Jersey Historic Trust. Krugman is a historic preservation consultant with a firm in her hometown of Montclair.

Both tour leaders hold master's degrees in historic preservation from Columbia University. In addition, Hickey holds a bachelor of architecture degree from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Krugman also holds a bachelor's degree in political science from George Washington University plus a law degree from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America.

Registration is recommended; visit Kenilworth Borough Hall or the library to register in person. For registration by phone, call (908) 276-2451.

Funding for the tour is provided in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a unit of the New Jersey Division of Cultural Affairs/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural Affairs.

8 photographers exhibiting in Elizabeth

Eight Union County photographers have their work on display in the Freeholders Gallery at the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth.

The exhibit of 23 photographs, which can be seen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, is sponsored by the Board of Freeholders and the County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The following photographers have work included in the exhibit: Jomo Kenyatta of Plainfield, a member of the Westfield Art Association and the New York chapter of the Advertising Photographers Association; James Kirkikis of Cranford, a member of the Cranford/Millburn Camera Club and the New Jersey Outdoor Women's League.

Also, Cheryl Ayres Neri of Summit, a member of the Westfield Art Association; Anthony Riccio Jr. of Westfield, a member of the Westfield Art Association and the Cranford/Millburn Camera Club; Ben Venezio of Kenilworth, slide chairman of the Cranford/Millburn Camera Club and former president of the Camera Naturalists in Basking Ridge; and Ross Wagner of Summit, leader of the Unique Vision Photography Workshop at the Watchung Arts Center.

Officials aglow, but parents are fretting

By DAVID LAZARUS
CORRESPONDENT

KENILWORTH — The euphoria of a glowing Middle States validation report giving Kenilworth schools full accreditation was offset by parental concerns about overcrowding and staff reductions at the Board of Education meeting Monday night at David Brearley High School.

"This is a great honor for the school system," said Superintendent Dr. Lloyd M. Leschuk about the final report which was released last week.

"We have only been open five years and we welcomed the 10-person committee to come in and fully look at our entire district."

Leschuk added that it is extremely rare for a community to opt for full accreditation, noting that most towns only seek to leave their high school cited.

After Leschuk's comments, which opened the meeting, came public discussion which was dominated by concerns over the lack of space at Harding School which hosts a Developmental Learning Center (DLC) for the Morris Union Jointure. The jointure, which runs centers at numerous locations throughout Union and Morris counties, pays the district for the use of the facilities.

"We are not against the jointure," said Cindy Manto, PTO president at Harding School.

But Manto voiced concern

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—Superintendent Dr. Lloyd M. Leschuk

about the number of buses needed by the program's students that add to congestion in front of the school.

"We want to make sure it is manageable. We need to know there will be limits on the amount of students," added Manto.

"The jointure is a very good program," said Leschuk. "We have four students in the program. It helps keep them closer to home."

The program mostly benefits students from neighboring towns.

There was also concern about the layoff of a secretary which would cause an extra burden on the current staff.

"We got no extra money at all this year. We went through a difficult process just trying to keep the school running," said board member Gerry Laudati.

After a nearly two-hour closed meeting, the board amended the resolution to cut the secretary. "We are going to seek additional funds to bring her back," Leschuk said. "We are going to do whatever we can to find the funds but there's no guarantee," he added.

There was also concern about the switching of a special services secretary to another position.

"You just can't put anyone in that position. It's a very specialized position. I think the board is making a big mistake," said resident Joanne Melici.

Among the 28 resolutions that were passed included the hiring of Scott Miller as the new football coach. Miller was passed over for the position two years ago and has been assistant coach at Johnson Regional the past two years.

Cranford High gets good grades

CRANFORD — Cranford High School got strong marks from the Middle States Association's Accreditation for Growth evaluation team, district and school administrators said this week.

While recommending in its report the school be accredited, the team praised the school's academic program, quality of teaching, and variety of course offerings, said Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod. The report was given several weeks ago when the team finished its visit; the full written report and formal accreditation will not be delivered until this fall.

One of the team's recommendations was that the school hire another guidance counselor, which Feinsod said will be seriously considered.

The accreditation will last 10 years, though the team leader will be back in about two to monitor the school's progress, Feinsod said.

"Our goal is to continue to move ahead academically as well as in the area of service learning and character building," he said.

'Bad luck' to cost taxpayers in Kenilworth lots of money

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Borough Council May 8 passed a bond ordinance for the purchase of public works and public safety equipment, wrapping up the planned portion of the borough's capital spending for 2002.

But as the council was considering that ordinance, the borough was also undergoing what Mayor Michael Tripodi called "a streak of bad luck" that may require emergency bonding for capital projects later this year.

In recent weeks, borough officials have been confronted by failing gas pumps at the Department of Public Works yard and a cracking access ramp at the library, both of which will have to be replaced.

But the biggest problem by far has been the collapse of a 400-foot stretch of sewer near 14th Street and Sheridan Avenue. The sewer is functioning again, Tripodi said, but the collapsed stretch will have to be replaced.

Combined, the three projects could cost over \$100,000, with the sewer accounting for \$75,000-90,000 of that total.

Tripodi said the borough might be able to absorb the gas pump and library ramp repairs in its operating budget, but the sewer work will require an additional bond ordinance later this year.

The \$69,000 bond ordinance passed May 8 is dedicated to the purchase of a leaf collector for the DPW, new emergency and forensic equipment for the police and improvements to the police department's front desk, and four full turnout gear outfits for the fire department.

The borough is also still waiting for word on its application for extraordinary budget aid from the state; the council cannot adopt the 2002 budget without a response, Tripodi said he expects to hear next month.

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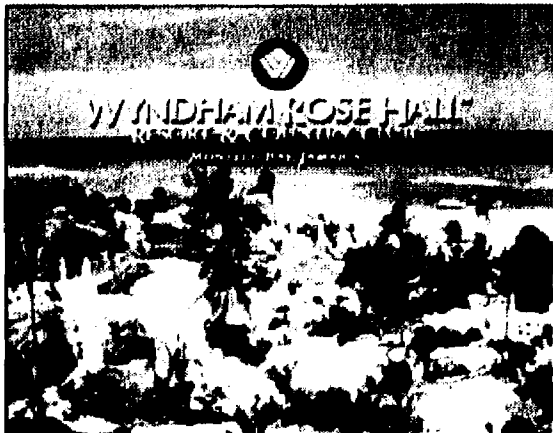
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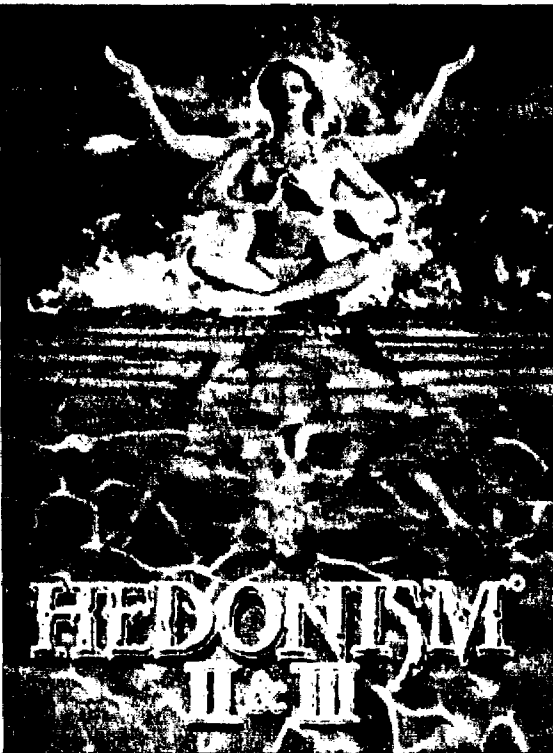
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Mikey Ehringer and Matt Gorski, pupils in the Pre-K Title 1 class at Brunner School, give a thank you hug to a tree on Arbor Day.

Kids learn trees give us lots more than shade

SCOTCH PLAINS — The children in the Pre-K Title 1 classes at Brunner School observed Arbor Day with activities that celebrated the beauty and importance of trees.

After reading the book "Have You Seen Trees?", each child used crayons and paint to depict how trees look in each of the seasons. The children also worked together to make large trees to decorate their classroom.

The pupils in Bernadette Hoyer's classes found many items in their classroom and homes that come from trees. They also shared foods that come from trees for snack, including apples, oranges, bananas, maple syrup, coconut, mixed nuts, olives, dates, figs and pieces of chocolate.

The children learned that it takes a stack of recycled newspaper 3 feet high to save one tree. They brought in newspapers from home to see how much newspaper is needed to make a stack 3 feet tall.

After reading the book, "A Tree is Nice," each child went outside to give thank you hugs to trees on school property.

Dems blindside Cranford committee

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Township Committee approved the \$20.6 million municipal budget Tuesday, but not before some unanticipated political maneuvering made the vote much closer than expected.

The budget will raise the municipal share of property taxes on a house assessed at \$176,000 by about \$53, a 3.75-percent increase. Even with a big spike in insurance costs municipal spending will rise by less than 1 percent, said Finance Commissioner Phil Morin, but a decline in court revenues and flat state aid caused the tax increase. Local taxes account for \$12.8 million in revenue.

The budget drew limited public comment in a hearing, with only one resident speaking. But as the committee prepared to vote, Democratic commissioners George Jorn and Dan Aschenbach surprised the Republican majority with lengthy criticisms of the budget and the process by which it was prepared.

Jorn said in recent weeks he had developed reservations about the budget's impact on taxpayers. He criticized the decision to fund half of Downtown Management Corporation Director Kathleen Prunty's salary, and said, "I don't think we did a complete, exhaustive investigation of our insurance costs."

Jorn also called for the committee to do a better job motivating citizens who might have cost-saving ideas. "The Township Committee as a whole has got to improve their performance in certain areas," he said.

Aschenbach, meanwhile, criticized the committee's failure to restructure its debt last year, saying the 2002 tax increase could have been avoided. "That is the largest reason I'm opposing the budget this year," he said.

Aschenbach also charged township Republicans had overseen a "politically motivated" and ineffective review of insurance policies in 2001, and called for a review of utility costs.

While Jorn and Aschenbach spelled out their opposition Tuesday night, neither had made clear prior to the vote he would oppose the budget. In the workshop session immediately before the budget hearing, Jorn cast a deciding vote in favor of hiring another firefighter in December. That hire will not raise the budget this year, but as Aschenbach pointed out in the workshop, could raise costs in the future.

Jorn had voted for the budget to be introduced April 9, a meeting from which Aschenbach was absent. Aschenbach had frequently complained about the budget process prior to Tuesday's vote, but had not publicly said he would vote no.

The Democratic opposition meant the budget passed by a narrow 3-2 margin. At the committee's April 23 meeting, Administrator Marlena Schmid had implored the committee to pass the budget Tuesday to prevent cash-flow problems for the township.

The criticisms from Jorn and Aschenbach drew swift rebuke from Republican commissioners. "I guess Campaign 2002 started tonight," said Tom Denny. Denny defended the budget, saying Cranford is dependent on its local

tax base to provide services.

Morin, meanwhile, called the Democrats' speeches "unbelievably bush league."

"I never heard one peep that the budget (would be contested)," he said. "They failed in their responsibility to the citizens."

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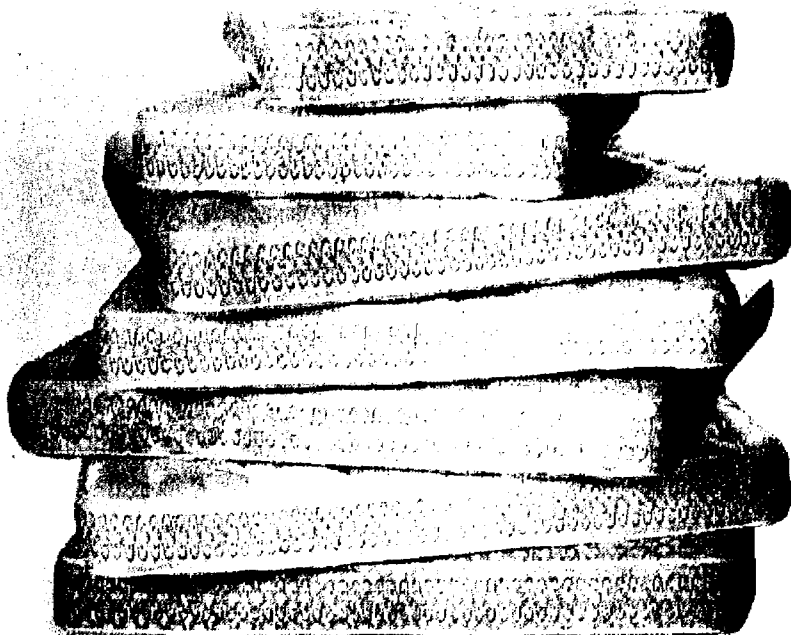
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Community Life

Briefs

Westfield squad plans open house

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Rescue Squad invites the community to visit its building between noon and 4 p.m. Memorial Day, May 27.

"We feel it is important to give the community the opportunity to meet us and tour our facility," said Captain Miki Urso.

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer organization and is dependent on tax deductible contributions. Donations may be sent to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356 Westfield, NJ 07091.

'Writers in Action' showcase Wednesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Writers in Action" is a showcase for original compositions by middle school pupils in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

The showcase runs Wednesday in the Park Middle School library at 580 Park Ave. Grade 7 pupils read their writings 7-7:30 p.m. Grade 8 pupils follow 8-8:30 p.m.

In addition, the public can see all the entries in a gallery tour 7:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Westfield Library showing 'Genesis'

WESTFIELD — "Genesis" completes the Spring International Film Festival at the Westfield Memorial Library.

Showtime is 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. "Genesis" is presented in French and Bambara with English subtitles; it is an African story adapted from the ancient Hebrew tale of Jacob and Esau.

The program is open only to those with a valid Westfield library card. Tickets are required; phone (908) 789-4090 or visit the library at 550 E. Broad St.

Community Access plans golf outing

WESTFIELD — Community Access Unlimited sponsors its ninth annual golf outing Monday, June 3 at the Echo Lake Country Club.

A barbecue lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, reception and auction are included in the daylong event. Corporate sponsorships and donations are welcome.

For registration and fees, phone Lesley Donato at (908) 354-3040, Ext. 376.

Proceeds benefit Community Access Unlimited, an Elizabeth-based agency that provides community-based support services to disabled people.

Service League's annual meeting set

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League holds its annual meeting 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Eight new members will be introduced: Maureen Clancy, Nancy Greenberg, Eileen Guidi, Theresa Leone, Cynthia Patey, Helen Piasecki, Helen Surridge and Marie Walford.

Guest speaker is Pamela Radel, manager of the child care center at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. The hospital is a beneficiary of Service League funds.

Since it was founded in 1973 the Service League has donated \$700,000 to area charities, according to a press release announcing the annual meeting. This amount comes from proceeds of clothing and merchandise sales at the Thrift Shop on East Second Street.

Symphony gala scheduled Sunday

The New Jersey Youth Symphony will perform in its Gala Benefit Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Nicholas Music Center on the Douglass College campus.

Tickets are \$50, \$15, \$10 and \$5.

Among the performers are Kristen Wuest of Scotch Plains and Carl Baron, Emily Chen, Thomas Killian, Diane Park, Jason Tammam, Rosemary Topar and Kelly Yang, all of Westfield.



TRACY DECKHUT/THE RECORD-PRESS
Jeff Dresely, 15, cooks up the burgers and dogs and Morgan Jakubowski, 14, delivers the eats on her roller skates Saturday. The Westfield teens re-created the car hop as a fund-raiser for their First United Methodist Church youth group.

Reprise for the '50s



PHOTO BY MARY SKINNER

Cranford Hall resident Julia O'Connor celebrates her 100th birthday with her great-great-granddaughter, Julianne Skinner, and Julianne's dog Cuddles.

Grandmom marks her 100th birthday

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Julia O'Connor has seen a lot in her lifetime. And on April 28, the Cranford Hall resident saw something most people never will — her own 100th birthday.

O'Connor celebrated the day at the local nursing home with her two daughters, Bridget Daly and Mary Rhebeck, and a considerable gathering of friends and family: She has nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Her nephew, Father Owen Winn, even made the trip from Ireland to perform Mass and deliver a special message from the pope.

The Irish connection was hardly a coincidence. O'Connor was born on the Emerald Isle and lived there 27 years before, in 1929, she said goodbye to her eight siblings and moved to New York City. O'Connor came over to marry her betrothed, Henry

Patrick O'Connor, who had earlier made the trip to the Lower East Side and found work as a watchman. They were married two days after Julia's arrival on Ellis Island.

The O'Connors lived four decades in New York, where Julia worked as a housekeeper and at Woolworth's. After her husband's death in 1971, she moved back to Dublin to care for a family member.

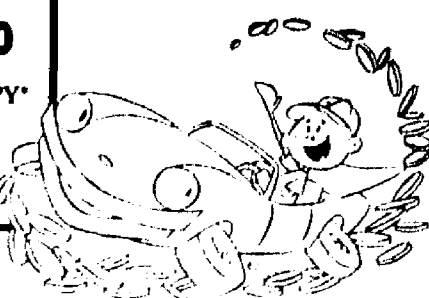
Twenty-two years later, she came back to the States, moving in with Bridget and her husband Robert in Carteret. She lived there independently for two years before moving to Cranford Hall after taking a fall.

O'Connor has made some long journeys in her life to be with family, but for her 100th birthday, friends and family came to celebrate the day with her.

"It was beautiful," said Bridget, who's glad to have her mother back on the same side of the Atlantic. "She's been a wonderful mother."

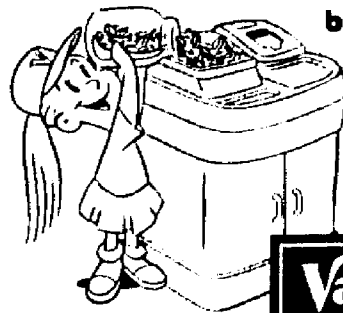
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Harry Busch, All-State Legal CEO

CRANFORD — Harry Busch, 82, founder of All-State Legal, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at a nursing home near his home in Palm City, Fla.

Mr. Busch, who retired in January 1997, had been the chief executive officer and chairman of All-State Legal, the nation's largest and leading provider of services and products to the legal profession with five locations throughout the United States.

Born in Norfolk, Va., in 1919, Mr. Busch moved to Newark with his family at age 5. After graduating from high school, he worked in the engineering department of Curtiss-Wright Aircraft.

Mr. Busch enlisted in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He became a communications officer stationed throughout the North Atlantic as well as in Italy and North Africa.

After the war, Mr. Busch joined a small legal forms publishing firm. Later, he used all his savings, \$2,500, to start All State Office Supply Co., in his parents' basement. With the help of his childhood friend and partner Al Rubin he expanded the product line. All-State Legal now supplies law firms nationwide with more than 30,000 products from its base in Cranford.

Mr. Busch was actively involved in the community. During the late 1960s, Mr. Busch organized "PEP" which stood for Pollution Environmental

Problems of Westfield. It was the first operation to collect recyclables. He was instrumental in supporting the launch of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA), and gained recognition as New Jersey's Small Business Person of the Year in 1986.

He was an avid sailor and member of the Raritan Yacht Club, commander of the Watchung Power Squadron, and a member of the Ancient Mariners. He was chairman of the board of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, and served on the foundation board at Kean University in Union. In 1991, Harry was awarded an honorary doctorate from the university.

Surviving are his wife Olga, whom he married in May 1988; his former wife Marion; three children, Rob Busch and his wife Joyce, Jacqueline Hemphill, and David Busch and his wife Lori; two stepsons, Nelson Marques and his wife Linda and Mario Marques; a sister, Ruth Schafer; six grandchildren, Melissa McTigue, Peter Retzlaff, Heather Hemphill, Justin, Cody and Carleigh; two step-grandchildren, Matthew and Michael; and a great grandson, Cameron Goeckler.

A memorial will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at the Sheraton at Woodbridge, Route 1 South. Memorial donations may be made to the Kean University Foundation, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, New Jersey 07083.

Glendessa Sherman

FANWOOD — Glendessa M. Farrell Sherman, 86, died May 8, 2002 at her home. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Women's Chit Chat Club in Fanwood.

A native of East Orange, Mrs. Sherman lived in Newark and Union before moving to Fanwood in 1972. She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, George E. Sr.,

died in 1971.

Surviving are a son, George E.; a daughter, Glenda M. Insabelli; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

Michele Di Iorio

WESTFIELD — Michele Di Iorio, 78, died May 10, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 1987 after 25 years as a laborer with the Weldon Concrete Co. in Westfield.

He was born in Pietracupa, Italy, and settled in Westfield when he came to the United States in 1962.

Mr. Di Iorio was taken prisoner in Albania while he was in the Italian army during World

War II. He was a member of Amici Della Rocca.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Maria; a son, Hank of Cranford; a sister, Assunta Durante of Italy; and two grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home.

Obituaries

Catherine Washburn

WESTFIELD — Catherine F. Wilson Washburn, 91, died May 7, 2002 at the Beaumont Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center in Westborough, Mass. She was a bookkeeper with the former Plainfield Trust Co. and the Westfield Pediatrics medical practice prior to her retirement.

Mrs. Washburn was born in Plainfield. She lived in Westfield, Winchester, Mass., Cranford and East Hanover, Mass., before moving to Westborough in 1997.

From 1986-88 she was president of the Women's Guild at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in West Hanover, Mass. Mrs. Washburn also was active in The Family Pantry in West

Harwich.

She graduated from the former Holy Trinity High School in Westfield.

Deceased are her husband of 45 years, Charles E. in 1985; and her parents, William F. Wilson and Bertha M. Colvin Wilson.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Washburn Ryan of Verona; two sons, William F. of Hyde Park, N.Y., and Charles J. of Worcester, Mass.; a sister, Veronica Shearman of Belpre, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday in West Harwich. Donations may be sent to The Family Pantry, P.O. Box 234, West Harwich, MA 02671.

Michael J. Fedowitz

WESTFIELD — Michael Joseph Fedowitz, 55, died May 9, 2002 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. An accountant and auditor, he was an Air Force sergeant in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Fedowitz was born in Jersey City and lived in Westfield before moving to Branchburg in 1985. He maintained a summer home in Pocono Lake, Pa., since 1994 and his permanent home in Flemington since 2000.

He spent 20 years with AT&T Corp. in its stock transfer office in Piscataway, first in its accounting and payroll department, then later in its auditing department. Mr. Fedowitz more recently was in charge of accounting and payroll for Psak, Graziano, Pasce & Whitehaw, a law firm in Middlesex; the Cancer Institute for Children, in New Brunswick, and the Somerset Feed and Grain

store.

In 1990-91 Mr. Fedowitz was the exalted ruler of Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, located in Bridgewater. More recently he was a member of the American Legion post in Pocono Lake and the Elks lodge in East Stroudsburg, Pa. He attended St. Peter's College.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Nancy; his parents, Michael and Gertrude of Jersey City; a son, Michael Peder of Flemington; a daughter, Tanya Michele and fiancé William Demeter of Hillsborough; and a brother, Stephen of Berkeley Heights.

Services were held Tuesday at Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville. Donations may be sent to Somerville Elks Crippled Children's Center, 375 Union Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

Elena Lawrence

SCOTCH PLAINS — Elena M. Maragni Lawrence, 86, died May 9, 2002 at the Haven Hospice of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She once was a saleswoman with B. Altman & Co. in Manhattan and the Hamilton Shop in Plainfield.

She was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1959.

Mrs. Lawrence retired in 1994 after 15 years with ARA Services as a cafeteria worker at AT&T Bell Laboratories (now Lucent Technologies) in Murray Hill. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Two brothers, Ray Maragni and Martin Maragni, are deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Dominick T.; two daughters, Eileen Lynch and Dorothy Guy; a son, William; two sisters, Victoria Accardi and Phyllis Knoppo; a brother, Sal Maragni; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in Somerset Hills Mausoleum, Basking Ridge.

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

Helen E. Keiling

SCOTCH PLAINS — Helen E. Keiling, 88, died May 11, 2002 at the Manchester Manor Rehabilitation Center in Whiting. She retired in 1978 after 17 years as a clerical worker with Kemper Insurance Co. in Summit.

Mrs. Keiling, who was born in Stirling, lived in New Milford and Scotch Plains before moving to Whiting in 1978. She was a member of the Women's Club and Residents Club at Fernwood Hall in Whiting.

Her husband, Eugene, died in 1997.

Surviving are a son, Thomas; a daughter, Carol; a brother, Robert Richter; a sister, Marion Ehrhardt; and a grandchild.

Mass was offered Wednesday in All Saints Chapel at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church in Whiting. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Arrangements were by Anderson & Campbell Funeral Home in Whiting.

Bernard Wechsler

SCOTCH PLAINS — Bernard Wechsler, 71, died May 13, 2002 at his home. He retired in 1993 after 25 years as the owner of Path Liquors stores in Somerville and Coram, N.Y.

Mr. Wechsler was born in Newark. He lived in Linden, Clark and New York City before moving to Scotch Plains in 1992.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the Manhattan campus of Pace University. Mr.

Wechsler served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of B'nai B'rith in Union County.

Surviving are his wife, Xiao Mei Lu; two sons, David and Michael; a daughter, Sherry Wechsler Varian; a sister, Elaine Schneider; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Mildred Krusinski

WESTFIELD — Mildred M. Sargent Krusinski, 83, died May 12, 2002 at her home. A native of West Hazleton, Pa., she lived in Rahway before moving to Westfield in 2000.

Mrs. Krusinski was a member of the Young at Heart club at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rahway.

Her husband, Charles, died

in 1984. A daughter, Linda Jurusz, died in 1978.

Surviving are a son, Charles, with whom Mrs. Krusinski lived; and a grandchild.

Services were held yesterday at Corey & Corey Funeral Home, Rahway, followed by a Mass at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Nicola Nardone

WESTFIELD — Nicola Nardone, 64, died May 12, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 2001 after 10 years as the head of the Downtown Management Corp. in Cranford.

He was born in Campolattaro, Italy, and settled in Westfield when he came to the United States in 1965.

Mr. Nardone earlier was a forklift operator for more than 20 years with Beckley Perforating in Garwood. He

served in the Italian army and was a member of the Italian-American Club in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Ida Ciullo Nardone; a son, Giuseppe; and a daughter, Tina, both of Westfield; two brothers, Enrico and Vittorio, and a sister, Giovanna, all of Italy; and six grandchildren.

Mass was offered Wednesday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by Dooley Colonial Home.

Dolores Sylvernal

WESTFIELD — Dolores E. "Dolly" Rahn Sylvernal died May 7, 2002 at her home in Oak Ridge. She was an executive secretary with the former Denville plant of Lockheed Corp. prior to her retirement.

Mrs. Sylvernal was born in East Orange and lived in Westfield before moving to Oak Ridge in 1977.

Surviving are her husband,

Dave, a son, Dave of Oak Ridge; a daughter, Arlene Haule of Pine Beach; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by Vander Plaats-Stickle Memorial Home in Fair Lawn. Donations may be sent to Hospice Visiting Nurse Services, 38 Elm St., Morristown, NJ 07960.

Theresa Demboski

SCOTCH PLAINS — Theresa Luksis Demboski, 92, died May 14, 2002 at Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Elizabeth and lived in that city before moving to Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Demboski was a member of the AARP and the senior citizens club at St. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth. She also was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at the former St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth.

Her husband, William "Duke," is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy Gribas and Mary Ellen Kulbas; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 9:15 a.m. today at August F. Schmidt Memorial Funeral Home, 139 Westfield Ave., Elizabeth, Mass. will follow 10 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul Church, 211 Ripley Place, Elizabeth. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Newark.

Evelyn Westberg

FANWOOD — Evelyn F. Boutillier Westberg, 75, died May 14, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She owned Westberg Jewelers in Scotch Plains from 1956-87 with her husband, John S. "Bud," who died in 1989.

Mrs. Westberg was born in Lynn, Mass., and had lived in Fanwood since 1959. She sang in a Cranford church choir and for 15 years was a volunteer at Rumlins Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

A sister, Mildred Monbleau, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Stephen; five daughters, Maureen Cheasty, Sharon Matson, Deborah Matson, Stephanie Hoffman and Karen Heller; three sisters, Priscilla Adams, Carol Welch and Alice Wildes; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held yesterday at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834-1365 or the American Cancer Society.

Priscilla Van Dam

CRANFORD — Priscilla M. Bouska Van Dam, 61, died May 7, 2002 at the Florham Park home of a daughter, Sandra Van Dam-Clinton. Mrs. Van Dam was an administrative assistant with Clarion Partners in Manhattan and McCarter & English in Newark.

She was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Linden before moving to Cranford in 1978.

Mrs. Van Dam earned a bachelor's degree from Hope College and a certificate from the Katharine Gibbs School in Manhattan. She was a deacon and the financial secretary at the Linden Presbyterian Church, where until January she was a member of the session.

A tennis player, golfer and boating enthusiast, Mrs. Van

Dam frequently attended cultural events in and around New York.

Her father, Charles Bouska, is deceased.

Also surviving are a companion, Melvil DeSousa of Roselle; her mother, Sabina Bouska of Linden; a son, Steven; and another daughter, Susan Van Dam Clark, both of Cranford; a sister, Virginia "Gina" Mericle of Linden; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Linden Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield, with arrangements by Dooley Funeral Home.

Donations may be sent to the Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day Event specifying Amy Lauren, participant 3266.

Victor Rendano Sr.

GARWOOD — Victor T. Rendano Sr., 82, died May 7, 2002 at his summer home in Milford, Pa. He was moldmaker with Gilbert Plastics in Kenilworth prior to his 1982 retirement.

Mr. Rendano, who was born in Brooklyn, lived for many years in Garwood, South Orange and Linden. Since 1982 he divided his time between a winter home in West Palm Beach, Fla., and a summer home in Milford, Pa.

He flew 30 missions with the 466th Airborne Division of the Army Air Corps in Europe during World War II. Mr. Rendano was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his wartime

service.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Linden and Milford, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Olive Jamerson Rendano; a son, Victor Jr. and wife Joyce of Griston, N.Y.; a daughter, Theresa Rizzuto and husband Richard of New Vernon; three brothers, Alfonso, Emil and Thomas; a sister, Lucy Fontana; a sister-in-law, Mary; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Donations may be sent to Palm Beach County Senior Citizens Service, c/o Rizzuto Family, P.O. Box 765, New Vernon, NJ 07976.

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• "California Suite," local production of Neil Simon comedy. 8 p.m. May 17, 18, 24, 25, 3 p.m. May 19, 26. Adults \$13; seniors, students \$11 (no discount Saturday).

**UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
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1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford
(908) 659-5189
• "All in the Timing," six short plays by David Ives. 8 p.m. May 16-18, 3 p.m. May 19. Adults \$14. Friday-Sunday, \$7 Thursday; students \$7.

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www.raritanval.edu/theatre
• Repertory program. Admission \$20, \$15.

Concerts
ARTS COFFEEHOUSE
7 p.m. Monday, May 20
Woodbridge High School
Route 35, Woodbridge
(732) 249-5151
• Song, jazz and spoken word by pupils from the Middlesex County Arts High School and Middlesex County Middle School of the Arts. Adults \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; students \$2.
A CARNIVAL OF MUSIC
3 p.m. Sunday, May 19
Cranford High School, 201 West End Pl., Cranford
(908) 709-0084
• Spring concert of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra featuring Andy the

Clown. Adults \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door; seniors, students \$4.
**CHORAL ART SOCIETY
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8 p.m. Saturday, May 18
Presbyterian Church
140 Mountain Ave., Westfield
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JULIO IGLESIAS
8 p.m. Saturday, May 18
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11
www.statetheatrenj.org
• 80's star whose biggest hits were duets with Willie Nelson and with Diana Ross. Admission \$75-\$25; tickets for May 29 will be honored.

**FIDEL MARCHENA/
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3 p.m. Sunday, May 19
Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill
(908) 790-0700
• Violinist (former) and pianist (latter). Adults \$12; students, seniors \$6.

JACKIE MASON
8 p.m. May 20, 21, 22, 24, 2 p.m. May 23, Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn
(973) 376-4343
www.papermill.org
• New York-based comedian/Rudolph Giuliani crony. Admission \$75-\$40.

DIANE MONROE
7 p.m. Thursday, May 23
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11
www.statetheatrenj.org
• Violinist and this year's Artist in Residence for the performing arts center. Free admission; tickets required.
NATURE SINGS
4 p.m. Sunday, May 19
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield
(908) 756-2468
• Choral works from Benjamin Britten, Samuel Barber and Antonin Dvorak, sung by the church-based Crescent Singers. Adults \$15; seniors \$10; students \$5.

**NEW JERSEY
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3 p.m. Sunday, May 19
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
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The Wood's Tea Company is coming to the Watchung Arts Center next month.

Wood's Tea to play blend of music

For nearly 20 years Wood's Tea Company has served a hearty blend of Celtic, folk, bluegrass and maritime music from its home in Burlington, Vt.

This Northern New England quartet is planning a returning engagement at the Watchung Arts Center 8 p.m. Saturday, June 22.

Their lineup is Rusty Jacobs, pennywhistle, guitar and bodhran; Michael Lussen, five-string banjo, bouzouki, guitar

and bodhran; Howard Wooden, standup bass, six string guitar, bodhran and concertina; and Chip Chase, fiddle, mandolin, banjo and guitar. Each musician also contributes as a singer.

Special guest artist Jodee James of Metuchen performed last month at the New Jersey Folk Festival, on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. She specializes in Welsh songs and stories performed with great love and

respect for the Welsh tradition. Her fourth album, issued this winter, is "A Hint of the Red Dragon."

Admission of \$12 includes home-baked dessert and coffee at intermission. For reservations, visit www.watchungarts.org or phone (908) 753-0190.

The Watchung Arts Center is on the Watchung Circle, about 1 1/2 miles north of Route 22. Free parking is available in the Municipal Building lot nearby.

Fine Art and Crafts Festival coming to Nomahegan Park

CRANFORD The 16th annual Spring Fine Art and Crafts Festival at Nomahegan Park show will take place June 1-2 in Cranford across from Union County College.

The show will feature more than 120 professional artists, photographers, and crafts people from throughout the northeast and beyond, displaying and selling their American-made, hand-crafted work. The show is free to the public. Show hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine.

Fiber artist Gretchen McCrorey has been sewing and designing her own clothing since childhood. Being raised in a family of seamstresses exposed her to a world of color, texture and creativity. While working in the corporate world, McCrorey recognized the need for quality fashion accessories to expand her career and travel wardrobe, so she began designing items that met her own two top criteria: they needed to be functional as well as easy to wear.

Another artist participating in the show this year is Janet Gearing. Her unique pictures are created from fabric and stitching, not paint. Intricate detail is achieved from layering fabrics and drawing with the

needle on the sewing machine. Texture, color and pattern are combined into realistic images one layer at a time and brought to life with thread.

Bunny and John Switzenberg, beekeepers and crafters, will also attend the show. They make cinnamon scented beeswax ornaments using antique German chocolate molds, some of which John's great-grandfather brought with him when he immigrated from Germany in 1884. The Switzenbergs and Bunny's sister, Sandy Prettyman, keep their 21 hives at Prettyman's 250-acre farm in Delaware.

The show is co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Freeholders, the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and Janet and Howard Rose of Rose Squared Productions, Inc.

The Spring Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park show will feature fine art, photography, weaving, clothing, pottery, wood, fiber, leather, stained glass, and much more. The show will be accented with music of the 1970s by the band Carnaby Street and a variety of ethnic foods.

Across from Union County College, Nomahegan Park is a lovely setting for the free event.

Madrigals will perform in Westfield

"Blossoms, Bubbles and Belles" are featured in a concert of the Madrigal Singers 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield.

The ensemble is under the direction of Elaine Fiorino of Bridgewater. Each musical segment is sung a capella or with accompaniment by Jenny Cline and Janet Sommers, both of Westfield.

Singers in this concert include Martha Desmond, Peter Dykema, Pamela Johnson, Heather Keith, David Lawrence, Adam Levin, Robert Lichtenberg, Jennifer Melick, Tom Reingold of Edison, Sarah Riffler, Kirk Robbins of Fairwood, George Stralkus and Margaret Thompson.

Admission is by a donation at the door. For more information, phone (908) 233-1570. Holy Trinity Church is located at 315 First St.

As a prelude to each segment, written passages by Shakespeare and other English poets are read by Judy Sullivan of Scotch Plains.

Opening the sacred portion of the program is "King Jesus hath a garden," a traditional Dutch carol. It introduces the imagery of flowers and fruit further elaborated in hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary (by Dunstable, Byrd and Britten) and Jesus Christ (by Elgar and Tchaikovsky).

"I Am the Rose of Sharon," based on the Old Testament book Song of Songs, turns to the themes of spring and of love. This piece is in a setting by 18th century American composer William Billings.

An idyllic 17th century scene is set to music "In These Delightful, Pleasant Groves" by Henry Purcell. He also wrote "With Drooping Wings, Ye Cupids Come," a song from "Dido and Aeneas."

Orlando de Lassus provides two approaches to wooing a loved one: "Matoni, mi caru" and "O occhi, manza mia." Both were written in the 16th century.

Shakespeare wrote a speech to British forces that King "Henry V" gave on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt. The 16th century Battle of Marignan is brought to life in "La guerre" by Clement Jannequin.

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SPRING FIX-UP

How do central vacuum systems work

There are, today, a considerable variety of central vacuums available for home and office use.

The Central Vacuum System (CVS) industry in the United States has, essentially, come from Canada where almost 85 percent of homes have CVS - in the USA the amount of CVS installed in homes is still relatively small. In the 1980s a variety of existing American vacuum manufacturers decided to infiltrate the growing CVS market and, with the inclusion of their products and additional advertising, the public awareness of CVS increased.

In addition to these new CVS manufacturers swelling the ranks, additional Canadian CVS manufacturers occasionally choose to enter the United States market; and, thus, the choice of CVS for the

consumer is steadily growing.

A Central Vacuum System in its inherent design performs like a traditional canister vacuum. This is to say that a CVS provides cleaning power (suction & airflow) by means of a motor - or, in some systems, two motors - located in the main canister. This cleaning power is made available throughout a house (or office, etc.) by means of plastic (PVC) tubing (usually PVC - sometimes metal is used and sometimes - horrors! - flexible hoses is used) located inside the existing walls, ceilings & floors of the house which is ducted to various CVS outlets into which a vacuum hose can be inserted. Thus, in normal usage, the user inserts one end of the hose usually 30 feet to 35 feet long - into the CVS wall outlet and the

CVS obediently turns on. Some hoses incorporate switches on the accessory end of the hose that enable the CVS to be turned on or off from the hose; rather than plugging or unplugging the hose from the wall outlet.

On the other end of the hose can be mounted various, traditional cleaning accessories such as dust brush, crevice tool, upholstery tool, wands & rug nozzle, etc.

CVS outlets are normally located by the installer - usually after consultation with either the homeowner or the builder (or architect) - in judicious locations in particular areas of the house to maximize the use of the CVS hose in that area to clean as much as possible before relocating to another CVS outlet. Thus, in a wing of the house with three bedrooms there might possibly be only one or two

CVS outlets in a common hallway - not one in each bedroom, etc. It is common in the average-size house (2,000 to 5,000 square feet) to have 3 to 6 CVS outlets.

A good CVS is a solid investment for a clean and healthy home or office. It provides increased ease of use in cleaning, better cleaning power than any portable vacuum, and totally removes all the vacuumed pollutants out from the living space. It also contributes to the overall value of a residence or office if/when the time comes to sell the property.

For questions on Central Vacuum Systems - or, for any questions pertaining to proper cleaning of home or office, please visit The Eardly T. Petersen Company at 224 Elmer St., Westfield; or, contact them at (908) 232-5723 or e-mail etpetersco@aol.com



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Don't be scammed by contractors

If you're undertaking a substantial home improvement project and taking out a loan, here are some suggestions on how not to be scammed by a contractor:

1. Choose an experienced contractor. Your lender should be able to provide you with names of contractors who have been in business a long time and have large numbers of satisfied customers.
2. Check references. Qualified contractors are usually happy to give you names of homeowners in your area. Call several, and ask a number of questions about promptness, workmanship and materials.
3. Check licensing and insurance coverage. A home improvement lender should ensure that the contractor

meets all licensing requirements, and has adequate insurance coverage in case of accidents during the project.

4. Make sure the checks are made out jointly to you and the contractor. If the lender sends the money directly to the contractor, the homeowner loses a valuable tool for ensuring satisfaction.

5. Have the work inspected. Most qualified home improvement lenders will insist on a final inspection of the project.

6. If you're not happy with the quality of work done on your home, first contact the contractor and try to work things out. If that doesn't work, contact your lender or, if you paid for the project yourself, call your local Better Business Bureau.

Your home garden can become a wildlife habitat

(NAPSI)-If the idea of gardening has taken root for you, you're not alone. According to the National Gardening Association, 45 percent of Americans garden in their yards and 40 percent provide food for wild birds.

Among the reasons Americans love to garden is that it's a great way to experience the natural world on a daily basis and to connect with Mother Nature. It's also a wonderful way to provide a wildlife habitat. This means food, water, cover, and places where wildlife can raise their young. The result? You can enjoy wonderful wildlife experiences every day, right in your own backyard.

The first step is to assess your

garden to determine what habitat you may already be providing. Do you have flowers where graceful butterflies and dainty hummingbirds can find nectar? Is there a clean water source for the neighborhood frogs? What about dense shrubbery where the songbirds can find cover from predators, build their nests, and serenade you each morning?

Building a backyard habitat is not hard. To help, experts at the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program have created a Backyard Wildlife Habitat planning guide. The guide is available for \$14.95 by calling (716) 461-3092 or go to www.nwf.org/backyardwildlife habitat.

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Poultice cleans barbecue stains from bricks

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Q. Our brick patio has grease stains left behind by spills and barbecue activities. The detergents I have tried failed to remove the stains. Do you have any suggestions?

A. Grease is difficult to remove because it penetrates the porous brick. However, you can try cleaning with one of the commercial cleaning products recommended for brick and masonry. I recommend Stand Off Oil & Grease Stain Remover, marketed by PROSO-CO Inc. (www.prosoinc.com).

This poultice removes deep-seated oil, grease and other troublesome stains from driveways, walkways, patios and commercial floors. Stand Off Oil & Grease Stain Remover includes dry clay and a liquid additive that you mix to form a thick, creamy paste.

The paste is suitable for trowel application to concrete, brick, most natural stone and polished and unpolished surfaces. The poultice draws out tough stains and the paste's consistency allows for controlled application and removal. This

product should not be used in cold weather. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions carefully.

Or you can use the following do-it-yourself mixture that is effective in removing numerous stains on brick: Dissolve a half-pound of trisodium phosphate (available through paint dealers) in two quarts of water and mix with enough powdered whiting to form a paste. Spread a half-inch thick layer on the stain. After the paste dries, scrape it away and flush the area with clear water.

If the stain is not completely removed, apply a thick paste made of powdered whiting and non-flammable liquid spot remover. Cover it with a sheet of plastic or glass to retard evaporation. When the paste is dry or discolored, replace with a fresh application. Repeat the process until the stain disappears. Flush with clear water once the stain is gone.

Q. Our home's previous owner applied tinted film to its large windows. This scratched film mars our views and needs to be removed. Do you know of a solvent suitable for removing

window film?

A. Solvents won't work. They create a sticky smearing of adhesive rather than aid in film removal.

However, there is a simple solution: warm, sudsy water will do the trick. Add dishwashing detergent to fairly hot water. Sponge the soapy water on to the window surface and allow it to soak for 20 to 30 minutes. The enzymes in the soap will loosen the adhesive.

Use a razor blade (3- and 4-inch blades are available from janitorial supply houses) to scrape the film from the windows. It will usually peel away in large strips. Be careful not to scratch the glass in the scraping process.

If glue residue remains, use an adhesive removal product such as Lift Off, Goo Gone, De-Solv-It, or isopropyl alcohol, to finish cleaning the glass.

Q. My concrete basement floor has indoor/outdoor carpeting that I want to replace with vinyl tile. I don't know how the carpet is adhered. I've never seen the floor bare, but I assume it is sound. How can I remove the current carpet and prepare the floor for vinyl tile?

Also, is there a way to cushion the new vinyl flooring so it's not so hard on our feet?

A. Glued-down outdoor carpeting and vinyl flooring, especially flooring installed using chemical adhesives, can be almost impossible to peel up without special equipment. An electric vinyl-tile stripper's beveled blades will remove almost any floor covering from

wood or concrete no matter what is holding it down.

To operate the stripper, you simply guide the handles as you would a walk-behind lawn mower. These powerful tools are usually available from equipment rental companies. Red Devil markets its Slamscraper Impact Tool, which comes with a 58-inch, heavy-duty welded steel handle and two separate blade attachments.

The scraping blade is for heavy removal jobs like asphalt and ceramic tile, glued-down parquet flooring, slate, sludge and other unwanted floor deposits. The second blade attachment is perfect for inlaid tile and glued-down carpeting. For availability in your area contact Red Devil Inc. customer service by calling (800) 247-3790.

Once the floor covering has been removed, you may find unsightly glue residue remains. An industrial-size floor buffer with a Scotch-Brite Pad will remove much of this residue, or you can use a floor sander with 36-grit sandpaper.

Sandpaper will be more expensive than the Scotch-Brite Pad, but you may have to use sandpaper in a finer grade (100 to 120 grit) for the final buffing required to smooth the floor enough for the vinyl tile installation. These machines can also be rented from equipment rental firms.

Check with your flooring dealer for a cushioned vinyl floor covering that will provide increased flexibility for a softer tread when installed over concrete.

Rutgers Cooperative gets irrigation system

WESTFIELD — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County has received an irrigation system donated by the members of the Irrigation Association of New Jersey, which is headquartered in Springfield.

The system was installed at the Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens located in the former Union County nursery in the Watchung Reservation. The site is being transformed into a training and demonstration facility for the Master Gardener Program, and eventually will be opened for the public to view.

Part of the site has four class planted theme plots, featuring native New Jersey plants, drought resistant plants, a pest resistant garden and a freedom garden planted with red, white and blue flowers and plants. There is also a 25-foot by 75-foot Sharing Garden. The main goal of the Sharing Garden is to grow a variety of vegetables to donate to local agencies that serve nutritious meals. The garden will be functional this year. The Master Gardener site chairman, Walter Pommitz from Clark, contacted the president of the IANJ, Walter Mugavin, for the donation.

You will never know unless you ask," said Pommitz. It was the best holiday present the Master Gardeners ever received when it was installed in December 2001. According to Pommitz, the system is highly flexible and supplies irrigation to each of the nine class plots. Each has its own zone and is capable of supplying pop-ups or drip systems. The reason for such flexibility is that the planted plots may be changed over time and the different plant materials may require different water requirements.

IANJ Board member, Bill Wise, regional director of the Toro Company Irrigation Division, coordinated the project. Wise contacted businesses in the Association for donations of the materials and for the manpower.

The Toro Company from Allentown, PA, and Hunter Industries from Macungie, PA, both manufacturers of irrigation equipment, supplied the sprinkler heads, the control system and other "hard" goods. Barton Supply, Inc. from Cherry Hill, supplied the bulk of the system, such as the, pipe, tubing, fittings, valves, wire and the in ground control boxes. John

Deere Landscapes from Hammonton helped with the fittings.

Walter Mugavin's Company, Aqua Mist Irrigation from South Hackensack, supplied the manpower.

"Mr. Mugavin designed the project, supplied the equipment and his men installed the system," said Pommitz. "I'm quite impressed with the Irrigation Association of New Jersey. The dedication of their membership to help our volunteer organization was beyond my imagination. We surely appreciate their generosity and hard work."

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Park Middle School names 3rd period honor students

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

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

Grade 8 — Colleen Baines, Sarah Boffa, Elizabeth Bourcheim, Justine Brown, Courtney Burke, Cleo Chou, Deirdre Clark, Andrew Goldberg, Adriana Guido, Thurston Hamlette, Elizabeth Jacobs, Elizabeth Katz, Meghan Kelly, Jessica Levine, Rebecca McGuire, Hallie Mintz, Jeffrey Mullen, Rannag Palejwala, Danielle Porter and Katherine Van Haasteren.

Grade 7 — John Acito, Alison Baier, Kristen Barry, Kendall Boyda, Allison Brown, Cathleen Carr, Nikolai Chowdhury, Jenna Delle-Donne, Karina DeMair, Daisy Fung, Alexandra Garber, Maggie Kosciolk, Kirsten Mandala, Stacy Marr, Lauren Messina, Sean Scott, Stacey Tanguy and Caleb Zimmerman.

Grade 6 — Deborah Albert, Avery Boettcher, Ryan Bridge, Katilyn Cavanagh, Bridget Cornwell, Robert Cunningham, Lindsay Hauptman, Alec Jacobs, Samantha Knierim, Jacob Lavenhar, Jaclyn Lazarus, Marc

L'Heureux, Caitlin Liest, Alexa Lindenberg, Ming Lu, Brianne Mahoney, Maggie McLaughlin, Ryan Pinkowski, Nyanna Quoi, Brandon Reddington, Hillary Roberts, Marc Rosenberg, Michael Seannell, Adam Silverman, Gabriella Sosnowski, Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Nitin Viswanathan and Vivian Wong.

Named to the honor roll:

Grade 8 — Candace Baines, Jennifer Bauer, Marisa Bianco, Krista Bujnowski, Robert Burke, Lawrence Chan, Yvonne Chen, Amy Chervenyak, Soo Cho, Henry

Coxe, Jack Davis, Robert Dawson, Kathryn Devlin, Aaron Doliber, Briana Falco, Gabrielle Falco, Sheenane Fritz, Brian Glassett, Viktoriya Gorbach, Joshua Green, George Helock, Matthew Hirschhorn, Joseph Jacobi, Loni Kaye, Kristen Kersey, Melissa Koerner, Katelyn Kosenick, Jessica McGarry, Ian McNally, Elijah Nam, Jeffrey Ondeyka, Alex Pardon, Eduardo Rodriguez, Dana Sacks, Natalie Sanchez, Melissa Sette and Joshua Zimman.

Grade 7 — Jessica Abrantes, Lauryn Adams, Arley Aguilar, Yeershati Ahati, Kimberly Appezatto, Martine Baruch, Victoria Bauman, Joseph Bianco, Amanda Bobyack, Gregory Brand, Megan Buckland, Colin Campbell, Ana Castillo, Ashley Castore, Michelle Chan, Andrew Cohen, Alex Cvotovich, Laurel Devlin, Jessica Estriplet, Linda Evins, Kelly Frazee, Kristan Fuller, Shanik Gilmore, Christina Guibas, Andrew Haggan, Elizabeth Halpin, Matthew Huether, Ashley Jacobi,

Catherine Kaiserman, Shirley Kim, Katherine Lauricella, Rachel Levy, Christopher Luby, Kathryn Maghales, Lauren Mains, Laura Marvelli, Patrick McGuiness, Brennan McTernan, Patrick Mineo, Martin Njorge, Stephanie Oh, Adam Perez, Christopher Pflaum, Jeffrey Pober, Portia Price, David Regg, Heather Rodriguez, Alana Rosato, Andrea Rosko, Melissa Rupnarain, James Sensor, Ryan Sharkey, Andrea Smith, James Spaeth, Katherine Stamler, Danielle Vena, Vincent Vicari, Erin Voelker, Tiffany Wong, Leigh Zbleckas, Jason Zelesnik and Jennifer Zimmerman.

Grade 6 — Courtney Adamczyk, Andrea Apuzzio, Courtney Baines, Galina Bayok, Izabela Blach, Eric Browne, Daniel Buckley, Rebecca Bush, Diana Caicedo, Lisa Campbell, Julia Capodicasa, Bailey Cardinal, Nicole Colineri, Kristin Conlan, Lauren Cutrone, Debra Delle-Donne, John DeMair, Patrick Doliber, Katherine Doremus, Joseph Dunn, Marcus

Dyson, George Elmer, Rebecca Fox, Alexandra Fragna, Nicholas Fung, Nicole Fusco, Stephanie Goines, Andrea Guzman, Adrian Hall, Christina Halma, Wendy Harris, Melissa Helock, Thomas Hercol, Kenneth Hessemer, Thomas Holt, William Hubbard, Jessica Impellizzeri, William Jacobs, Alyssa Karis, Nicholas Kauchak, Steven Klehm, Allison Kodan, Robert Leeper, Mary MacDonald, Valerie Madison, Brian Many, Kyle Mihansky, Elizabeth Minski, Karen Murad, Khalil Murphy, Nicholas Murphy, Emily Nering, Kevin O'Connell, Robert O'Connor, Christina Olsson, Taylor Paraboschi, Stacia Piesch, Neil Pratt, Margaret Reilly, Alice Ren, Maria Pia Rivero, Molly Rodino, Travis Rosado, Christina Roser, Dennis Ruiz, Brian Sensor, Alex Soloway, Katlyn Soriano, Scott Stefanik, James Strobel, Melissa Swanton, Christopher Uehlinger, Janelle Vanderviel, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang and Danielle Wood.

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

SATURDAY
MAY 18

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. (908) 889-7497.

A CHEAP READ — annual book sale at Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (908) 322-5007.

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.

BOOK SIGNING — "Duty, Honor, Privilege" by Stephen L. Harris. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

CHORAL ART — Society of New Jersey, singing works of Poulenc and Beethoven. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Adults \$15; seniors, students \$10. (732) 382-0394.

MADRIGAL SINGERS — carols of "Blossoms, Battles and Belles." Holy Trinity Church,

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SUNDAY

MAY 19

ART DEMONSTRATION — "Water, Water Everywhere." Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 687-2945.

MONDAY

MAY 20

D.I.V.O.R.C.E. — "Tackling the Case Information Statement." Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Registration: (908) 322-6007.

SPRING REVIVAL — at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. May 20-22. (908) 232-6972.

TUESDAY

MAY 21

SAFE BOATING — personal watercraft course. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 6-9 p.m. May 21, 22. Registration: (908) 709-7601.

PINCHING PENNIES — "Bargain Shopping Tips for Tight Budgets." Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Registration: (908) 322-6007.

ELECTION — 2002-03 officers for Alumni Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. (908) 889-2089 or (908) 232-4132.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 22

CHORAL CONCERT — four vocal ensembles of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School,

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THURSDAY

MAY 23

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

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

FRIDAY

MAY 24

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

MONDAY

MAY 27

IT'S SUMMERTIME — "Memorial Day in the Park." La Grande Park, Fanwood, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Volunteers wanted: (908) 889-6215.

COMING UP

FUNCTIONAL FOODS — how plant foods promote good health. Extension Center, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield, 7 p.m. May 30. \$5. Registration: (908) 654-9854.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Spy Kids," hit from spring 2001. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. May 31. Free. (908) 322-6400.

CANCER BENEFIT — "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," benefit for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (Scotch Plains). Roy W. Smith Theater, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 8 p.m. May 31. \$15. Tickets: (908) 322-4323, Ext. 17.

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Sports

Halfway to UCT gold

WHS faces Union in softball semis tonight

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Caitlin MacDonald kept Union Catholic in check, and the Blue Devils' bats came through with clutch hits to propel the Westfield High softball team to a 6-1 victory over the Vikings and into the Union County Tournament semifinals.

Westfield will take on fifth-seeded Union 7:45 p.m. at Memorial Field in Linden tonight and Cranford, who knocked off defending champ Governor Livingston, will take on second-seeded Roselle Park at 6 p.m. in the first semifinal. The championship game will be played 7:45 p.m. tomorrow at Memorial Field.

Westfield's regular season showdown with Union was rained out twice but the Devils managed a quick peak when they

squeezed in two innings before the rain washed away the second attempt to play the game.

"It's nice to know who their big hitters are and it's nice to see what their pitcher can throw, but I can find that out from talking to other coaches," said Westfield Head Coach Maggie McFadden. "If we play well I think we'll win. If we make mistakes we have as good of a chance at losing as Union does. The last time we tried to play them we were able to put the bat on the ball."

The good swings Westfield was able to generate in that brief encounter has McFadden confident her squad will be able to score runs tonight. The key to Westfield's championship aspirations will be getting strong pitching and defense.

"(MacDonald) has to pitch well and we have to not make a lot of errors," said McFadden. "Because

I think — hopefully — we'll be able to hit."

Getting quality pitching out of MacDonald shouldn't be a problem. The veteran righthander already has two perfect games and three no-hitters and is averaging over nine strikeouts a game. The defense has been reliable, able to make the plays to bail MacDonald out of jams and avoid any mistakes that could lead to a big inning.

That was never more evident than in the top of the fifth inning Saturday. After Westfield had built a 2-0 lead the Vikings rallied. Kristen Rizzo doubled home a run to cut Westfield's lead in half, then Union Catholic loaded the bases, still with nobody out. Momentum had slipped away from Westfield, and the lead was about to join it when the Devils

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Blue Devils face Plainfield in baseball semis

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Taking advantage of its opponents' mistakes and riding a dominating pitching effort from Jay Cook, the Westfield High baseball team snapped a three-game losing streak and knocked off Brearley to advance to the Union County Tournament semifinals Saturday.

The Devils scored five unearned runs on their way to opening up a 6-2 lead after two innings and will take on Plainfield 3 p.m. tomorrow at Rahway's Veteran's Field. Plainfield knocked off three-time defending champ Cranford 5-1 behind the pitching of Eladio Ortiz. Top-seeded Union survived a nine-inning battle with New

Providence and Johnson topped Elizabeth to round out the final four.

Westfield dropped an 8-5 decision to Plainfield May 8 and will face Ortiz, one of the top hurlers, in the county tomorrow. Ortiz (6-1) struck out 14 Cranford batters while holding the Cougars scoreless for the first six innings Saturday, but did allow five hits and six walks. The Cardinals are as hot as any team in the state, winners of nine of their last 10 games, while the Devils were knocked back down to earth after losing three straight before topping Brearley Saturday.

Plainfield returned many of the same players who defeated Westfield in the UCT quarterfinals last year before falling to Cranford in the final, but a slow start earned it the 14th seed in

this year's tournament. Over the past three weeks the Cardinals have returned to form and have started to look like the squad that had high expectations in March. Several Westfield players played with Ortiz in fall ball and worked out with him all winter at The Ballpark in Springfield, but all relationships will be left on the sidelines tomorrow.

"We've just got to play our game and go out there and hit the ball," said Cook. "Last week we were tentative in our swings. We have to get back to being aggressive like we were early in the season."

"They have a lot of speed so my job is to keep them off balance and their top-five hitters have a lot of power so I have to find a

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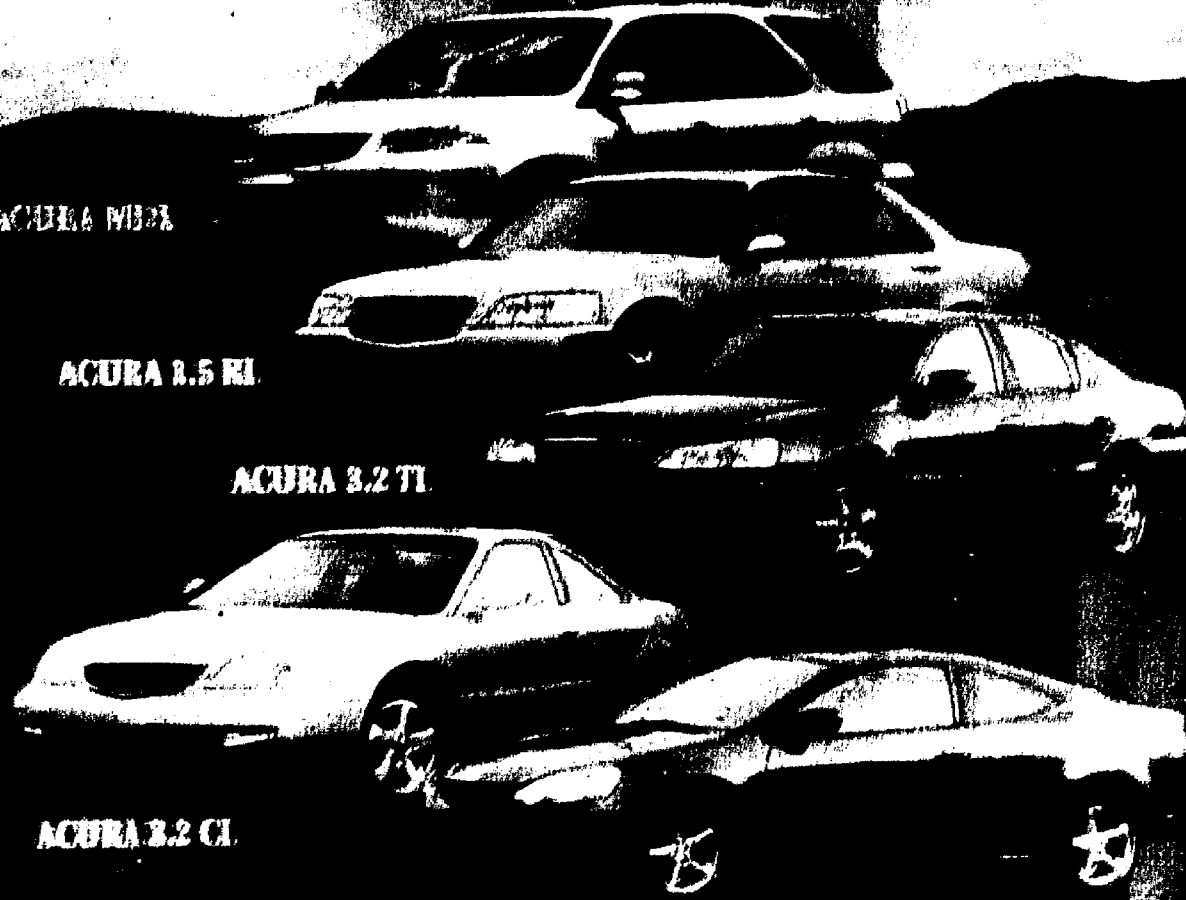
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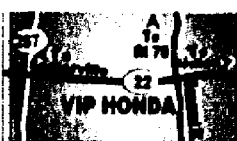
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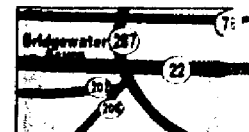
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Softball

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dug in and responded.

Second baseman Jessica Guerrero fielded a grounder and threw home for a force out. MacDonald struck out the next hitter and Rachel Wagner tracked down a fly ball in right to end the threat.

Westfield immediately responded and stole momentum back with a three spot in the bottom of the frame, capped by a two-run, two-out double by Erin Corbett. Westfield added another run in the sixth to secure the victory. MacDonald finished with 12 strikeouts and allowed just four hits.

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UCT softball semifinals/finals

Memorial Field, Union
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UCT baseball semifinals

Veteran's Field, Rahway
Take Central Ave. into Clark. At the Clark Circle turn right onto Brant Ave. Go to the light and turn left onto Westfield Ave. Make a right onto St. Georges Ave. Make a left onto Central Ave. and Veteran's Field is down the road on your left.

SPORTSCENE

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players, 11 years and up, ages 11 to 15, to register for its Summer 2002 Youth League baseball league. Sign-ups for the summer league will be held at the Veterans Park Field House in Rahway on two Saturdays, 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 11 years old by June 25 and cannot be 16 before August 2.

A new feature this year is a skill level evaluation at the time of registration, so all players must bring a glove when they show up to register. This is not a try-out or challenge—all those who register will participate in play.

The Summer Youth League is divided into three divisions: a team league for 13, 14 and 15 year olds; a Major League for 13 and 14 year olds; and Minor League for 11 and 12 year olds. Players The Summer League plays from June 24 through Aug. 1. There will be no refunds after team assignment day, June 24.

For more information call 908/927-3460.

ALSO SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Jim and Susan Army ALS Fund Committee is sponsoring a single elimination softball tournament Saturday, May 18 at Scotch Plains. The tournament will begin 9 a.m. with games played simultaneously at Brookside Park and Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains. The tournament's championship game will take place approximately 7:30 p.m. at Brookside Park, with trophies for the first and second place teams. If you're a softball fan, we'd like to participate contact Joe Locantore at (732) 297-7000.

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

All proceeds from the day will go to the ALS Therapy Development Foundation, Newton, MA. Admission is free, refreshments are available, equipment and prizes will abound. Donations to the ALS Therapy Development Foundation are greatly appreciated at the event or sent directly to: ALS Therapy Foundation, 44 Glen Ave., Newton, MA 02459, www.als.tdf.org, (617) 552-8026. For additional information contact Jim and Susan Army at 908/889-4745.

CAMPS

RAIDER SOCCER

The 12th Annual Raider Soccer Camp for boys and girls grades K-10 will be held at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Soccer Complex July 8-12 and July 29-August 2. A separate goalkeeper camp will be offered at both sessions. Fees are \$120 for K-4th grade and \$170 for 5th-10th graders. The camp will be under the direction of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Boys Head Soccer Coach Tom Grombisky. Call (908) 322-6102 for a free brochure.

BASEBALL CAMP

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

SOCCER CAMP

For the second consecutive year, the NY NJ MetroStars have acknowledged the Union Wicket Soccer Camp as one of their recommended soccer camps, an honor reserved for only a few select camps in the tri-state area. The camp is open for girls and boys ages 6 to 16 for two weeks, June 24-28 and Aug. 12-16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a half day of concentrated training and a 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the complete experience.

The tuition for concentrated training is \$140 per camper, and the complete experience is \$160 per camper. Attend both weeks, full or half day, and save \$30 on the total. Bring a team of six or more players and save \$10 per camper.

All camp directors are Union Township educators and respected coaches, dedicated to thorough preparation and creating a positive environment that will foster the growth and self-esteem of all soccer players. The camp features guest appearances and autograph sessions by MetroStars players, complimentary tickets to an exclusive camp graduation ceremony on the field at a MetroStars game, and participation in MTS Unleash, Press and Score contest.

For more information call Larry Cohen at (908) 889-0097.

SHOOTING CAMP

The 14th annual John Sonney Shooting Camp, co-directed by state championship coaches Neil Horne and John Sonney, will be held for two days at Rutgers Prep in Somerset, N.J. during the weekend of June 15. Sonney, who once held the state's boys career scoring record of 2,310 points and held the all-time national high school foul shooting record for the most free throws made in a career (1,044), amassed a career coaching record of 275-111 while at St. Peter's, St. Joseph's, Madison Central, and McCombs high schools. Horne accumulated a 730-135 record while winning two state titles at Westfield and Union Catholic high schools.

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

For further information and an application call Sonney at (732) 846-8978. Register early, last year's camp was filled by June 1st.



Mike Sofka and the Westfield High baseball team will look to be aggressive at the plate in tomorrow's UCT semifinal showdown with Plainfield.

GEORGE PACCIELLO RECORD-PRESS

Devils take boys title, Raiders win girls crown

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Relying on balance in all events and powered by key victories from its stars the Westfield High boys track team and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls squad won Watchung Conference National Division titles Saturday.

Westfield ended Scotch Plains' 11 year reign as the National Division champ, outscoring the Raiders 191-100.

Jim Koscelecki turned in the best individual performance of the weekend, winning four events for the Raiders, who defeated Westfield 144-128. She won the 400 (57.8), 400 hurdles (1:05.2), high jump (4'6) and long jump (16'5 1/4), scoring 40 points for the Raiders.

"She was the heart and soul of the team," said Head Coach Jeff Koegel. "We wouldn't have won without her. She's turned into such a fierce competitor."

Scotch Plains also had a huge advantage on Westfield in the throwing events, scoring 44 points in the three events to just 11 by the Devils. Lauren Bianco took first in the discus (101.0) and second in the javelin (94.0). Colleen Coyle was second in the discus (98.6) and fifth in the shot put (28.7). Erin Gillooly was third in the discus (92.3). Kerri Quinn was third in the shot put (30.8/34) and Amanda Wells was fourth in the shot (30.1/27).

"They beat us up on the track in our dual meet so we knew we needed to score as many points

as we could in the places they weren't as strong. We came up big in the discus."

Rachel Jones contributed heavily, finishing third in the 200 (27.0) and 400 (1:00.0) and fifth in the 100 (13.2). Aja Bundy was fourth in the 200 (27.1), sixth in the 400 (1:02.5) and ran on the winning 4x400 relay team with Lauren Perrotta, Jenna Balestriere and Stephanie Heath (4:14.1). Heath was second in the 800 (2:30.8) and fifth in the 1600 (5:40.1).

The Westfield girls squad was led by victories by Janet Tiller in the 200 (26.1), Emily MacNeil in the 800 (2:24.5) and Sarah Mahran in the 3200 (11:47.1).

The Westfield boys team combined victories with overpower-

Baseball semifinals

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way to neutralize that. We have a lot of respect for Ortiz and he's earned it. He's one of the top pitchers in the county. We've shared a few laughs but on the field it's all business. We have to make him work for every out he gets."

Brearley ace Kyle Hyrnkiewicz had to work extra hard to get any outs in the first two innings. After the Bears spotted him a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, the defense committed five errors in the next two innings, leading to five unearned runs and a 6-2 Westfield advantage.

After Brett Picaro struck out to start the first Ben Koket singled and Mike Sofka reached on an error. Cook then grounded to second and Sofka was forced out, but an errant throw by the shortstop to first prevented the inning-ending double play and allowed Koket to score and Cook to take second.

Josh Ludmer hit a grounder through the legs of the Brearley third baseman, scoring Cook. After Ludmer stole second and advanced to third on a bad throw, he scored when the shortstop booted a grounder by Blair Richardson, putting the Devils up 3-2.

In the second inning John Leonardis doubled and scored on an error. Jim McKeon reached on the error and scored on a sac fly from Koket and Picaro singled and

scored on an double by Cook for the Devils' only earned run.

From that point forward it was a pitching duel, with Hyrnkiewicz allowing just four hits over the final four innings and Cook shutting the Bears down for their final six at-bats, allowing just two hits after the first inning.

"It was exactly what happened last year," said Brearley Head Coach Joe Capizzano. "We're up 2-0 and make five errors, they get five unearned runs and that's tough to recover from."

"Kyle was in a good rhythm and we pretty much settled down in the field but it's tough to come back with a pitcher like Jay Cook. It's tough to put a couple hits together and move people around the bases. I think we outplayed them for six innings, but that one inning... you can't do that against a team the caliber of Westfield."

"This was a nice win, but they helped us a lot by making a few errors early in the game," said Westfield Head Coach Bob Brewster. "I was pleased with the way we came out. I was not pleased that we didn't put them away, but their pitcher came on and shut us down."

Brearley threatened in the sixth, with runners on second and third with two out. But Cook struck out Nick Vivas looking, then retired the side in order in the seventh.

in the high jump (5-4). McCoy also won the 100 (11.2) and tied for first in the 200 (22.8).

Matt Andzel grabbed a pair of victories in the discus (134.4) and javelin (160.5). Adam Wendel won the high jump (6-0) and took second in the long jump (20.5/14). Richard Miller won the long jump (20.7/14) as Westfield went 1-2-3 in the event. Joe Hubbard (12-6), Mike Attanasio (10-0) and Mike Gorski (10-0) went 1-2-3 in the pole vault.

Scotch Plains lone victory in the boys' meet was by Chris Foghner, who won the shot put at 50.11 and took second in the discus (130.9). Bob Wallden finished second in the 1600 (4:29.7) and 3200 (9:44.7). Ray Williams did not compete for the Raiders due to a soreness in his left hamstring.

"We knew we'd be pretty deep in most events, but we didn't know if we'd win many. That was a big difference."

Earl Lambert won the 400 (50.7), 400 hurdles (59.2), the 4x400 relay with Lawrence Kao, Alexis Gonzalez and LaQuan McCoy (3:23.3) and placed fifth

Shallcross wins county, Karnish takes sectional

Ryan Shallcross and Adam Karnish each became individual champions in a span of five days, while leading Westfield to the Union County Tournament championship and a berth in Monday's state finals.

Shallcross searched rain-soaked Echo Lake Country Club May 9, firing a Union County Tournament record three under 69 to lead the Blue Devils to the county title while capturing individual honors. His 33-36 topped his nearest competitor, Jason Orr of Cranford, by six strokes. Westfield finished with a 329 total, eight better than second place Cranford. Karnish tied for sixth in the county with an 84 and Gerritt III tied for 12th with an 87.

"We never would have won without his 69," said Westfield Head Coach John Turnbull. "That was one of those rounds that maybe happen once in a lifetime. The course was set up tough, it was cold, damp. It was not ideal scoring conditions. He had the type of round golfers dream about when they go to bed at night."

H.S. WRAPUP

Monday it was Karnish's turn to lead the Blue Devils as he shot an eight-over 80 to win the North Jersey Section 1 and 2 Group 4 title and lead Westfield to a second place finish, five strokes behind Ridgewood, and into Monday's state finals at Rumson Country Club.

Shallcross shot an 86 Monday, followed by an 89 from Erin Cockren and a 96 from III.

TENNIS

Westfield posted a 5-0 sweep of Plainfield in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 tournament, winning all five matches without dropping a set.

BOYS LACROSSE

Tim Mansfield, Dan Kane and Mike DeBrossey each had three goals to lead Westfield to a 12-8 win over Pingry Saturday. Billy Schultz had one goal and four assists and Dave Santoriello had one goal and three assists. Brian Piot made 15 saves.

Westfield 18, Ridge 5 — After falling behind early

Westfield came on strong over the final three periods, defeating Ridge 18-5. May 9, Mike DeBrossey had five goals and Billy Schultz and Dan Kane each had three goals. Brian Piot made eight saves for the Devils.

SCOTCHPLAINS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High tennis team was knocked out in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 semifinals by Nutley, 5-0 Tuesday.

Second-doubles duo of Simon Popylansky and Jesse Rogowsky fell in three sets, dropping the second and third set in tie breaks.

BASEBALL

Andrew Pavoni doubled twice and drove in three runs for Scotch Plains, but the Raiders fell to Johnson 11-7 Friday.

SOFTBALL

Lindsey Pennella drove in two runs for Scotch Plains, but the Raiders couldn't rally from a 3-0 deficit, falling to Union 4-2 Friday.

YOUTH SPORTS

BASEBALL

The Westfield International League completed its fourth week of play. With the season past its halfway point, the White Sox and the Athletics have just one loss each. The White Sox won over the Indians 12-2 and the Yankees 6-2. The Athletics defeated the Cardinals 9-2 and the Marlins 16-7.

In a game with an exciting finish, the Angels came up with a 6-4 victory over the Cardinals. The Angels jumped to an early 6-0 lead sparked by first inning doubles by Gary Kowaleski, Craig Esposito and Mike Phillips. Angel pitcher Bobby Molson turned in three strong innings to hold the early lead, with the Cards later fighting back to close to the final score. The Cardinals also got strong pitching, from Zach

Rubin, Christopher Jacob, and Ben Colvin. Contributing hits for the Cards were Jacob, Michael Foley, T.J. Mruz, James Diddell, Will John and Patrick Younger. On defense, Craig Dyer, Mark Doherty, Josh Finbinder, Nicholas Dougert, Bobby Angus and Matthew Bluffield all made good plays to keep the game close.

Earlier in the week, the Orioles picked up a win over the Mets 10-6. For the Orioles, pitchers Michael Rediker, Joe Panarese, and Nari Watanabe had strong outings. Panarese and Christy Ricciuti each had two hits. Also getting hits were Rediker, Watanabe, Patrick Clancy, Adam Kavalin and Sam Murphy. For the Mets, pitchers Kyle Hayden and David Babetzki held a Mets lead through four innings before the Orioles rallied. Hayden and

Tommy Wansaw had the only hits for the Mets.

Other games saw the Braves defeat the Orioles 9-8, the Mets defeat the Dodgers 14-7, the Dodgers win over the Diamondbacks 12-9, the Blue Jays defeat the Indians 11-3, the Red Sox win 6-4 over the Diamondbacks and the Marlins rally over the Red Sox 10-8.

SOCCER

It was a game that came very close to getting postponed but on Mother's Day the Scotch Plains Power U12 girls' soccer team was rewarded for their diligence by defeating the aptly named New Providence Storm 3-0 at Lincoln Field, New Providence.

The Power improved to 5-1-1 with their sixth shutout of the spring but it was far from easy.

With a forecast of a chilly



GEORGE PACCIELLO RECORD-PRESS

Adam Karnish won the North Jersey Section 1 and 2 Group 4 title with an 80 Monday and finished sixth in the Union County Tournament with an 84 May 9.

rain that would get heavier later in the day, there was some questioning the wisdom of playing the game. When it began thundering only ten minutes before game time the contest looked very much in doubt as the referee sent the teams back to their cars to wait out conditions. After being assured by the national weather service that conditions would improve over the next two hours the teams were able to start fifteen minutes late. The Power seemed distracted by the poor conditions and were unable to convert many good chances in the first half. The Storm never threatened a cadre of first half goals, Mary Henkels, Cecilia Osterman and Avery Boettcher as the half ended scoreless.

Diana Caicedo finally broke the deadlock ten minutes into the half with a high arcing shot

over the New Providence goalie, Boettcher. Henkels, Jaclyn Lazarus and Caicedo helped maintain the shutout with stellar help from fullbacks Henkels, Lindsay Traman, Lazarus and Maria Rivero and sweeper Osterman. Danielle Wood gave the Power some breathing room midway through the half, converting a loose ball. Lazarus, after a ten minute stint in goal, completed the scoring with a hard low shot into the corner from 15 yards away with five minutes left.

For the second straight week the Power were limited to an iron group of 11 players who all played the entire game. Kristen Lambertson contributed solid work up front while Caitlin Daly and Nicole Colineri were dominant in midfield. The Power next play on Sunday against Westfield.

Real Estate

The home of the future will be gizmo-laden

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Homes, like living things, evolve over the years. And now with the availability of unprecedented technological capabilities, the houses we live in are changing more rapidly than ever.

Have you ever wondered what the home of the future will be like? Let's take a look.

In your future home you'll probably be able to select entertainment programs and music by voice commands. You just tell the system what you want, and it immediately responds to your human voice. You'll also be able to use voice commands to create digital fantasy environments for virtual reality games.

You'll have an interactive user control system to manage typical digital activities, such as recording voice mail, watching a video or listening to music from any room in the home.

Most connections will be wireless, with systems controlled by hand-held devices as well as large-area flat-panel displays. And your home will probably be connected to the outside world via broadband Internet.

Television pictures can be projected onto blank walls. Music will come from MP3s stored on a computer jukebox. This system will even be able to recognize and play a music selection you're humming (in case you forget its title).

These are just a few amenities now being developed for future home residents, according to Royal Philips Electronics, a major research and manufacturing firm of electronic products, based in the Netherlands. They recently opened a HomeLab project — a permanent, fully functional home laboratory built to study how people interact with prototypes of intelligent technology in a real-world environment.

"To achieve a world in which ambient intelligence is pervasive, we need to teach technology to react to humans rather than forcing

humans to program technology," said Erkki Liikkanen with the Philips HomeLab. "We also need to create technology that understands cultural differences, closes gaps in technology standards, and is affordable for businesses to bring to market."

It's an exciting world we live in. And in the near future we'll see the results of developing technologies all around us in our home, as we never have before.

An increasingly strong focus on new concepts for designing and building homes for seniors is now emerging. Seminars, workshops and symposiums are planned at points throughout the country to teach architects and home builders the new techniques.

The trend is inevitable. With more than 18 million adults turning 55 over the next five years, the market for senior homes is the fastest-growing sector in the housing industry.

Typically, subjects addressed in the educational sessions include key design elements that seniors now consider important when selecting a home, the latest market trends and demographics, what seniors want in a home that will make it possible for them to "age in place," and successful techniques for marketing homes to seniors.

One major symposium was recently organized and sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders and AARP — two of the leading organizations involved with education about senior housing.


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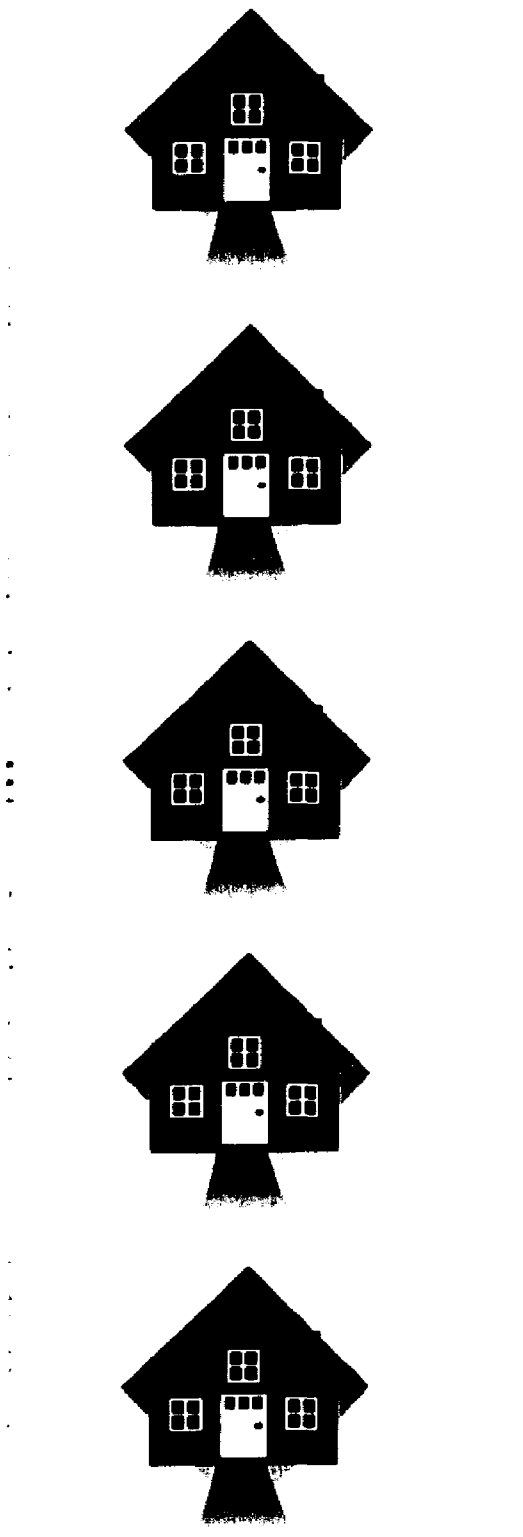
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GM is using star power to light up its new models

BY CATHY LUBENSKI
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So what does television star Christina Applegate ("Jessie" and "Married ... with Children"), wearing an outfit cut down to her navel, have to do with concept cars?

Let's see ... um, she's the Cadillac of television stars? She makes the hearts of car nuts rev? She really has her act in gear? She's got a great grille?

GM's reasoning is that Applegate and several other television, film and recording stars in designer clothing would "highlight the connection and influence that design plays in image-defining cars — Americans' most visible accessory."

OK, it's a bit of a stretch, but GM pulled it off in style at its "10" charity party held recently at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles.

Applegate and Vivica A. Fox, Minnie Driver, Kate Beckinsale, Jules Asner, Jane Leeves, Rachel Weisz, Christa Miller, LeAnn Rimes and others paraded down a catwalk in gorgeous gowns and outfits designed by Oscar de la Renta, Donna Karan, Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, Carolina Herrera and other high-profile designers.

As they strutted their stuff, curtains rose — literally — on 19 cars, some that actually are for sale or will be and some that are on the drawing board as "concepts."

Positioned around the ballroom of the Palladium were the 2003 Cadillac CTS sport sedan, 2004 Cadillac XLR two-seat retractable hardtop convertible, 2002 Chevrolet Corvette, the 2003 Chevrolet SSR (Super Sports Roadster), 2003 Hummer H2 sport utility vehicle and others that will be available in showrooms sooner or later.

It was hard to tell if the catcalls from the "mash-pit" audience — average age, 25 — were for the cars, the gowns or the women, although there was a marked increase in volume when Jane Leeves of "Frasier," Applegate and Christa Miller of "The Drew Carey Show," tippy-toed down the runway in spike heels and tight clothing.

One of the most striking of the soon-to-be-available cars was the Hummer H2, which had the young "I wannabe



General Motors is using movie and television stars to promote its new models.

in movies" vogue-ers at the party climbing all over it. The Hummer is described as "a bold and youthful interpretation of what Hummer means in a more civilized package." Civilized? Whatever.

In black, the vehicle is an eye-catcher with specs that say it can travel through streams 20 inches deep, climb 16-inch step rocks, and "paddle" through deep sand.

Among the concept vehicles, the GM Autonomy was by far the most outstanding car of the party and possibly of the new millennium. In silver, the low-slung ride of the future had car buffs salivating.

The car has no engine, no transmission, no axles, no exhaust system, no

radiator and no mechanical steering, braking and accelerating linkages and no drive train.

It does have electric motors on all four wheels and "a combination of fuel cell and by-wire technologies" on a skateboard-like chassis.

And, because there is no engine to get in the way, the entire body of the car can be lifted off and replaced with a different body. So a sports car could become an SUV or a four-door sedan. It's the ultimate accessory.

As one young car enthusiast said: "This car will do for the automotive industry what the cotton gin did for manufacturing."

Although some of the cars aren't for sale, the designer clothing worn by the

stars is. It will be auctioned off on e-Bay with GM matching any money raised. Each star model represented her charity of choice and whatever money that comes from the sale of the gown she wore, plus GM's matching funds, goes to that charity.

While the celebrity models were very visible on the catwalk, not many of the stars listed by GM as expected to attend were seen, unless they were out of sight in the roped-off upstairs area, which was off-limits to mere mortals without a special invisible hand stamp — Tres Studio 54. The only celeb on the floor with the plebians was former football great Marcus Allen, who flashed his high-wattage smile liberally.

The Wallflowers, led by Jakob Dylan (Bob Dylan), performed after the late-night car and clothing fashion show. The young, young, audience obviously appreciated the music, but they were a stark contrast to the crumbling interior of Los Angeles' venerated Palladium. As the bass levels rose and fell, more than one person looked up to see if the ceiling plaster would break loose.

But the young crowd matched the feeling of the cars and the clothing — it was definitely a peek at the future.

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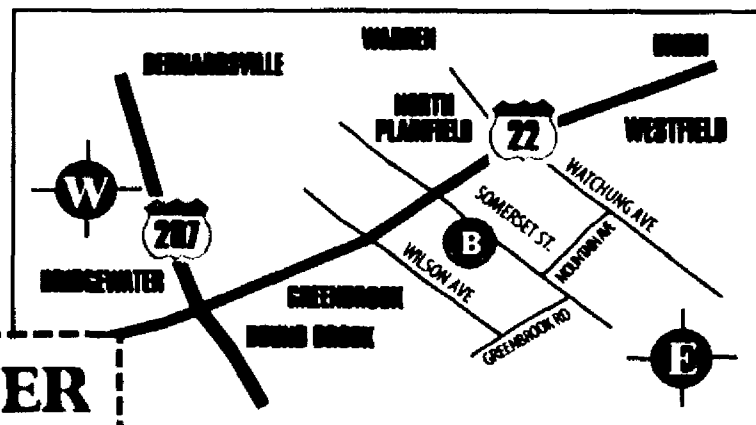
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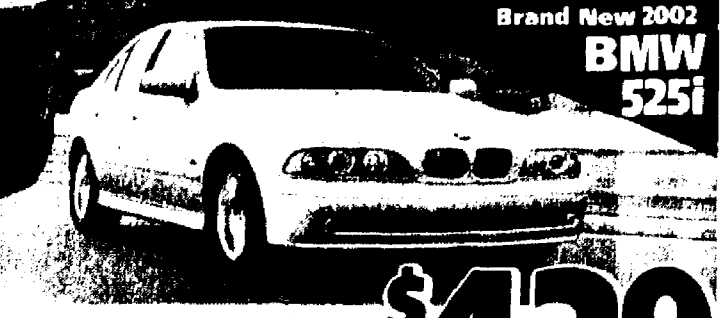
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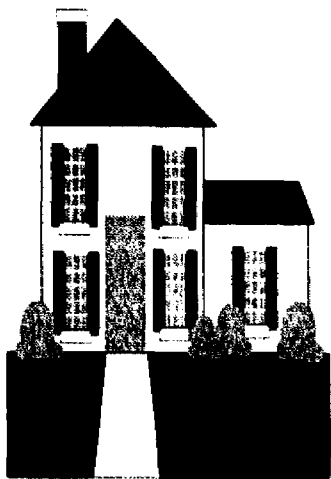
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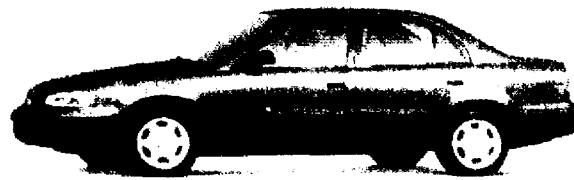
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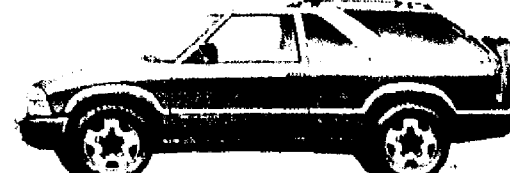
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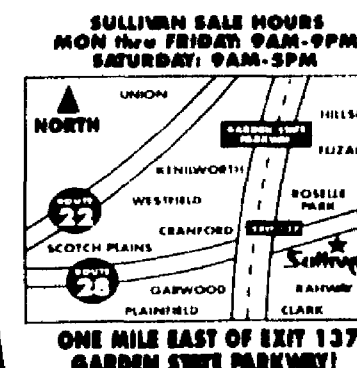
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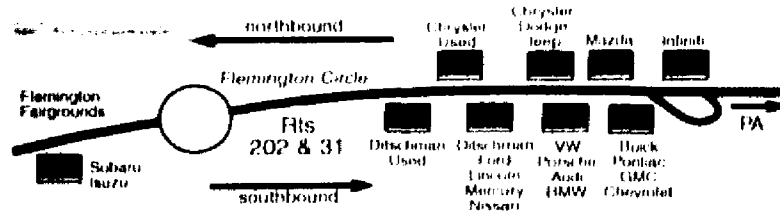
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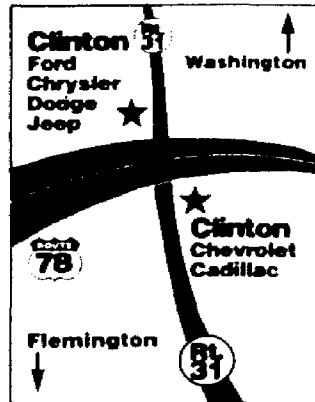
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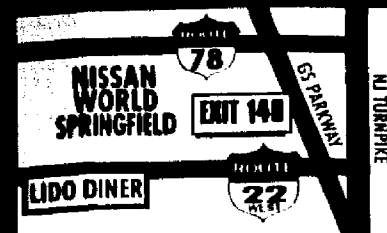
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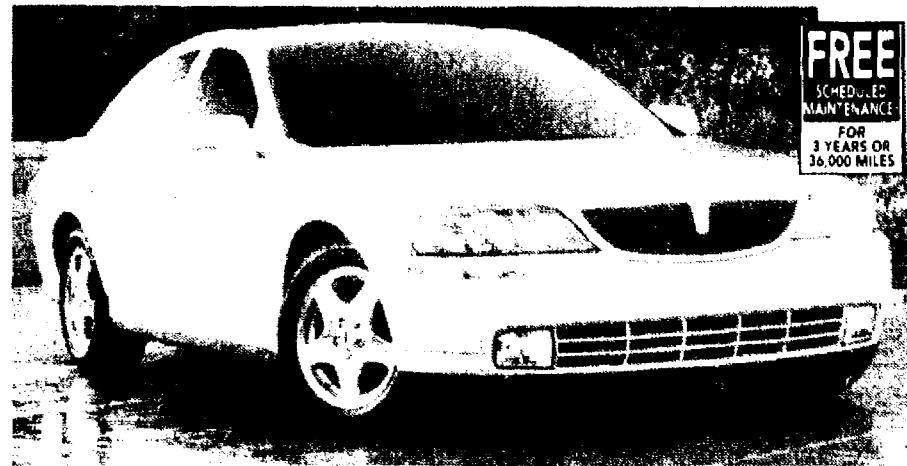
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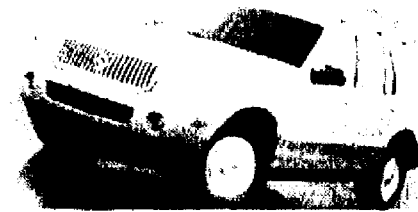
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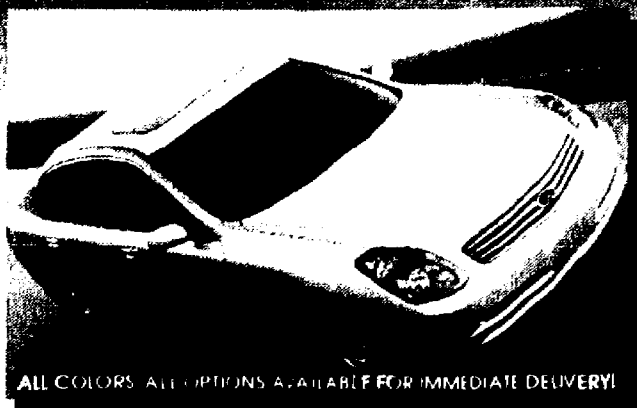
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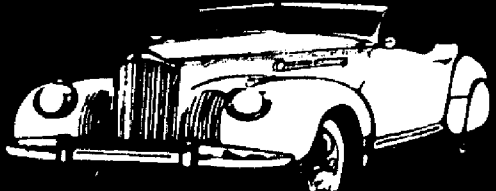
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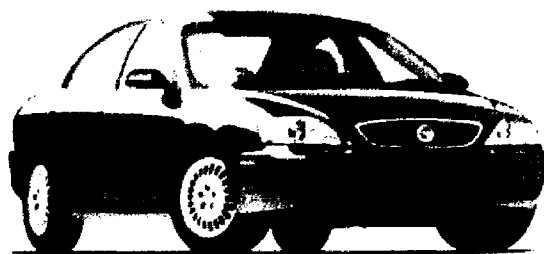
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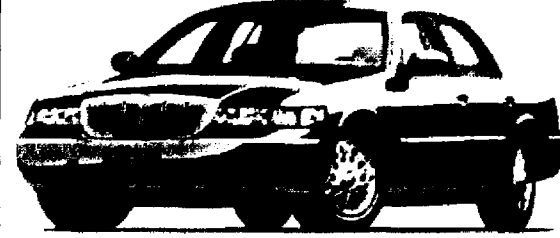
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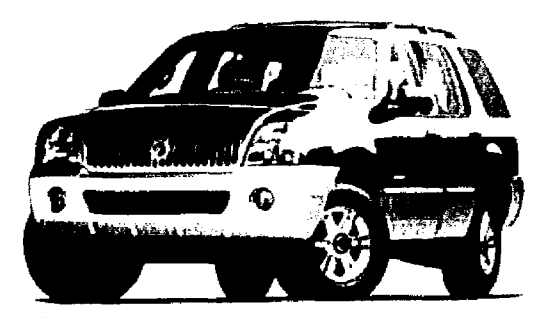
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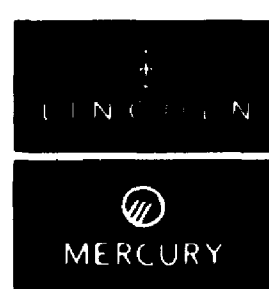
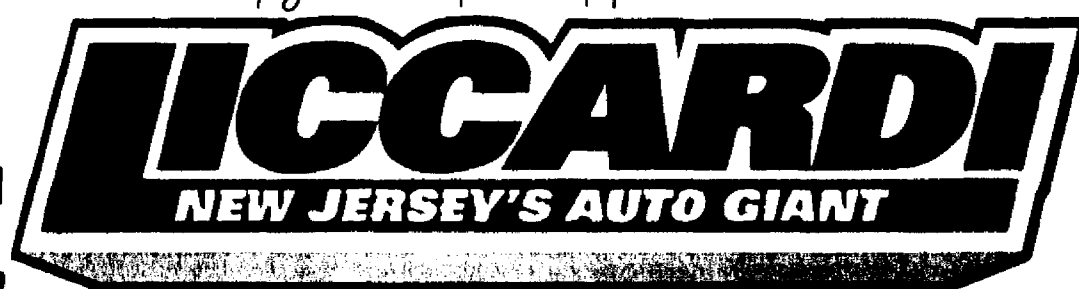
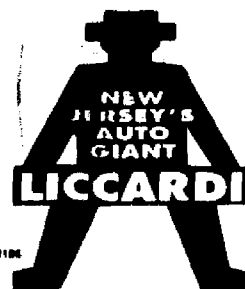
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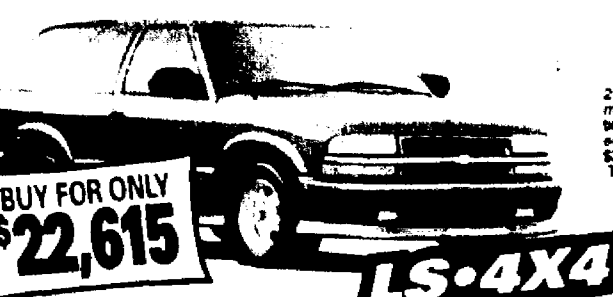
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