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Traffic woes dominate meeting

by DAVID LALARIUS
CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — Traffic concerns from town residents continued to dominate public debate at the Westfield council meeting Tuesday night.

Unlike the last meeting May 7 when the Rahway Avenue traffic-calming project was the main concern, the debate this time focused on issues affecting South Chestnut Street.

Several residents expressed concern with increased traffic and with the closing of the street during baseball season, fearing traffic is being diverted to other local streets.

"You just move the traffic problems to other streets," said Rob Swadosh. "South Chestnut has become quite a bit more dangerous since Shop Rite opened." The South Chestnut area is referred to by town officials as the Shop Rite grid because of the

supermarket which opened in Garwood last November.

"It's becoming clear that any changes we make have to be comprehensive for the Shop Rite grid," said Council Member Rafael Betancourt.

According to Town Engineer Ken Marsh, the South Chestnut traffic-calming project will begin after the work on Rahway Avenue is completed.

Marsh said the Rahway Avenue calming project was

nearly done, but any conclusions about its success would take time.

"You can't look at the project until elevated crosswalks and speed tables are completed on Rahway Avenue," Marsh said.

"I ask you to be patient. We are going to get there," added Betancourt, who also noted that the speed limit on Mountain Avenue in Westfield had been reduced to 25 from 35 mph.

Several residents objected to

the noise caused by new rumble strips placed on many streets. Resident Liz Leland asked why more four-way stop signs couldn't be added.

Currently the town only has one four-way stop at Lenox and Elmer. "If we had our druthers we would have more four-way stop signs," said Mayor Greg McDermott.

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Blue Jays soar

Tommy McManus shuts out the Dodgers in Westfield Little League International League play on Monday. See Story on Page C-2.



The buzz around town

Fanwood resident Dianne Sheaffer is the new beekeeper at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. A hive of 5,000 Russian honeybees was installed at the Arboretum during its Celebrate the Earth day on April 27. Sheaffer plans to harvest the wax and honey and use them in her children's Education programs. See Page A-4



Welcome, summer!

Have a fantastic summer by reading our Sun-tastic Summer special section in today's Record-Press. The section has plenty of fun activities the whole family can enjoy.

REMINDER

Steven Spielberg's "A.I." will be shown for free at the Fanwood Memorial Library on North Avenue at 7:30 tonight.

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Memorial tribute



The honor guard of the 2D New Jersey Brigade marches into Hillside Cemetery Saturday before a memorial service for Julian Scott who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War. See story and more pictures on Page B-1.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Prayers, parade and Italian ices

Scotch Plains, Fanwood Memorial Day activities run the gamut

Holiday activities begin with the solemn and end with the fun and frivolous.

Memorial Day observances will begin at 8 a.m. with a memorial service at American Legion Post 209 at Park Avenue and Sunset Place in Scotch Plains. At 9 a.m., there will be the laying of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at Tillotson Road and North Avenue. Wreaths will then be presented at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains at 10 a.m.

The parade begins at 10:45 a.m. Monday from the Municipal Building in Scotch Plains. It will proceed along Park Avenue, move down Martine Avenue into the center of Fanwood and end at La Grande Park in Fanwood.

Units in the parade include the Fanwood and Scotch Plains police, firemen and rescue squads,

American Legion Post 209 and its ladies auxiliary and its sons, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122, St. Columella Pipe Band, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band, the high school Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard and cadets, David Aaron Dixieland Band, the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Lions Clubs, the high school Percussion Ensemble, the Italian-American Club, Scotch Plains and Fanwood Girl Scouts, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Indian Guides, Cub Pack 98, Karate in Motion, the Scotch Plains-

Fanwood Youth Baseball Association, Harmony Dancers, Fanwood Youth Organization Baseball, Scotch Plains Baptist Church, UNICO, Marie Moore School of Irish Dance, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Historical Society, Moderne Academie of Fine Arts, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association, Martial Arts America, Westfield Fire and Drum Corps, Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, antique cars belonging to David Bieman, Gregory Roser and George Staniec, the Westfield Community Band and horseriders

Diana Cammack and Barbara Horev.

Also marching will be Rep. Mike Ferguson, Assemblywoman Linda Stender and Assemblyman Jerry Green, the Union County freeholders, Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung and Borough Council members, Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks and Township Council members and the Scotch Plains Republican Committee.

Following the parade at about 11:30 a.m. the fun starts at La Grande Park in Fanwood.

"Whether you enjoy watching Irish dancers or a karate demonstration, local talent will be on display throughout the afternoon at our Memorial Day in the Park festival," said Linda Caminiti, who is coordinating this year's event.

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Legion and VFW officials will lay wreaths at the veterans monument. The New York Lancers Artillery will follow with a volley of three rounds. The Westfield High School Marching Band plays "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Taps" and "Echo taps" followed with Christopher Velderman and Dave Reinhardt, accompanied by Theodore Schlosberg. Kerry Stubbs sings "God Bless America" to end the first part of the program.

The parade begins immediately after the monument ceremony. Scheduled to march in the parade are a National Guard unit; a police escort with McDermott and councilmen; Richard Manrodt, the grand marshal; a veterans contingent; civic organizations; youth groups; the Westfield Fire Department; and the Westfield Rescue Squad.

Music is from the Westfield Fire & Drum Corps; the Bound Brook Drum & Bugle Corps; the WHS Marching Band; the Westfield Community Band; and the New Jersey Music Studio Jazz Band.

Richard Manrodt
...Westfield grand marshal



Scotch Plains vet named grand marshal

Thomas Denitzio has been chosen grand marshal of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade.

A World War II veteran, Denitzio served with the 1st and 3rd Divisions and 3rd Amphibious Corps of the Marine Corps from 1938 to 1945.

During the war, he was assigned to the Pacific Theater of Operations. He held the distinction of being the youngest sergeant major in the Marines, the highest enlisted rank, when

he was promoted to that level at the age of 24.

Adhering to the motto of "once a Marine, always a Marine," he is active with the 1st Marine Division Association.

A lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, Denitzio graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1936.

He attended Seton Hall University after the war and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree — cum laude in 1952.

Denitzio spent 28 years with

J.B. Williams Co., a manufacturer of pharmaceutical and toiletry products. He retired in 1982 having served as assistant controller and an officer of the company for many years.

He is a community activist, having volunteered for several township organizations and committees, including the Board of Education, Planning Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Town Beautification Committee, Senior Citizen Housing Committee, UNICO and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 10122. He is also a member of American Legion Post 209.

In recognition of his service to his community, Denitzio was selected as the Outstanding Male Senior Citizen of the Year in 1988.

When he's not volunteering for his hometown, Denitzio spends his leisure time golfing and woodworking.

Denitzio and his wife Marie have been married for 57 years and have two children, Thomas and Robert, and two granddaughters.



Thomas Denitzio
...grand marshal

Cranford DMC rethinks purpose

Westfield parade

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Downtown Management Corp. board members decided Monday the organization should continue work after this year — if it can refocus to meet the downtown's current needs, improve its contentious relationship with the Township Committee, and lower the tax on downtown properties.

The discussion on the organization's future was prompted by the fact the DMC will pay off its original debt service this year. With the organization's financial obligations met — the DMC has paid about \$100,000 per year since its inception 15 years ago for the

original streetscape improvements to the downtown — and the board feuding with the township about its authority and responsibilities, Chairman Tom Shaw had urged board members to consider possibilities for the future.

Board members agreed Monday rather than retaining the status quo or even eliminating the DMC or Special Improvement District, the organization should adjust its focus to meet current realities.

The specifics of that "refocusing" are preliminary, but members agreed the board should consider a new capital investment in the downtown, such as a parking facility for downtown residents and employees or a broader parking program to address the permit shortage and free up short-term parking for shoppers.

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Such a project would have to be at a low enough cost to allow a substantial reduction in the tax on downtown properties, several board members said. Currently, properties in the Special Improvement District are taxed 37 cents per \$100 of assessed value, in addition to the general property tax.

Property owners "have a very strong understanding that that \$100,000 capital (payment) is over," said board member and property owner Gary Goodman.

"There is the expectation that the 37 cents is going to go down significantly."

DMC members also stressed the township must give the board more decision-making authority in the downtown, a topic that has caused regular frustration within the organization. Despite that frustration, no member advocated abolishing the DMC at Monday's meeting.

The DMC will fine-tune its position for the organization's future next month, and make a recommendation to the Township Committee by July 1.

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The first part of the parade route is east on East Broad to Elm Street, north on Elm to Orchard Street and east on Orchard to Mountain Avenue. The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution leave the parade after the first part to hold services in the Colonial Cemetery.

Sam McCauley, who annually enacts the town crier at the Independence Day celebration in Mindowaskin Park, will speak. The ceremony is expected to start between 9:30 and 10 a.m.

More than 100 veterans of all wars are interred in the Colonial Cemetery. Some 70 Revolutionary War soldiers' graves are decorated as well as those of more than 25 veterans of World War II, the French and Indian War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

The second part of the parade route is south on Mountain to East Broad, then east to the Municipal Building at 425 E. Broad. The veterans' contingent will hold a moment of silence at the World War II plaque in front of the Municipal Building.

After this moment of silence the parade continues east on East Broad to Fairview Cemetery for services by the Westfield and Mountainside VFW posts. Refreshments will be available at the entrance to Fairview Cemetery.

A reception for all participants follows in the American Legion hall at 1003 North Ave. West. In case of rain, ceremonies will take place in the Legion hall.

Flags will be sold throughout the parade route for a donation to offset parade costs.

For more information, phone Stan Cuba at (908) 233-2767. In case of cloudy or rainy weather on Monday, phone the same number for a recorded message.

Traffic woes dominate meeting

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Transportation (DOT) makes it very difficult for you to have them. You need to justify it with a large number of reported accidents."

"Without traffic discussion this meeting would have ended at 8:30," quipped Councilman Carl Salisbury. "It is an important issue to many of our residents."

An ordinance creating fire zones and lanes allowing fire trucks to get to fires more quickly was passed.

"We had some problems getting our fire trucks parked near buildings," said Fire Chief John Castellano.

The meeting began with 11 members of the award-winning Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad dressed in uniform, receiving a citation from McDermott. Capt. Miki Urso accepted the award for the squad which was named the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Volunteer Service of the Year by the State of New Jersey's Department of Health and Senior Services. Many members attended the EMS awards dinner, which was held Monday.

Urso invited township residents to visit the squad at its open house on Memorial Day between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the headquarters on Watterson Street.

This weekend also marks the 26th Westfield Cup Soccer tournament.

The Recreation Department

also announced that Westfield Memorial Pool will open as scheduled on June 8 with renovations scheduled to be completed by the second week of July, a month ahead of schedule. Enhancements will include a 50-meter Olympic-size pool and a children's area.

SP-F Memorial Day

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There will be a number of rides and entertainment in the park, including a train, dunk tank, Peanut the Elephant and a moonwalk.

There will be demonstrations by local groups, including a show of



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Celebration Singers planning 64th show

CRANFORD — "American Fare" is the theme of the 64th annual spring show for the Celebration Singers.

Their concerts are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1 at Hillside Avenue School. A children's chorus joins the Celebration Singers for the sixth year. Also, four former singers in the children's chorus are now with the adult ensemble.

The program includes spirituals, show tunes and folk music.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under.

For more information, phone (908) 276-6846.



Construction progress

Construction is progressing at Westfield High School where steel was erected in order to enlarge the guidance office, cafeteria and gym storage areas. Above, workers dig the foundation and footings for the main addition on Trinity Place, which will house the new high school science wing.

Board puts out its first school bids

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Board of Education Monday put out the first bids for its \$6.3 million facilities-improvement initiative.

Among the projects bid were: boiler replacements at the Bloomingdale Avenue, Brookside Place, Livingston Avenue and Walnut Avenue schools; replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in the main offices of Hillside Avenue and Orange Avenue schools; and roof replacement at Bloomingdale Avenue School.

"We're pushing through as many as we're comfortable we can get done."

—Business Administrator Robert Carfagno

Also bid out were three projects at Cranford High School, including replacing lockers in the girls' locker room and girls' and boys' teams rooms, replacing the auditorium carpeting, and upgrading the men's and women's rooms beneath the auditorium.

Bids on each of the projects will be opened June 14, and Business Administrator Robert Carfagno said work on the pro-

jects should be completed by the time school opens in September.

"We're pushing through as many as we're comfortable we can get done," Carfagno said. He said the contracts will include penalty clauses to deter contractors from running behind schedule; if the work does fall behind for some reason, he said, a project such as the locker replacements that would have the most immediate

impact on students would be given highest priority.

Carfagno added the only new construction included in the initiative, the building of four classrooms at the Walnut Avenue School to provide a permanent home for the SNAPPY program, will likely begin in October.

Beside the new classrooms, the boiler replacements constitute the most expensive items in the initiative. Other major items that will be bid out at a later date include a new HVAC system and new boilers at the high school and a parking lot expansion at Hillside Avenue School.

Fanwood 8th-grader aces Latin exam

SUMMIT — Students enrolled in both the junior school and high school Latin classes at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit have again exhibited outstanding performance on the National Latin Exam.

In addition to questions on Latin grammar and literature, the test requires a knowledge of ancient Roman culture and mythology. Students also have to translate Latin reading selections.

Two Oratorians are the recipients of Summa Cum Laude gold medals. They are Brian Lee of Basking Ridge and Richard Carretto of Warren. A silver Maxima Cum Laude medal was presented to William McCrystal of Succasunna.

Christopher Esposito of Berkeley Heights, Patrick Kennedy of Watchung and Armand O'Donnell of Roseland all received Magna Cum Laude distinction.

Cum Laude certificates were given to Carlo Carretto of Warren, Phillip Laroche of Union, Martin Ryan of Gladstone and Fernando Vasquez of Morris Plains.

Latin instructor Donald Roden sees great potential for the program in the accomplishments of the members of the junior school.

Outstanding Achievement certificates were awarded to the following eighth graders: Michael Aldridge of South Orange, Michael Dalsass of Millburn, Michael Farrell of Summit, Thomas FitzGibbon of Fanwood and Matthew Wisniewski of Chatham.

Achievement Certificates were given to Christopher Barry of Morristown, Joseph Cepparulo of Scotch Plains, Glenn Hayes of Rahway, John Hunoval of Madison, Roman Lesko of South Orange, Mark Scirocco of Florham Park, and Stephen Suarez of Springfield.

Roden added, "We are especially proud of the seventh graders who won Achievement Certificates on the eighth grade exam." These include Adam Boffa of Madison, Michael Cryan of Gladstone, William Haley of Morristown, James Roche of Union and Thomas Tremblay of Union.

Oratorians who participated in this nation-wide competition were students in the Latin classes of both Roden and the Rev. Paul R. Manning.

In addition to Latin, Oratory's foreign language department offers classes in Spanish, French and Greek to young men in grades 7 through 12.

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Award winner

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Briefs

People for Animals sets annual meeting

WESTFIELD — People for Animals holds its annual meeting 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9, in the Kellogg Room at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St.

The Hillside-based animal welfare organization covers all of New Jersey. Guest speaker Jonathan Rosenberg is founder and president of Tabby's Place, a refuge for homeless cats that is scheduled to break ground this year.

Coffee and cake will be served.

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Swale meeting resolves very little

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Township officials and residents left a May 16 discussion of the proposed swale in the Herning Avenue woods with sharply different opinions, but with frustration on both sides.

The frustration may have resulted from different expectations entering the meeting. Officials saw the informal

meeting as a chance to explain to residents of Herning Avenue, Oak Lane, and Ridge Street just what the swale will be, and why it is a required part of the township's planned flood-control project. Residents, however, expected to see a new design that reflected their concerns.

"What we expected and hoped to see was a new version of the swale. What we saw was... what the swale looked like originally, and it hasn't

changed yet," said George Goeller. "The meeting didn't satisfy me (and) I don't think it satisfied the other people around me."

The "new version" was not presented, said Commissioner Dan Aschenbach, because it has not been designed yet by engineer Killam Associates.

While there is general consensus the swale will be meandering rather than the straight, wide trough originally

proposed, "they haven't gotten out there yet and surveyed which trees will come down," he said.

Aschenbach defended Killam's presentation as "very detailed," but agreed another meeting will be necessary after final design has been completed.

But, Aschenbach said, "Many of the residents adjacent to the swale still will oppose this no matter what."

No suit filed yet on flood project

CRANFORD — At press time Wednesday afternoon, township officials said they were unaware of any legal challenge to the \$9.2-million bond ordinance approved April 22 to fund the flood-control project.

The deadline for a lawsuit challenging the ordinance was 4 p.m. Wednesday, 20 days after the ordinance was published.

Most observers have viewed Ridge Street resident Frank Capece, an attorney, as the resident most likely to challenge the ordinance. Capece could not be reached for comment at press time.

Briefs

Honor society inducts local woman

CRANFORD — Cynthia Postilnick is among the newest members of Sigma Phi Omega honor society in gerontology.

She lives in Cranford and was inducted May 15 at Kean University in Union.

Child Care Center offers theater program

CRANFORD — The Cranford Child Care Center is planning a "Summer of Little Theater" for boys and girls 2 1/2-4 years old.

Classes run June 24-Aug. 16 in the Child Care Center, located at Cranford Alliance Church on Cherry Street. Pupils work on scenery, costumes and character development.

For full details and registration, phone Patti Williams at (908) 276-8689 between 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Cell phone antennas win OK in Cranford

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The zoning Board of Adjustment Monday unanimously approved an application from Verizon Wireless to place 12 cellular phone antennas atop the Cleveland Plaza building at Miln Street and North Union Avenue.

In approving the application, the board also imposed a condition designed to address concerns about health hazards from radio frequency emissions. The company will be required to measure the emissions in the surrounding areas before and after the antennas are activated, said acting board chairman Roman Chapelsky, to ensure the emissions meet federal standards.

At a previous meeting, an engineer for Verizon testified the emissions from the antennas would be "about equivalent to what we sustain from a fluorescent light." But several residents argued the antennas, located near an apartment complex and two schools, could be a hazard.

The board also imposed a condition about the appearance of the antennas, which will be enclosed in a roofless structure atop the roof to keep them out of view. Before construction begins, the company must submit sketches of just what the enclosure will look like.

"It's going to be in the center of the roof, and it's going to be completely screened," Chapelsky said.

The company will also be required to post warning signs on the roof, and is prohibited from adding more antennas to the structure without permission.

The antennas are necessary, Verizon representatives have said, because of service gaps in some areas of town. Though the company already has antennas in Garwood, Cranford, Kenilworth, and Springfield, increasing demand has produced a "dead area" about a half-mile-square in the north end of the township. Service should be restored to that area when the new antennas are activated, said engineer David Stern.

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Commentary

Replace those worn, torn flags

With Memorial Day, Flag Day and the Fourth of July right around the corner, it's time to display Old Glory.

But not the flags that have been flying since Sept. 11.

In the patriotic fervor that followed the attack on the World Trade Center almost nine months ago, residents displayed the Stars and Stripes at their homes and on their cars.

There are few left on cars. The elements, the fragility of the plastic stuffs and the high speed of traffic in Central Jersey, left far too many flags in the gutter.

But the flags in our neighborhoods have suffered too. They have been rained on, bleached by the sun and whipped by the wind. They are faded and frayed and torn. They are no longer a proud emblem of an unbowed nation.

In honor of our war dead, it's time to repair the flags that can be repaired and replace those beyond repair.

Perhaps if the flags were brought in at night, as they should be if they are not illuminated, they would last longer.

Memorial Day

Some sights and sounds of Memorial Day:

The tricolor crepe paper streamers in the spokes of the child's bicycle as she tries to stay ahead of the parade. The flash of sunlight on the majorette's baton and the glistening sweat on the brow of the sousaphone player. The phony wail of the volunteer fire department's shiny new truck. The fresh, quiet poppies placed anonymously on the overgrown grave of a veteran of the first War to End All Wars.

The sexagenarian veteran of World War II is standing at attention while two Boy Scouts lower the proud and sad flag to half-mast. The scout on the right can't wait to get out of the itchy and starched uniform to rush over to the park for a Memorial Day roller hockey marathon. The scout on the left is trembling and saying to himself: "This is what patriotism must feel like." The veteran remembers that awful moment on Omaha Beach when his best buddy stepped on a land mine.

The sizzle of steaks — the first barbecue of the summer. The flapping of flags in the warm afternoon breeze. The squawk of the loudspeaker when the minister about ready to deliver the invocation taps on the microphone to make sure he can be heard. The long and mournful solitary notes of *Tips*. The crowd has fallen into an anxious and respectful quiet. Will he make the high note? (Of course he always does.) The joyful noises of late spring. The silence of the dead.

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Remember Those Who Sacrificed
MEMORIAL DAY 2002

Letters to the editor

Remind teenagers to buckle up

To The Record-Press:

As law enforcement agencies launch their May mobilization to encourage seat belt use, the latest statistics are offering a sobering reason to support the effort. Nothing kills more teenagers than motor vehicle crashes, and more often than not, the teenager isn't buckled up.

Nationwide, more than 1,600 young people age 16 to 18 years old were killed or seriously injured in fatal traffic crashes in 2000, according to data compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Two thirds of them — 67 percent — were not wearing seat belts. That same year in New Jersey, 57 young people in this age group were killed or injured, 61 percent of them were unbelted.

So with thousands of young people hitting the road this Memorial Day holiday, Children's Specialized Hospital wants to increase public awareness about this important issue.

"Between the ages of 16 and 18, young people are at a deadly intersection of age and high risk behavior," said Jill Jacobi,

Children's Education Specialist and a child passenger safety technician. "Inexperienced at the wheel and more likely to take chances, these teenagers are at a time in their life when seat belts are essential. Yet, too many teens don't buckle up, and end up in the emergency room disabled, scarred or dead."

"Our message to teens this spring is simple. Secure yourself. Secure your date. Secure everyone in your car," Jacobi said. "Buckle up — during the prom, during the week, in fact every time you get in the car. Through our many rehabilitation programs, including our centers of excellence for traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries, we too often see the effects of what happens when teens don't buckle up."

In 49 states and the District of Columbia, there's also another reason to wear a seat belt: Avoiding a ticket. Seat belt use is the law in every state, but New Hampshire. And this May, law enforcement agencies nationwide will once again be stepping

up seat belt enforcement efforts.

During Buckle Up America Week (May 20-27), law enforcement agencies across the country will be launching Operation ABC Mobilizations to ensure that people wear their seat belts. During the mobilizations, many states conduct highly publicized Click It or Ticket campaigns to warn motorists that they should buckle up and ticket those who don't.

Throughout the year Children's sponsors child car seat safety checks to encourage public safety. Children's representatives also participate in safety promotion activities coordinated by NJ Safe Kids and a variety of county and local organizations. Children's Specialized Hospital will sponsor free child passenger safety checks/workshops July 27th and Sept. 28th.

Both events will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Children's Mountainside campus, 150 New Providence Road. For more information, call Jacobi at (908) 301-5478.

Fred Feiner
Children's Specialized Hospital

Parish priest responds to scandal

To The Record-Press:

My deepest thanks to my parish priest at St. Michael's, Father Chris, for his recent sermon on the sex scandals involving the Catholic Church. These many weeks we have been bombarded with such bad news and shocking stories about pedophile priests and the church's cover-up. We sympathize with the anguished victims on hearing their stories. But all the accusations, in perfect hindsight, from their lawyers and from the many

media pundits have made me feel a bit shaky about my church.

The media have given the impression that the church is floundering and very defensive in a weak response to the outcry. I've longed for a frank, unfettered response directly from trusted representatives of the church, especially from my local parish. At last there came a response during the evening service in celebration of the Ascension of our Lord. In a quiet

way, Father Chris spoke about priests being a fair representation of society, subject to the same code of laws, and the church leaders are not all-knowing on how to deal with an illness like pedophilia. His efforts to be outspoken and honest on the issue gave me reassurance that my church will remain a vital foundation to my life and faith. Thanks again for coming through for us, Father.

Tom Hartman
Cranford

How do you plan to observe Memorial Day?



"Have a picnic with my family — just regular stuff."

Don Smith
Cranford postal worker



"I'll probably have a barbecue over at my daughter's house."

Joseph Alfano
Union



"Nothing special. Maybe the kids will come up."

Jack Silcox
Cranford

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

A return to a universe of virtues

(Every year before Memorial Day I publish the same Jersey Boy column. About 20 percent is laziness; 80 percent is a renewal of my vows of respect and love for my hometown. Sometimes it's good to take a vacation from cynicism.)

Every year I go back to my hometown, Neshaug Station, for the Neshaug Volunteer Fire Department's Memorial Day Parade. I have not missed a parade in my life; I do not intend to miss this one.

There is nothing special about the parade. The line of march doesn't vary much from year to year though, in this decade, the number of marchers has increased dramatically with the growth in Branchburg. The Colonial Honor Guard of Boy Scout Troop 1776 leads the way, followed by the township committees from Hillsborough and Branchburg (and occasional other dignitaries). Next in line are the hosts, the members of the Neshaug Volunteer Fire Department, looking proud and spiffy in their crisply pressed uniforms with polished buttons. Then come the bands of Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, their faces lit with wonder and pride. The Branchburg Senior Citizens — God bless 'em — are marching this year too. Next come the fire companies and rescue squads from all over this small part of the universe and inevitably the beginning of the parade meets the end after the marchers complete the loop of the lower street. This human Moebus strip could be a strange and compelling metaphor for the seamless continuity of life in Neshaug Station.

Back at the firehouse, one of those dignitaries delivers a short address full of those golden and meaningful clichés which anchor our heritage. The words are corny and sentimental, but need to be said anyway. Firefighters, rescue squad members and scouts will lay wreaths at the bottom of the flagpole. Two Boy Scouts will raise the flag to half-mast, then a teenager will play Taps. Boy Scout 1776, dressed in Revolutionary War garb, will fire their ancient muskets, causing babies to cry, dogs to bark and adults to cover their ears. Then it is over and everyone is free to go to the next parade, the first barbecue of the summer or the bicycle races in Somerville.

Yes, life is as dull as a heartbeat in Neshaug Station. That was the way it was decades ago when I was growing up and that is the way it is today. The town has remarkably maintained its integrity and character even as the area around it has turned into just another suburb. Assemblyman Pete Biondi, who has often spoken at the ceremony after the parade, marvels at how Neshaug Station has remained the picture of a life out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Pete is not exaggerating.

Of course life is not perfect in Neshaug Station. There has been our small share of tragedy, melodrama and ugly incidents; no town is immune from the inevitable human foibles. But we always recover and everybody has the tact and discretion not to mention the scars. Every Memorial Day I thank the heavens I was born and raised in this town; my life is infinitely richer because of the lessons I learned on these gentle streets and the virtues that I acquired and sustain me into middle age.

Virtue is its own reward. The beauty of virtues lies in their simplicity and their ability to reduce complex situations — at least common denominators. Virtues illuminate the dark corners of moral quandaries and provides clues in times of doubt. Virtues are guideposts along life's journey.

Enough of the clichés, but this is the time of year for clichés. Every year when I return to Neshaug Station for the Memorial Day parade I am reminded of the moral underpinnings of my life. Sometimes I am even reminded of how far I've strayed. You have to balance the equation between the demands of real life and the demands of our virtues. Every year the Memorial Day parade forces me to confront the dissonance of my own life and every year I resolve to return to the community of virtue.



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100 students enjoying TV editing computer

WESTFIELD — More than 100 students at Westfield High School are now experiencing the latest in television editing techniques as a result of a \$3,300 grant from the Education Fund of Westfield.

Benefiting from the new equipment are those enrolled in TV1, TV2 and TV Independent Study classes plus the TV/Film Club.

"The grant enables the students to learn editing on computer-based equipment (replacing our non-digital and non-linear equipment which is 10-20 years old," said David Davis, instructor in television-related courses.

"Can you imagine a 20-year-old textbook for a social studies class?" he said. "Well, 20-year-old technology is worse for a technologically based curriculum."

According to Davis, the new editing suite uses components that are standard in television production and editing today.



Television Production Assistant Bill McMeekin oversees Christopher Annesse and Stephanie Valenti as they edit a film production at Westfield High School. The new editing computer was purchased with a \$3,300 grant from the Education Fund of Westfield.

The Education Fund has provided more than \$100,000 in grants for the Westfield school

system through fund-raising programs. Among these programs is the sixth annual Jack

and Jill 5K run scheduled Saturday, June 15. Visit www.oynp.net for details.

3rd bulk waste pickup likely despite cost

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Borough Council decided at Tuesday's work session to add an additional bulk waste pickup in June. But formal approval of the extra pickup may not come until the council finally adopts its 2002 budget in July.

Responding to skyrocketing costs, the borough had cut back on the number of bulk waste pickups this year. In the past, residents had been offered three pickup opportunities plus collection containers on borough property, this year the council eliminated the containers and planned only two pickups.

The move came after fees for disposal of bulk waste rose from \$75/ton to \$225/ton. Unlike neighboring Cranford, residents do not pay a service fee for bulk waste pickup.

The two pickups were planned for March and September. But Public Works Councilwoman Carmela Colosimo said she has heard an outcry from residents to add a third pickup, despite the increased cost. "We truly need it," Colosimo said. "People out there are screaming, 'We want it.'"

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— Carmela Colosimo

Kenilworth

Councilwoman

The move drew opposition from Finance Councilwoman Kathi Flamingo, who noted the March pickup cost the borough \$34,000.

"If the (bulk waste) is sitting there in January or March, it can sit there until September," Flamingo said. "This would be a third of a tax point, and we're looking at a nine point increase (in the overall budget)."

Over Flamingo's objections, the council decided to add a June pickup, and keep the September pickup, at least for now. But in an effort to lower costs, the council decided "white goods" — heavy appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and dryers — will not be picked up in September.

But even a limited September pickup will be in jeopardy until the council allocates resources in the budget.

Trio faces narcotics and alcohol charges

WESTFIELD

Cranford resident Robert Hansen, 20, and Peter and Steven Plaskon, both 19, of Gouldsboro, Pa., were charged Sunday with underage possession of alcohol.

Hansen was also charged with possession of narcotic paraphernalia after the three were arrested at 9:44 p.m. They were released on their own recognizance pending a court appearance.

Police Monday arrested two Newark residents and charged them with possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Arrested at 12:12 a.m. were Santos Valentin and Leroy Everett Jr. In addition to the new charges, Valentin was arrested on two outstanding warrants totaling \$1,095; Everett was arrested on 12 warrants totaling over

Police Log

\$1,650.

Scotch Plains resident Bridget Inverno, 57, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated.

Inverno was arrested at 8:58 p.m. after getting into a one-car motor vehicle accident.

Westfield resident David Rodriguez was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a breath test. He was arrested at 12:25 a.m.

Police received a report Saturday afternoon two pieces of jewelry valued at \$9,300 had been stolen from a residence on the 600 block of Fourth Avenue.

Police received a report May

15 property valued at \$454 had been stolen from a business on the 200 block of East Broad Street.

Police responded May 16 to two shoplifting incidents at Victoria's Secret. The stolen items, worth approximately \$310, were recovered.

Roselle resident Aundrea Harris was charged May 15 with fraudulent possession of an insurance identification card.

Plainfield resident Anthony Greg was charged Friday with hindering apprehension. He was also arrested on a contempt of court warrant following a motor vehicle stop at 1:04 a.m.

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A bicycle was reported stolen from the front of an apartment on the 1700 block of East Second Street May 13.

A Yarmouth Court resident reported May 16 a ground floor window had been pried open six inches. Entry to the residence was not gained as a result of the incident.

A Country Club Boulevard resident reported May 17 his car had been damaged while parked in a local lot.

An East Front Street resident reported Sunday his cell phone had been stolen from his parked car while he was attending Mass at a local church.

Domino's Pizza reported May 15 several youths left the store without paying for a food order.

Business briefs

Women executives cite Schering-Plough

KENILWORTH — Schering-Plough Corp. has been named to the 2002 Business Honor Roll by the Executive Women of New Jersey.

The company was honored for recognizing the value of women in the work force and for proactive programs to promote the professional and personal growth of women executives.

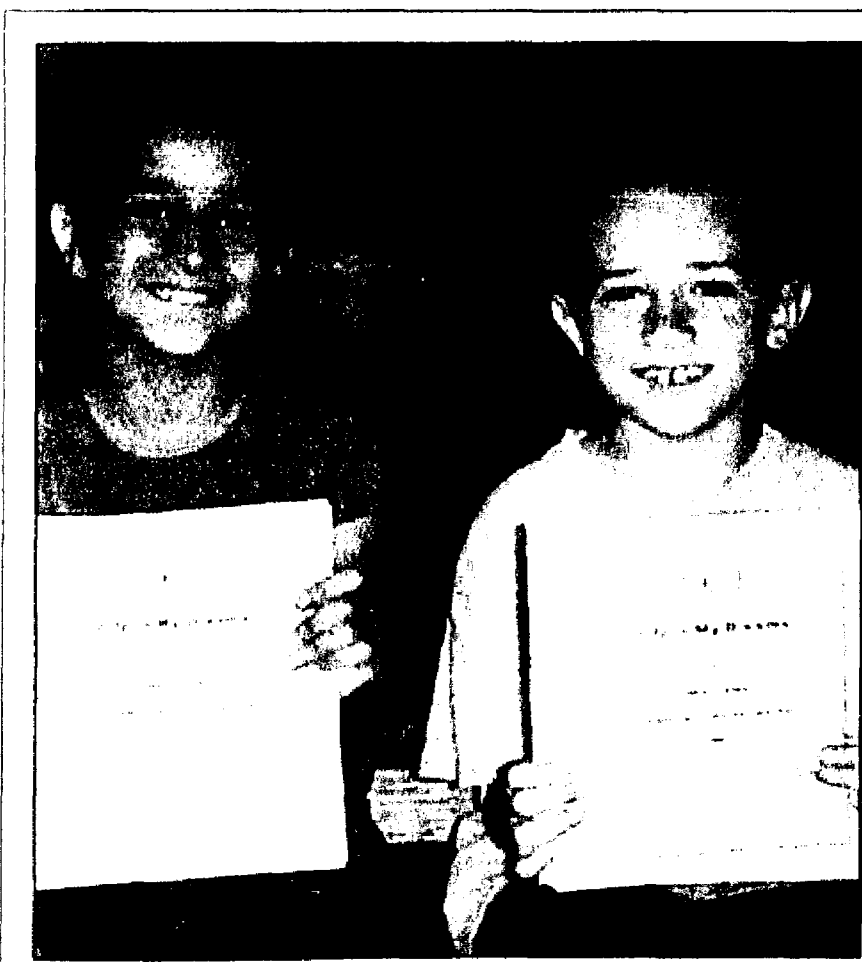
Aracelia Vila, the company's vice president for public affairs, said women hold one-quarter of the company's most senior positions and make up about one-third of its highest paid employees.

Cranford man to lead architects

CRANFORD — David Del Vecchio is serving as president-elect of the American Institute of Architects, New Jersey Chapter, with plans to become president in 2003.

He owns an architectural firm in Summit and is a past president of the institute's Newark & Suburban Section. As an adjunct professor at Essex County College in Newark he teaches a course on "Construction Methods and Materials."

Del Vecchio lives in Cranford, where he was president of the Cranford Rotary Club in 1998.



Prize-winning authors

Two McGinn students from Pat Arnao's second-grade class were winners in the New Jersey Council of the Teachers of English writing contest.

Pictured are first-place fiction winner Madelyne Dhaliwal and honorable mention for fiction Ian Johnston. These budding writers also received Certificates of Achievement from Reading Rainbow in New York City.

Business

Columbia Bank taps Allen for its CFO

SCOTCH PLAINS — E. Thomas Allen has been promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer of Columbia Bank.

He joined the Fair Lawn-based bank in 1994 as a financial planning and analysis manager. Allen was named a financial planning officer in 1995 and the bank's treasurer in 1996; he became a vice president in 1998. He began his career with Crestmont Federal Savings & Loan Association and Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association.

The banker holds a Master of Business Administration degree

in financial management from Pace University. He received a bachelor's degree in finance and banking from the University of Missouri.

Allen is a member of the Financial Managers Society and a Boy Scout leader. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Scotch Plains and have four children.

Cuccaro is named top sales associate

WESTFIELD — Marge Cuccaro has again been named Sales Associate of the Year for the North Avenue West office of Prudential New Jersey Properties.

"Marge goes to great lengths to stay focused on what buyers and sellers need and want," said William O. Keleher, chairman and chief executive officer. "She has been extremely successful in surpassing their expectations."

Cuccaro joined the Westfield office in 1990 and became its manager in September. She has received the Chairman's Circle Gold Award for placing among the top 3 percent of Prudential Network salespeople and the Round Table Award for placing among the top 40 salespeople of Prudential New Jersey Properties.

In addition, Cuccaro has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Club since 1985 and achieved Silver standing last year.

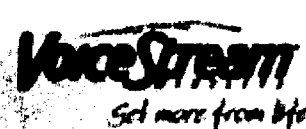
She can be reached at (908) 232-5664, Ext. 103.

and Westchester County, N.Y.

Jennifer Schembs of 321 Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah. She is the daughter of Douglas and Lois Schembs.


Campus notes

Kelley Lawson Allen of Westfield and Rashmi G. Shah of Scotch Plains graduated this week from Pace University, which has campuses in Manhattan



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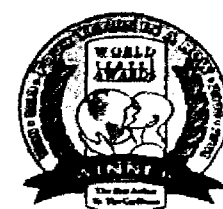
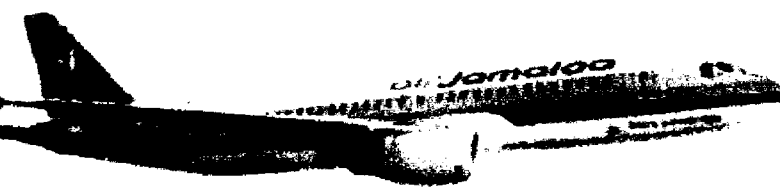
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Community Life

Briefs

Ketubah Unit plans Sunday brunch

The B'nai Brith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 2, for brunch at Seabras Armory, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. The cost is \$12.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

Ketubah Unit is open to married Jewish couples who are 40 and older. Nonmembers are welcome. Please reserve a spot for the brunch by calling Elaine at (908) 232-0062 by June 1.

Religion, science discussion June 6

WESTFIELD — A discussion of how the holographic universe can explain spiritual experiences will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St.

Participants will examine the cosmological theory of David Bohm that describes the physical universe as a hologram built on a subquantum implicate order.

Participants will have the opportunity to see how this theory explains certain spiritual experiences and to discuss the implications of it for the Divine, for death, for the genesis of life, and for free will.

Also included will be a discussion of how the holographic theory fits with Whitehead's process theory and how these theories challenge many traditional religious ideas and beliefs.

The discussion will be led by the Rev. John A. Mills, director of Wisdom's Light, a ministry promoting the positive dialogue between religion and science.

For more information or directions, call (908) 233-2494. More about the Wisdom's Light ministry is available in the Internet at <http://wisht.home.att.net>

Fanwood planning street fair June 9

FANWOOD — The downtown Fanwood along Martine and South avenues will feature a colorful marketplace of craft vendors, tasty festival foods and musical entertainment from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday June 9.

Featured guest performer this year will be the legendary New Jersey entertainer, "Uncle Floyd" Vivino. He performs at noon and 2 p.m.

More than 100 crafters, food vendors and children's activities are planned for the event sponsored by the Fanwood Business and Professional Association.

Fanwood residents, Front Porch Swing, open the festivities at 11 a.m. Blues guitarist, Alvin Madison of Scotch Plains performs at 1 p.m. and Big Band singer, Bob Mele sings at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The big blues sounds of The Dean Shot Blues Revue will be heard at 2:30 p.m. The Gospel Shepherds from Somerset offer rhythm and harmony for the soul from 4-5 p.m. In addition to a selection of arts and crafts, families will also enjoy pony rides, a petting zoo and moon bounce.

Admission and parking are free.

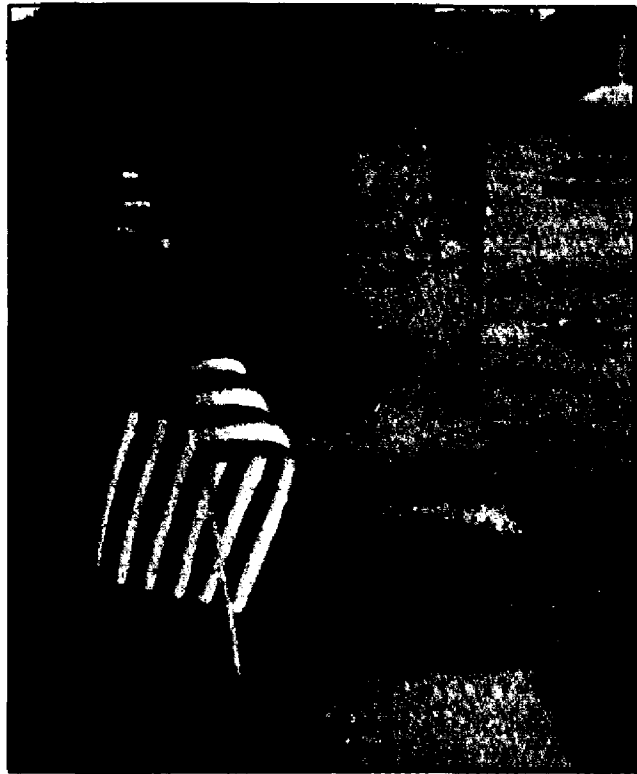
Discussion of trees at Historical Society

FANWOOD — Marcia Anderson talks about "Trees We Know and Love" before the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

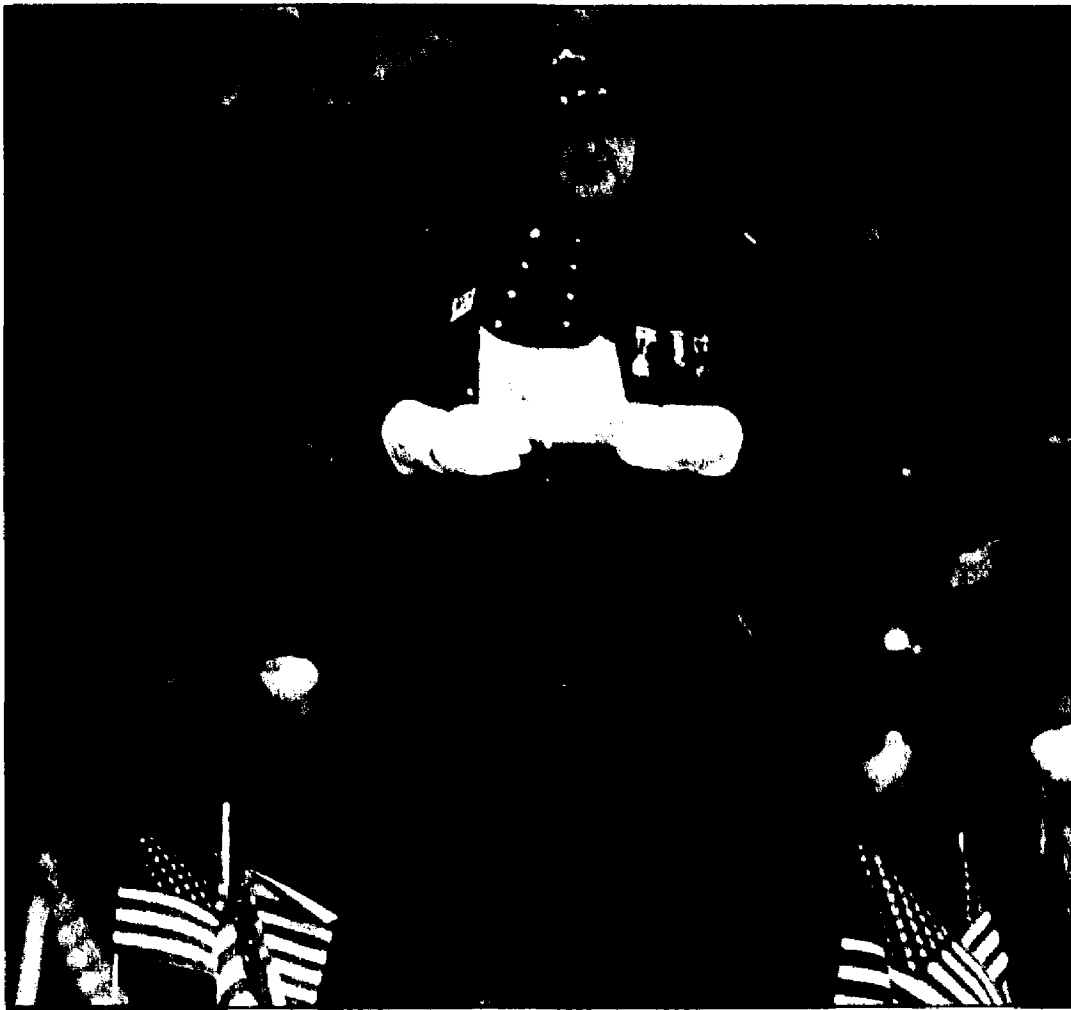
Her program is part of the society's monthly meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday at the North Avenue railroad station. Anderson is a certified tree expert as well as a Historical Society member. She holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Rutgers University.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, phone President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

Memorial service honors vets



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Hillside Cemetery gravesite of Plainfield resident Julian Scott, the sixth man to receive a Congressional Medal of Honor — the nation's highest award for valor, is pictured above. At right, Clark D. McCullough eulogizes the 33 Union soldiers buried at the cemetery during a memorial service at the Scotch Plains cemetery on Saturday.



SCOTCH PLAINS — The Civil War may be ancient history to some, but Fanwood resident George Weiss is determined to honor its veterans as well as those from more recent wars.

Hillside Cemetery is the final resting place for 33 Union soldiers including Julian Scott, the sixth man to be honored with the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Scott, a Plainfield resident who died in 1901, served as a flier during the war. He was honored for twice crossing a creek to rescue wounded soldiers in February 1865.

Weiss arranged for members of the 2D New Jersey Brigade, a Civil War history group, to conduct a memorial service Saturday for all the veterans, including the last to be buried at the cemetery, William Perrine, in 1945.

The brigade fired off a 21-gun salute to honor Scott.

The event, which was not open to the public, was not entertainment, but a solemn religious service, Weiss said. After the service, members of the brigade traveled to the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains, where they were greeted by women dressed in period mourning dresses.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The honor guard of the 2D New Jersey Brigade fires a 21-gun salute in tribute to Julian Scott, a Civil War flier who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for rescuing wounded soldiers despite a barrage of gunfire.



Girls teach their mothers a thing or two

By KIMBERLY MERZ
CORRESPONDENT

CRANFORD — Yikes! For many women, building a personal computer from scratch sounds like a daunting task, but not for the young women of Cranford High School Technofilles Club.

On May 15, during CHS's Cool Teacher Workshop, members of the all-female club brought their moms to school, teaching the older generation everything from how to plug in Internet addresses, to preserving their family histories on a web page.

Debra Weis and her daughter spent the evening learning how to create a website, which she said she didn't know how to do before. Getting to spend extra time with her daughter was a bonus.

"I can't get her to sit down with me at home, I thought it would be a good place," Weis smiled.

CHS senior, Nora Doty, is a former webmaster, and has been a member of Technofilles for two years. She said that she didn't know anything about computers before she joined Technofilles.

Then, after attending the club's workshops, she learned how to create a webpage.

"I was proud of that accomplishment," Doty said.

Novice computer user Yona Shehady, came to the workshop with her daughter, Rema Shehady. During the workshop Rema instructed her mom how to plug in Internet addresses and use search engines.

"She was a little bit scared to come, but I think she is pretty happy. She kind of learned some

stuff," Rema Shehady said of her mother.

Sophomore, Darcy Sarnella, is a new club member. She learned about Technofilles through her introduction to web design class, and she now plans on taking advance web design next year, and become a webmaster her senior year.

Founded in 1999, with a grant from the MAA/Tensor Foundation, The Technofilles aim to balance the gender gap by attracting high school girls to careers in computer technology, mathematics and science, by providing them with hands-on training workshops. In addition to the educational opportunities, such as attending the Teen Tech Expo at DeVry Institute of Technology, the club members are involved in helping the community.

Senior Citizens, Brownie troops, and women's support groups have all benefited from the Technofilles computer expertise.

In 2001, the New Jersey Equity Hall of Fame, from the New Jersey Department of Education, awarded Technofilles Club advisers Joan Puma and Diane Connelly a Best Practice in Fostering Equity Education award.

According to Puma, who is a teacher of mathematics and computer science at CHS, there are statistics showing that around middle school, girls stop calling out in the classroom, and become more self-conscious.

Boys traditionally don't mind getting an answer wrong; consequently, they receive more attention in the classroom.

Puma said that CHS has done a tremendous job making the

girls feel more comfortable, and at reversing the stereotypical female roles, through clubs such as The Technofilles and The Visible Woman.

She said that the confidence the young women gain by excelling in mathematics or computer science class carries over into other classes, as well.

In the past, the girls have felt out of place signing up for advance placement calculus. Currently, the enrollment is mixed.

CHS's Supervisor of Academic Affairs Ellen Dachnowicz, said that the girls are amazed at themselves and what they can do.

"Girls used to be a decoration. Last year, the girls had a higher rate of passing (the AP calculus exam). It is a real step," said Dachnowicz.

President to honor Westfield scientist

Arun Netravali of Westfield, former president of Lucent Technologies' Bell Labs and now chief scientist at Lucent, will receive the U.S. National Medal of Technology. President George W. Bush will present the medal at a ceremony later this year at the White House.

Netravali was cited for his "pioneering contributions that transformed TV from analog to digital, enabling numerous integrated circuits, systems and services in broadcast TV, cable TV, Direct Broadcast Satellite, high-definition TV and multimedia

over the Internet, and for technical expertise and leadership."

The National Medal of Technology recognizes men and women who embody the spirit of American innovation and have advanced the nation's global competitiveness. The medal recognizes groundbreaking contributions that help commercialize technologies, create jobs, improve productivity and stimulate the nation's growth and development.

The medal, which is the nation's highest honor for achievement in technology, was

established by Congress in 1980 and is administered by the Department of Commerce.

The compression technology Netravali developed is essential to modern communication systems. A video encoder based on Netravali's work is today used by more than 150 TV stations for their high-definition TV broadcasts. In 1997, Netravali received an engineering Emmy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his work on high-definition TV.

Netravali served as president of Bell Labs, Lucent

Technologies' research and development division from 1999 to 2001. He now works with the academic and investment communities to identify important new networking technologies and advising Lucent's senior management on technical and customer issues.

He has authored more than 170 technical papers and co-authored three books. He also holds more than 70 patents in the areas of computer networks, human interfaces to machines, picture processing and digital video and television.



Arun Netravali
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Stanley Pisowacki

SCOTCH PLAINS — Stanley G. Pisowacki, 83, died May 15, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He retired in 1984 as owner of Stanley's Tailoring, a Woodbridge shop he founded.

He lived in Poland, Clifton and his native Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1966.

Mr. Pisowacki was awarded a Bronze Star, the American Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal for his Army service in World War II. He was a member of Tri-Boro Memorial Post 5479, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Dunellen.

A daughter, Patricia Eisner, and a sister, Stephanie Karwowski, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Weis Pisowacki; two daughters, Mary Anne Birdsall and Christine Renz; a sister, Tess Krempa; and four grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Holy Redeemer Mausoleum, South Plainfield.

Donations may be sent to American Heart Association, 1 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ 07041

Adele Skobo

SCOTCH PLAINS — Adele Lukos Skobo, 77, died May 14, 2002 at her home in Spring Lake Heights. She retired in 1970 as an administrative supervisor with the Union County government in Elizabeth.

Mrs. Skobo, who was born in Elizabeth, lived in Roselle and Scotch Plains before moving to Spring Lake Heights in 1987.

She was a founding member and the publicity chairman of the Trendsetters, a senior citizens club in Spring Lake. Mrs. Skobo also was a member of the

Fairway Mews community in Spring Lake Heights.

Her husband, Matthew, is deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas, James and Matthew D., and a grandchild.

Mass was offered Friday at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Spring Lake, following services at O'Brien Funeral Home in Wall. Burial was in St. Catharine's Cemetery, Sea Girt.

Donations may be sent to Adele Skobo Memorial Fund, c/o Trendsetters Club, P.O. Box 306, Spring Lake, NJ 07762.

David E. Gilliam

WESTFIELD — David E. "Debo" Gilliam, 53, died May 13, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. A self-employed mechanic, he once was a truck driver and also worked at the Pepsi bottling plant in North Brunswick.

Mr. Gilliam was born in Westfield and lived in the town before moving to Plainfield in 1970.

Deceased are his parents, Irene and Eddie; his stepmother, Mary; a sister, Noreen Bloedorn; a brother, James Brodie; and a goddaughter, Rahjanae Benton.

Surviving are a son, David Harris of Elizabeth; a daughter, LaConda Coleman, and a stepson, Shawn Coleman, both of Lakewood; four sisters, Paulette of Plainfield, Mary Ann of Georgia, Diane Taylor of South Carolina and Florine Russell of Ohio; three brothers, George of Georgia, Lenwood Brodie and Anthony Rudolph, both of Plainfield; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at House of Prayer Church of God in Christ, in Plainfield. Arrangements were by Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

Ann Clare Taylor

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ann Clare Sullivan Taylor died May 14, 2002 at the Cornell Hall Convalescent Center in Union. She founded the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Nurses Scholarship Foundation and served as its co-chairman.

She was born in Elizabeth and had lived for more than 50 years in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Taylor also was an artist and for more than 30 years exhibited her papier-mache creations in art shows. She was active in the New Jersey State

Federation of Women's Clubs and a Republican Party women's club.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce C.; a daughter, Robin; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held May 16 in Vanderhoven Chapel at Hazelwood Cemetery, Clark.

Arrangements were by Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home in Rahway. Donations may be sent to Hazelwood Cemetery Beautification Fund, West Lake Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065.

Obituaries

Fay Matino

WESTFIELD — Fay M. DiPiano Matino, 84, died May 16, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was born in Summit and had lived in Westfield since 1949.

Mrs. Matino was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Peter, died in 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Frances Homicki of Clayton, N.C., Joan Pischedda of Forked

River and Phyllis Freeman of Effort, Pa.; a son, Peter Jr. of Clayton, N.C.; two sisters, Mildred Vitale of Kenilworth and Betty Piccininni of Union; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Donations may be sent to the Westfield Rescue Squad.

Kevin Bowdish

SCOTCH PLAINS — Kevin J. Bowdish, 49, died May 13, 2002 at his home in Brick. He was director of maintenance for Coach USA at its bus depots in Pleasantville and New Brunswick.

A native of Newark, he lived in Scotch Plains and Cranford before moving to Brick in 1983.

Mr. Bowdish worked for NJ Transit for 19 years and Academy Bus Lines for nine

years before joining Coach USA. He was a fourth-degree member of the Monsignor Baldwin Chapter, Knights of Columbus, and a third-degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 8160, both in Brick.

Surviving are a son, Jason; a daughter, Shannon; and a companion, Cynthia Zebrowski.

Private arrangements were by Colonial Funeral Home in Brick.

Robert F. Knudsen

WESTFIELD — Robert F. Knudsen, 64, died May 17, 2002 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was an engineer with Elizabethtown Gas Co. in Plainfield and before that with Public Service Electric & Gas Co.

A native of Elizabeth, he lived in Roselle and Westfield before moving to Cranford in 1999.

Mr. Knudsen was a life member of the National Rifle Association, Jersey Short Antique Arms Collectors and Fort Lee Arms Collectors clubs. The Army veteran also was a member of the New Jersey Arms Collectors Club as well as the Warren County Rod and Gun Club.

He earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife conservation and management from the New

Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

His father, Frank, died in 1993.

Surviving are his mother, Janet E. Tuttle Knudsen of Cranford; three sons, Gregg and Andrew, both of New Jersey, and Matthew of Colorado; a sister, Dorothy Morrell and husband Charles of Whitehouse Station; and two nieces, Dawn Johnston and husband Robert of Whitehouse Station and Kristin Hagan and husband Timothy of Belvidere.

Services were held Tuesday at Gray Memorial Funeral Home in Cranford. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.

Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, NCIC-FUL, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, GA 30368-2454.

Jennifer Young-Muldowney

CRANFORD — Jennifer L. "Gigi" Young-Muldowney, 35, died May 18, 2002. A licensed medical assistant, she also was manager of her family's Old Colonial Hotel and Restaurant in Hulmeville, Pa.

Mrs. Young-Muldowney was born in New Brunswick and lived in Cranford before moving in 1987 to Levittown, Pa. She was an accomplished scuba diver and frequently traveled to the Caribbean with her father, William Warren Young of Short Hills.

Also surviving are her husband, Joseph Muldowney; her mother and stepfather, Vivian L. Young-Lancieri and Anthony

Lancieri of Levittown; her stepmother, Erika Young of Short Hills; a daughter, Ashley Jade; two brothers, William W. Young Jr. and wife Margaret of Langhorne, Pa., and Steffan Young of Short Hills; a sister, Krista Young of Short Hills; an aunt, Janet Young of Fort Myers, Fla.; and two friends, Phyllis and Vicki Lyn Lancieri.

Mass will be offered today in Bristol, Pa. Arrangements are by Galzerano Funeral Home in Bristol.

Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, 700 Horizon Circle, Suite 201, Chalfont, PA 18914.

Margaret Stinson Ault

CRANFORD — Margaret Stinson Ault died May 19, 2002 at her home, 10 days after her 93rd birthday. She was a retired mathematics teacher and in her late 80's ran for the New Jersey Senate on the Democratic Party line.

She was born in Bayonne and had lived in Cranford since 1940.

Mrs. Ault taught mathematics in the Elizabeth school system from 1934-69 and at Kean College of New Jersey for 15 years after that. She earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass College of Rutgers University) in 1930. She held a master's degree in education from New York University.

The Union County Board of

Freeholders issued a lifetime achievement award to Mrs. Ault in the 1990s for her work with the New Jersey League of Women Voters and other organizations. She was a member of the Older Women's League of Union County.

Her husband, Leslie F., died in 1980. A son, Robin, died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Leslie H. of Closter and David S. of Cranford; two grandsons, Peter of Yucca Valley, Calif., and David W. of Cranford; and three granddaughters, Jocelyn Brueck of Northvale, Maia of Mesa, Ariz., and Megan of Closter.

Services were held yesterday at Gray Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Madeline Boffa

KENILWORTH — Madeline Maffei Boffa, 93, died May 19, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-The Woodlands Center in Plainfield. A native of Jersey City, she lived in Roselle Park and Kenilworth before moving to South Plainfield in 1991.

Mrs. Boffa was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and Christian Mothers Society at the Church of the Assumption, in Roselle Park.

Deceased are her husband, William Sr.; a son-in-law, Henry Cierniecki; and a daughter-in-law, Alice.

Surviving are a daughter, Lillian Cierniecki; two sons, William Jr. and Salvatore; a daughter-in-law, Anna; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 9 a.m. tomorrow at Mastapeter Funeral Home, 400 Faltoute Ave., Roselle Park.

Mass will follow 10 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. Burial will be in Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations may be sent to the Roselle Park First Aid Squad.

Jack E. Printup

CRANFORD — Jack Edmundson Printup, 81, of Hendersonville, N.C., died Tuesday May 7, 2002 in the Laurels of Hendersonville.

He was a native of Memphis, Tenn., and had lived in Cranford for more than 20 years before moving to Henderson County, N.C., in 1974.

He retired in 1983 from Exxon Corp. where he was a system analyst for 23 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of major. He served in Burma in the Signal Corps.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Royce Printup, formerly of Cranford; a daughter, Barbara S.

Gregory of Matthews, N.C.; a stepdaughter, Pamela Jane Raleigh of Davie, Fla.; two stepsons, Kingsland Harvey Ward of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and David Royce Ward of Cranford; a sister, Dixie Lucille Printup of Dallas; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held May 11. Arrangements were by Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors and Cremation Memorial Center in Hendersonville, N.C. Memorial contributions may be made to the WNC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 3 Louisiana Ave., Asheville, NC 28806

Verna F. Stout

CRANFORD — Verna F. Koenig Stout, 91, died May 8, 2002 at the Father Hudson House in Elizabeth. She worked for many years at Schulte's Pipe Shop in Newark.

Mrs. Stout was born in Newark and lived in Forked River before moving to Cranford in 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Kreutel; two brothers, Albert Koenig and Charles Koenig; four sisters, Anita Kraus, Ruth Hahn, Eleanor and Bette; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Gray Memorial Funeral Home.

Almeida Chapman

CRANFORD — Almeida Elizabeth "Bette" Chapman, 72, died May 15, 2002 at her home. A bridge player, she was active in the Village Improvement Association and other charitable organizations.

Mrs. Chapman was born in Elizabeth and lived in Cranford

for most of her life.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Wally H.; a son, Scott W. of Cranford; a daughter, Elizabeth L. of Brick; a brother, Alfred M. Hemleb of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Gray Memorial Funeral Home.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

28th Rose Day is set for June 8

FRANKLIN — One of the Somerset County Park Commission's most stunning displays will be unveiled on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as rose lovers gather at the Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden on Mettlers Road in the East Millstone section of Franklin Township's Colonial Park to commemorate the 28th Annual Rose Day Celebration.

This award winning All-America Rose Selections display garden will feature more than 3000 roses representing over 325 different species and varieties. A series of free lectures and demonstrations on rose growing and other horticultural topics will accompany the display.

There is no admission to the Rose Garden. Rose Day events are free. (A \$1 donation per person is welcomed.)

Saturday's schedule includes:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: "Growing Roses" video will be repeated throughout the day. Consulting Rosarians from the Jersey Shore Rose Society and the Horticulture staff at Colonial Park will be available to answer questions.

10 a.m.: "Basic Rose Care: Feeding & Spraying" lecture by Nick LaRocca, president of the Jersey Shore Rose Society and Consulting Rosarian with the American Rose Society.

11 a.m.: "Coping with Deer" lecture by Pamela Becker, Master Gardener, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset & Hunterdon Counties.

12:00 p.m.: "Making Rose Potpourri" lecture by Cyndy Radcliffe, proprietor of Radcliffe Farms.

1 p.m.: "Timely Rose Cultural Activities" lecture by Joe Doria, consulting Rosarian with the American Rose Society.

2 p.m.: "Herbs for Use & Delight - Why Herbs on Rose Day?" lecture by Father Gabriel Coless, Monk at St. Mary's Abbey, Delbarton.

3 p.m.: "Basic Rose Care: Pruning & Planting" lecture by Jeff Van Pelt, Horticulture Supervisor at Colonial Park.

For more information, call (732) 873-2459, Ext. 22.

Photography program June 12

The New Jersey Photography Forum sponsors "An Evening with Epson" 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 at the Watchung Arts Center.

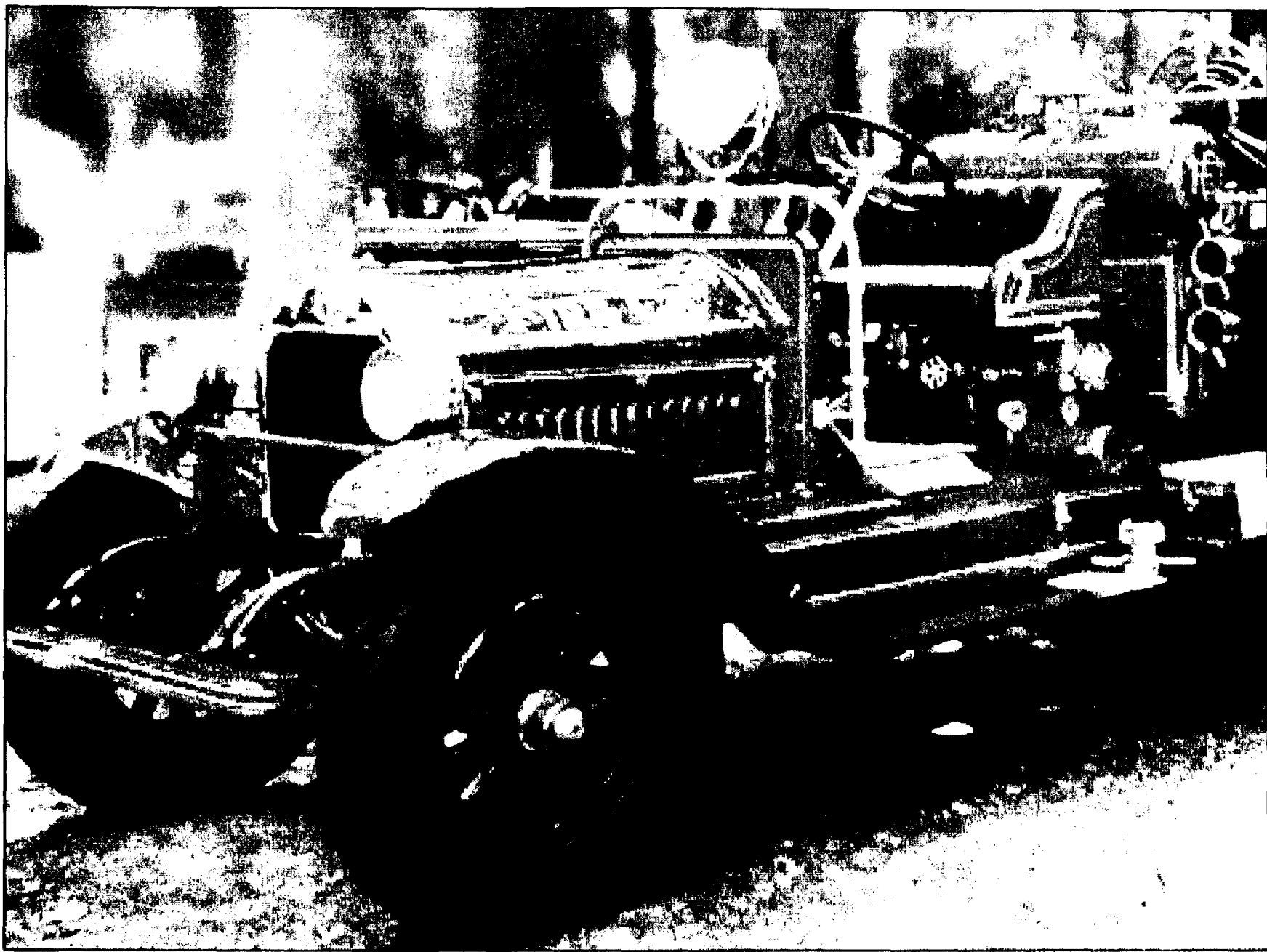
Epson America Inc., one of the most respected names in digital imaging, will present a program detailing the latest developments in Epson printers for the photographer. A question-and-answer period follows the presentation.

In its eighth year the Photography Forum has become the largest and most recognized group of fine art photographers in the Garden State. Its website at community.nj.com/cc/njphotoforum has full details.

Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Michael Creem of Summit founded the Photography Forum to provide an opportunity for professional photographers, photography educators and serious amateurs to meet and discuss their work, share expertise, advance skills and explore exhibit possibilities within the fine arts community.

Admission is \$5. For more information on "An Evening with Epson," phone Ori at (908) 790-8820 or Creem at (908) 273-1672.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle, about 1 1/2 miles north of Route 22.



Antique fire engines will be the stars of the show next month in Manville.

Antique fire engine show in Manville

MANVILLE — Manville's Dukes Park will fill with vintage fire engines on June 22 at 10 a.m. when the Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central New Jersey and the Manville Fire Department will co-host the association's ninth annual fire apparatus show under the trees along the Raritan River.

For many families the event has become a favorite June activity. Everyone loves to see the lovingly preserved and polished old trucks on display, and many will be spouting great plumes of water as they draught from the river. There is always an opportunity for wannabe junior firefighters to try their hand with a fire hose at the hands-on demonstrations spe-

cially designed for youngsters.

"Lots of Moms and Dads like to aim the nozzle too," says Richmond Shreve, one of the organizers.

Hot dogs with all the trimmings, and soft drinks will be available from the Manville Firemen, making it an easy Saturday picnic in the park. The play equipment and open expanses of grass make it ideal for even small children.

The central location is also conveniently on the way to or from shopping at Manville's A&P and Wall Mart stores.

Much of the apparatus to be exhibited is of museum quality and depicts the evolution of fire fighting over the past 100 years. Some of it, like Somerville's 1960

Mack served in local communities. The owners of these veteran fire trucks compete for trophies awarded on the basis of condition, authenticity, and completeness of equipment.

"If you want a helmet or a real fire ax for your den, this is the place to come," says Helen Burns, spokesperson and secretary for the event. There is an extensive flea market featuring used fire fighting gear and accessories, souvenir T-shirts, and various other fire-fighting memorabilia.

Dukes Park is located on Dukes Parkway just west of Main Street in Manville. Follow the "FIRE SHOW" signs and the Maltese cross emblems.

A family version of Shakespeare

MORRISTOWN — On Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m., The Community Theatre will present a family-friendly rendition of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The Bard's most popular comedy intertwines the lives of Greek nobility, common rustics and fairies in a comic romp through the woods on a midsummer's eve. Depicted is the tale of lovers found and lovers lost, of impish fun and comedic plays, of noble times and strange transformations. Visually arresting and theatrical, this production serves as the perfect window into the works of the world's greatest playwright.

Shakespeare's masterpiece has been adapted into an exciting one-hour production by the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's touring company, Shakespeare LIVE!. Without sacrificing the clarity of the story or

the beauty of the language, the troupe of professional actors performs an abridged version that is both accessible and appealing to young people and their parents.

Currently in its 40th season, the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is New Jersey's only professional theatre dedicated to the presentation of Shakespeare's canon and other classic masterworks. Through its productions and education programs, this company strives to illuminate the universal and timeless relevance of the classics.

Tickets, priced at \$12 are now on sale at the box office, 100 South St. by calling (973) 539-8008 or online at www.communitytheatre.nj.com. Box office hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



'It Runs in the Family'

Ray Cooney's British farce, "It Runs in the Family," continues at Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave., West, on May 31 and June 1 at 8 p.m. Call the 24-hour ticket hotline at (908) 232-1221 to reserve tickets at \$1. The performance on May 31 is a benefit and membership cards will not be honored for tickets.

Summer of fun for kids at theatre

METUCHEN — Now in its sixth season, Forum Theatre Company's program for children, A Kid's Forum, has announced its 2002 summer schedule that brings classic children's stories to life on stage.

The season opens June 29 with "Cinderella." This delightful and extremely funny interpretation is directed by Paul Whelan, who wrote the books for and directed "A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol" and "The Velveteen Rabbit."

Following is the smash hit original musical production of "Three Little Pigs," returning to the Forum stage July 23 through Aug. 3. Follow the exploits of Porky, Bacon Bits and Oinky as they attempt to avoid the Big Bad Wolf (who happens to bear a strong resemblance to none other than "Elvis.")

The final production of the summer will be the musical "Snoopy!" Aug. 6 through Sept. 21. All the characters from Charles' Schultz's loveable Peanut Gang come to life as Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel (his doghouse) fight his lifelong enemy, The Red Baron.

Productions are performed by professional actors (members of Actors' Equity Association, the union for stage performers) with live music, colorful sets and imaginative costuming. Cast members meet and greet the children after each performance, signing autographs and having pictures taken with their new friends from the audience.

All musicals are recommended for children ages 2 and up. All seats are reserved, ticket prices are \$12 for everyone with discounts for groups of 20 or more. For tickets, call (732) 548-0582.

Performance schedule is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 1 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m.



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

Oldies groups will perform at Forum

METUCHEN — Tickets are now on sale for an evening of nostalgic bee-bop and rock with The Duprees and Kenny Vance and the Planotones for one night only in a double bill at the Forum Theatre in Metuchen. Performances June 1 at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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Sky Shows

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School One fair

A chilly rain forced Scotch Plains-Fanwood's School One PTA fundraiser indoors Saturday and, much to the disappointment of some youngsters, forced the cancellation of the dunk tank. Principal Jeff Grysko and teachers Jackie Perlee and Kelly Covert were scheduled for turns on the tank's hot seat, but they were granted reprieves. Above, a youngster takes aim and topples some bottles, which might, or might not, have been as satisfying as dunking the principal.

GEORGE PACCIOLLO
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield author publishes

WESTFIELD — Town resident John D. Luerssen will release his first book, "Mouthing Off: A Book of Rock & Roll Quotes," on June 4.

Published by The Telegraph Co., a Brooklyn and Pittsburgh-based record label and publishing house, the book consists of hundreds of quotations from both rock legends and today's biggest stars.

Luerssen, a lifelong New Jersey resident and contributor to Rolling Stone, Billboard and CDNow, call the quotations "often obnoxious, sometimes introspective and remarkably honest musings of our globe's most cherished and acclaimed rock 'n' roll personalities."

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Proceeds from a giant rummage sale will benefit the Cerebral Palsy League, which has facilities in Cranford and Union.

The rummage sale is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, in the American Legion hall at 112 W. Elizabeth Ave., Linden. Rain date is Sunday, June 2. Clothing, toys, games, household goods, and bric-a-brac are being offered.

Seminar addresses women investors

Women's clubs and other organizations are 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 at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Stewart Ritter from the Westfield office of Prudential Securities is the presenter. For tickets, phone Rose DeSimone at (908) 789-7827.

La Leche League plans June meetings

La Leche League of Westfield, a breastfeeding information and support group, holds meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are held at the Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 E. Lincoln Ave., Cranford.

Meetings for mothers of toddlers are held on the first Thursday while meetings for mothers of infants and babies are held on the third Thursday.

Mothers and their children are welcome. The next meeting dates are June 6 (toddlers) and June 20 (infants and babies).

For more information call (908) 301-1339, (908) 789-4772, or (908) 233-7164.

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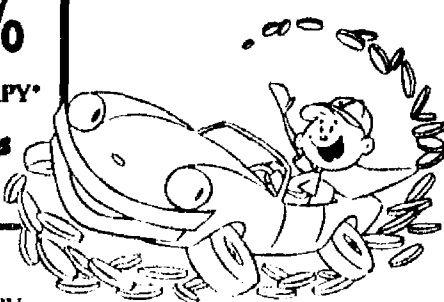
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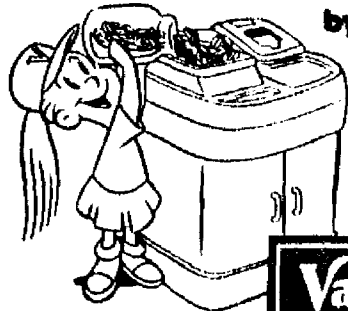
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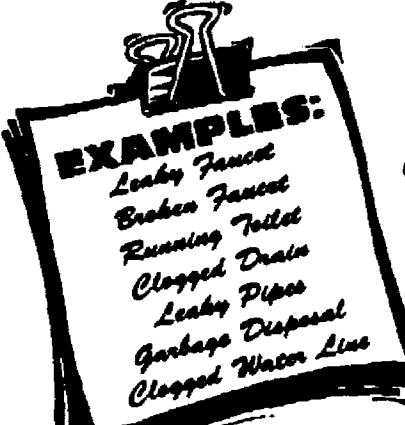
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Sports

Blue Devils rally their way into UCT final

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

RAHWAY — Mike Sofka has been playing with a bad back all season but after four grueling hours Sunday he had enough left to break the backs of Plainfield, delivering the game winning single in the bottom of the 11th inning to propel the Westfield High baseball team into the Union County Tournament finals.

After nearly four hours and 11 innings of superb baseball by both squads, Westfield rallied back for the third time, scoring three times in the final frame to down the Cardinals 9-8 in an absolute classic high school baseball game and will now meet Johnson in the tourna-

ment final 8 p.m. tomorrow at Linden's Memorial Field. Johnson trounced top-seeded Union 11-2.

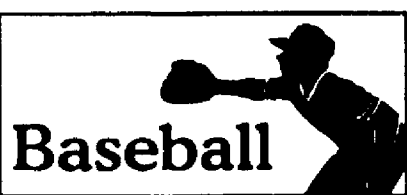
The Blue Devils will be seeking their first county title since 1997, and its final goal of the season. Westfield won the Greater North Plainfield Tournament, and all but wrapped up the Watchung Conference National Division title with a 14-10 victory over Cranford Monday, but fell to Elizabeth 3-2 in eight innings in the first round of the state tournament Tuesday.

In Johnson Westfield will see a squad with a strong starting pitcher and well balanced lineup. Drew Thomas limited Union to just six hits and one run, while the offense was able to

blow the game open with a six-run fifth inning. Jay Cook will get the start again for Westfield, with Andrew Garrison available if needed in relief.

"They are a very well coached team, they have a real good pitcher and can get hits all the way through the lineup," said Westfield Head Coach Bob Brewster. "They are a very skilled team."

Sunday, Plainfield led 8-6 in the 11th after a two-run home run by Kaz Beverly and appeared ready to return to the UCT final when Westfield recorded its second out in the



Baseball

bottom of the frame. But with Brian Butts on, Brett Picaro beat out a slow roller to shortstop, Ben Koket followed with a two-run double to tie the game, and Sofka singled home Koket with the winning run.

After jumping out to a two run lead Westfield trailed four times in the game but never blinked. The Devils tied the game 3-3 with a run in the fourth, then staved off elimination with two runs in the bottom of the seventh, one in the eighth and three in the 11th.

Koket and Josh Ludmer each finished with three runs batted

in. Jay Cook pitched 7 1/3 innings, striking out 13 and walking four for the no-decision. Garrison pitched the final 3 2/3 to earn the win.

Despite battling up hill and facing elimination for most of the four-hour marathon, Westfield's confidence never wavered. Koket had a two-out two-run single in the bottom of the seventh Tuesday, tying the game before the Devils fell in the eighth.

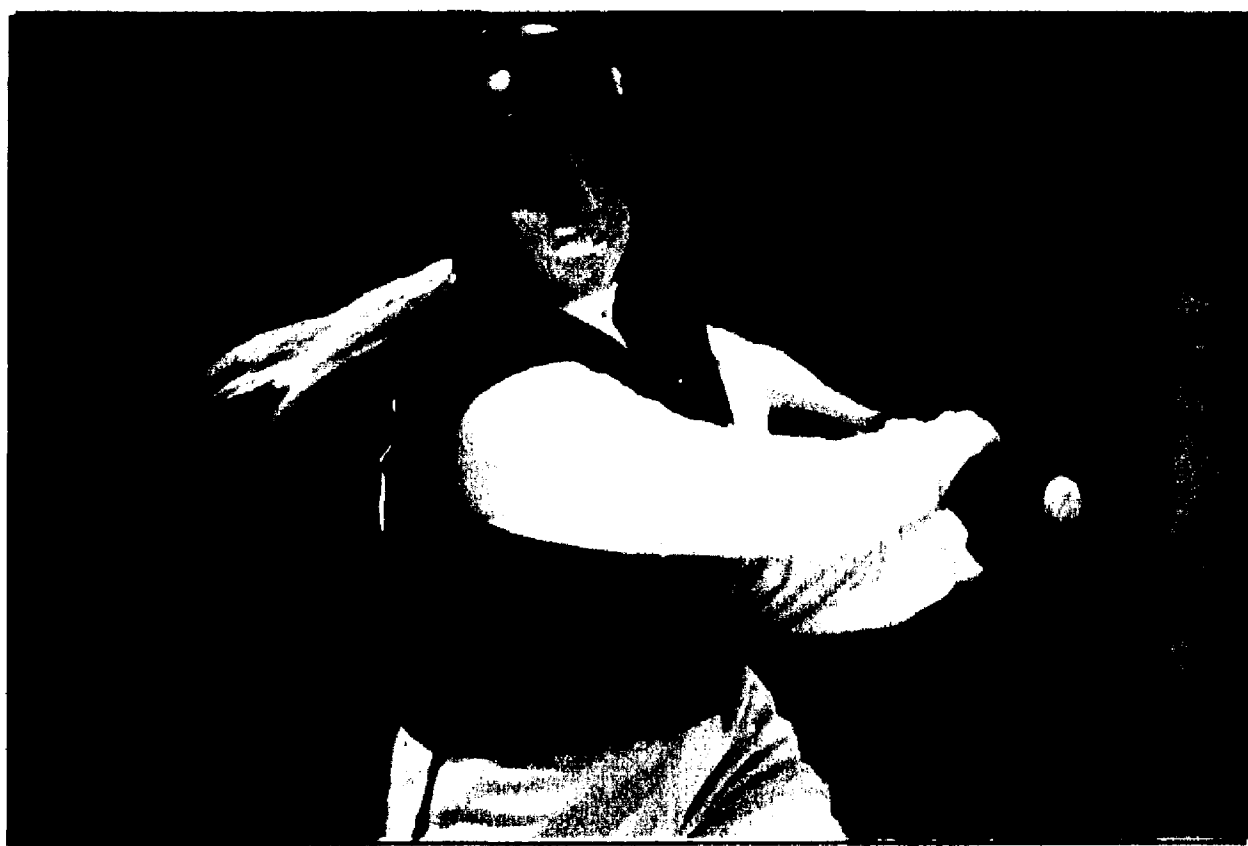
"We knew we've (come back) lots of times in the past," said Picaro. "We know we can come back and score runs. We never think we're out of a game — we know we can do what it takes to get back in the game."

"You look all through the lineup and it's safe to say every-

one thinks one through nine can all get hits. I have just as much confidence in the bottom of the lineup as I do in the top, and it's the same thing for everyone else.

"A lot of teams — if they didn't know already — know now they can't count us out. They know they have to play good for seven innings to beat us."

The game was a dramatic varsity debut for Ken Miller. The junior varsity head coach took over the reigns for Brewster, who was at his daughter's college graduation. Brewster didn't receive the news of the victory until late that night. Miller, freshman coach Joe Marino and volunteer assistant coach Brian Sloan called the shots in his stead.



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Changing focus

After a disappointing 4-3 loss to Union in the Union County Tournament semifinals Friday night, the Westfield High softball team began their quest for a state sectional title yesterday when they hosted Livingston. The semifinals are slated for Tuesday.

Devils dominate in first round of state tourney

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The Westfield High girls lacrosse team began its quest to reach the next level with a dominating performance in the opening round of the state tournament Tuesday.

Fifth-seeded Westfield routed 12th-seeded Northern Highlands 19-2 and displayed some of its best lacrosse of the season. The Devils battled fourth-seeded West Morris Central Thursday in the second round of the North Public A tournament. The winner will face the Bridgewater-Raritan-West Windsor North winner Wednesday.

Eight different Blue Devils found their way into the score

book Tuesday, led by Brittany Miller's five goals and one assists and Morgan Lang with four goals and three assists. Sara Flood registering four goals and one assist, Ashley Kent had three goals and three assists, Ali Pino had three goals and two assists, Staci Spas had two assists and Heather Lane and Laura Schelman each had one assist.

Julie Vanerellis made two saves and Suzi Kennedy stopped three shots.

"They played some beautiful lacrosse (Tuesday)," said Westfield Head Coach Erin O'Connell. "They put together some unbelievable passing sequences — it was just beautiful to watch. They were very trusting of one another."

Tuesday's victory was Westfield first step towards climbing closer to the state's elite. Westfield reached the second round of the state tournament two years ago, but was knocked out in the first round last year.

"It's nice to be in the states, but now we want to go a little further," said O'Connell. "If they play (yesterday) they way they played (Tuesday) it's going to be a great game to watch."

West Morris certainly provides one of Westfield's toughest challenges of the season, after the Blue Devils played an uneven level of competition throughout the season. Playing in the weak

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Williams sets more records, captures three county golds

Topping one improbable feat with another, Ray Williams dazzled his competition again Friday at the Union County Track and Field Championships, setting two meet records while winning three events.

Williams broke the 400 meter record he set last season, but was disappointed in his 47.4 time. He then went out and set the 200 meter record, running 20.9 to break Rahway's Danny Johnson's and Elizabeth's Hakim Johnson's mark of 21.2. Williams 20.9 hand time is among the fastest ever in the state, and puts him in position to break Danny Johnson's state automatic time record of 20.93.

Before setting two records, Williams won the long jump with a leap of 22 feet 10 1/4 inches. He also split 46.6 on the 4x400 relay, helping to bring his team across in the fourth place.

His heroics weren't enough to lift Scotch Plains to its sixth consecutive team title. The Raiders finished in sixth place with 52 points, 26 points behind first place Union.

Chris Feighner finished second in the shot put (52-5 3/4) and sixth in the discus (130-9 1/2). Adam Ortle was fifth in the javelin (151-3). Bob Wallden finished fourth in the mile (4:35.2) and fifth in the two-mile (9:58.0). Brian Kopnicki was sixth in the two-mile (10:03.0).

SOFTBALL

Shanayia Willis had a double and a single, but Scotch Plains fell to Westfield 3-0 Tuesday.

Scotch Plains 16, Shabazz 3 — Shanayia Willis had a three-run home run and Kellie LaForge had four RBI as Scotch Plains routed Shabazz 16-3 Monday. Laura Manzi threw a three-hitter and struck out eight, while also driving in three runs.

BASEBALL

Andrew Pavoni, Josh Wexler and Jef Hensal each had two hits and two RBI as Scotch Plains topped Shabazz 12-1 in five

HIGH SCHOOL WRAPUP

innings Monday.

Scotch Plains 7, North Plainfield 5 — Dave Baumwoll keyed a four-run fifth inning with a two-run single to rally Scotch Plains back from a 4-2 deficit and lift them to 7-5 win over North Plainfield Friday.

WESTFIELD

Westfield jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Union rallied back to take a 4-2 lead and eventually down the Blue Devils 4-3 in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament Friday.

Trailing by two runs Westfield loaded the bases with nobody out in the sixth, but could only push across one run. Rachel Wagner and Tara Dowling each had RBIs for the Devils.

Westfield 3, Scotch Plains 0 — Erin Corbett singled in two runs in the decisive third run third inning Tuesday.

Cranford 1, Westfield 0 — Caitlin MacDonald allowed just four hits, and had all three Westfield hits, but the Blue Devils (18-4) fell to Cranford 1-0 Monday.

Westfield 12, Linden 4 — Caitlin MacDonald drove in a run and scored twice as Westfield cruised past Linden 12-4 May 16.

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield registered an impressive 8-6 victory over Bridgewater-Raritan in the regular season finale Saturday, led by five goals from Mike Debrossey.

Westfield earned the ninth seed in the state tournament and will host the South Brunswick-West Windsor North winner Saturday. The second round is slated for Wednesday.

TENNIS

Westfield fell to Livingston 5-0 in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 final Tuesday.

Westfield 4, Columbia 1 — Rich Moran and Dave Eisenberg earned singles victories and

Westfield swept the doubles to defeat Columbia 4-1 in the sectional semifinals May 16.

GOLF

Westfield fired a 329 at Rumson Country Club Monday to finish 10th overall in the state and second in Group 4. Adam Karnish led Westfield with a five-over 76, followed by a 79 from Ryan Shallercross, and 86 from Garrett Cockren and an 88 from Erin Cockren.

TRACK

Adam Wendell was the lone gold medal winner for Westfield at the Union County Track and Field Championships Friday, high jumping 6 feet 2 inches. Westfield finished third with 56 points.

BASEBALL

Westfield rallied back with two runs in the seventh inning, but Elizabeth scored on a wild pitch in the eighth to eliminate Westfield from the state tournament 3-2 Tuesday.

Ben Koket singled home two runs with two out in the seventh to tie the game.

Westfield 14, Cranford 10 — Brett Picaro had a two-run double and John Leonardis had a two run single to lead a nine-run sixth inning and propel Westfield to a 14-10 victory over Cranford Monday.

Westfield 17, East Brunswick 6 — Jim McKeon blasted a solo home run and Brian Butts had two RBI as Westfield pounded out 12 hits in a 17-6 romp of East Brunswick Friday.

Westfield 11, Linden 4 — Matt Rothstein smacked a grand slam to spark Westfield to an 11-4 victory over Linden May 16. John Boyd allowed just three runs and six hits over four innings. Brett Picaro, Brian Butts and Ben Koket each had three hits.

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A little bit more rain would only help

By MANNY LUFTGLASS

RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Summer is coming! The days are getting longer and warm again. And what was that we just got — rain? It sure looked like it and who knows, Spruce Run Reservoir's boat ramps might one day be usable again.

Don't credit the local water company, though, for it. They did everything short of draining the dog-gone place dry. And it was all legal, too. No thanks to them, if we get continued excessive rain storms like we had the past few weeks, the lake may fill up again.

Until then, though, only those of us who can launch from the hard-packed dirt are capable of fishing. And selfishly speaking, that's really OK with me. But for the rowboat franchise owner, and others

involved with producing income at the park, only heavy rains can help them. My guess is that, unless that rain comes, income the state usually gets from park entrants will be down by at least 50 percent because the swimming beach will be closed. And, of course, so will the boat rental.

And the folks who like to chase their sails around in circles will be hard-pressed, too, to enjoy sailing. At this time of the year, the area in which sailboats are parked is usually full. But as of a week ago, I saw nearly half of the spaces empty. And, of course, that's because sailboats cannot launch when they don't have a launch ramp to use. A few exceptions from boats that draw very little water, put in by real experts, might take place but otherwise, woe is them.

I still have hope that Sen.

GONE FISHIN'

Leonard Lance will do something to correct the problem caused when the bill Sen. Schluter and he arranged to get passed last year had a loophole the water company took advantage of. More on that at a later date.

Gloom and doom to the side, fishing really has been good at Spruce Run for those who can launch, and for that matter, shore-casters did OK, too. The state finally stocked the lake with trout as well and they are biting.

My friend Wray Bailey wrote to me, saying he'd fished with Erwin (Muzzie) McKinnie of Henderson, N.C. at Spruce Run May 1. The twosome caught 10 hybrid bass that day to six pounds. A few days earlier, Wray boated a 25-inch, six-

pound brown trout, plus two catfish and two large crappie. Tim Hall, another of Wray's friends, fished one day with son Tyler and Tim's niece, Rachel Smith and they caught two hybrid bass.

Wray added he's been catching both largemouth and smallmouth bass (all have to be released, of course, until June 16).

I put the "Gone Fishin'" in for the first time last week and lucked out with my first "Rocket" (hybrid) of the year, a beautiful six-pounder I released. It was slow picking otherwise with only a little brownie, one eel, a yellow perch and a fat white perch but one rocket sure can make your day, big time!

And, of course, I saved the best for a while longer but can't keep from telling you about the monster of a lake trout that got whupped at Round Valley Reservoir!

For the second record-buster in a row, this also was a very experienced angler, another fellow member of the Round Valley Trout Association, I assume, named Greg Young. Greg trolls and has done well pulling live herring but this time, he was dragging a Sutton spoon May 4 and, after a full hour of battling, he netted his beast.

Now just close your eyes and imagine this. Have you ever caught a freshwater fish that weighed six-and-a-half pounds? Yes, I have, but many of you may not have done so. Well, Greg's fish weighed six-and-a-half pounds more than the prevailing state-record lake trout!

Last year, my friend Walter Neumann broke the record with his 26-pounder but Greg's weighed 32.8 pounds! Wowser, what a monster!

Scuze me, gone fishin'.

Devils dominate

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Logan Division, Westfield didn't see much state caliber competition throughout the season, but did pick up a big win over a tough Montclair team to end the regular season May 15. Miller scored seven goals and picked up two assists as Westfield edged Montclair 15-14. Pino had three goals, Spas had two goals and five assists and Kent had one goal and three assists.

"Our schedule has been a little lopsided," said O'Connell. "Because of the league we're in we have to play certain games. The Logan Division isn't as strong. Next year we'll look to get non-conference games against better competition."

YOUTH SPORTS

BASEBALL

Westfield International League play continued in a rain-shortened week in which only six games were completed. Two of those games saw the Braves beat the Blue Jays 7-3, with the Blue Jays coming back the next evening to defeat the Dodgers 6-0 to keep their record above .500.

In the latter game, Jays pitchers Matt Monaghan, Tommy McManus and Mark Fischetti combined to hold the Dodgers to five hits. Fischetti, Michael Clark and Ryan Brown paced the offense with two hits each. The Jays also turned two double plays, each executed by Kiran Patankar, Tony Dilorio and Richard Venekus. Also contributing with timely hitting and solid defense were Eric Grow, Joshua David and Brian Dunn.

For the Dodgers, Chris Jenkins tossed two shutout innings, striking out five. Derek Wanfried had three hits, including two doubles, and Jenkins, Kyle Marsh and Andrew Wentz added hits. Ryan Ragoza and Michael Clark each turned in sharp defensive plays.

In an exciting contest earlier

in the week, the Angels and Braves battled to a 2-2 tie in a game marked by strong pitching and crisp defensive play. For the Angels, pitchers Robbie Witkowski and Bobby Molson combined for 15 strikeouts to lighten the load on their defense. Braves pitcher John Dilorio struck out seven over 3 1/3 innings, and Matt Printz pitched scoreless 5th and 6th innings after coming in to strike out the last batter in the fourth with the bases loaded. Josh Rosenberg had the first RBI for the Braves and Ricardo Johnson doubled and scored the tying run in the 6th. Cameron Claussen added a hit. Run saving catches were made by outfielders John Doyle and Dylan Henek.

Other results for the week were the Indians 12-10 over the Diamondbacks, the Orioles over the Marlins 12-11 and the Yankees 8-4 over the Indians.

GYMNASTICS

Surgents competes in region championships

Four gymnasts on the Class 5 Boys' Team from Surgents Elite School of Gymnastics in Garwood qualified and competed in the 2002 Region VII Championships held at the University of Maryland at Baltimore on April 13. All four boys qualified by finishing in the top ten in the state of New Jersey in this year's competition meets. In addition to NJ, Region VII encompasses the best gymnasts in NY, MD, PA, DE, VA and WV. Andrew Gialanella, Bobby Oberlander, and Kevin Clancy hail from Westfield, while Justin Catalano resides in Mountainside. At older ages, the winners at the Regional Championships qualify for the Junior Olympic National Championships. The boys competed in six events including the floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and high bars. Andrew Gialanella had an outstanding meet scoring 8.7 on the pommel

horse, 8.9 on the vault and 8.2 on the floor exercise. Bobby Oberlander scored 8.6 on the vault and 7.8 on the pommel horse. Kevin Clancy scored 8.7 on the vault and 7.6 on the high bar. Justin Catalano nailed his vault and scored 9.2. He also scored 7.4 on the floor exercise. The boys train throughout the year for competition in the winter and spring seasons culminating at the regional championships.

F-SP YMCA seventh in state

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA 'C' division gymnastics team finished seventh in the YMCA State Championships May 5, just 2.5 points out of third place.

There was plenty of excitement for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA team, which hosted the event, and saw many of their competitors receive awards. Seven gymnasts from the F-SP team competed in the 9-and-under age group, most of them in their first state level competition. Olivia Dunham finished in seventh place on floor. Marissa Mastrocola was fifth on beam and sixth on vault and uneven bars. Sarah VanBuskirk was fifth on vault and sixth on balance beam. Samantha Mazzucco took the bronze for her work on the uneven bars and placed fifth in the All-Around competition by also taking fourth on beam, and sixth on vault. The silver medal on vault went to Victoria Shack, who was also sixth on floor. Kelsey Herbig and Cathryn Vaccaro also competed for F-SP.

Alina Chabus was the only gymnast competing from the F-SP team in the 10-11 age group, placing ninth on balance beam.

Rounding out the F-SP team in the 12 and over age group was Julia Capodiscasa. She earned 10th place in the All-Around competition for her efforts on all four events, backed up by her eighth-place finish on uneven bars and balance beam.

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Power tie Lyons

For the second time this spring the Scotch Plains Power U12 girls soccer team met a previously unbeaten, untied team and put the first blemish on their record. But like the earlier 0-0 tie with the Scotch Plains Thunderbolts, Sunday's 0-0 tie at Westfield against the Lions was disappointing in the missed offensive opportunities. Although the Power now sport a 5-1-2 record with only two goals allowed, further success has been denied by a lack of offense. In five of their eight games they have scored one goal or fewer but an airtight defense has allowed them to remain in the upper echelon of the league with one game remaining, Thursday at 6:15 against the Cranford Rockets. At Orange Avenue School, The defensive heroes were many, led by Mary Henkels, who started in the goal and moved up to fullback. Jessica Santos, who has yet to allow a goal all year and regular goalie Allie Thek, who heroically played goal in the second half despite a bruised finger. The other fullbacks Jaclyn Lazarus, Maria Rivero and Lindsay Traiman were solid as usual with an assist from sweeper Cecilia Osterman. Halfbacks Caitlin Daly, Danielle Wood and Nicole Colineri helped the Power dominate the midfield. Kristen Lamertson, Diana Caicedo, Avery Boettcher, Courtney Baines kept the pressure on the Westfield defense all day.

Pythons still undefeated

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Pythons U-10 boys soccer team continues to bury the competition as they improved to 7-0 in Flight 5 of the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association League. The Pythons impenetrable defense and gritty goalie play has compiled four shutouts while outscoring the competition 15-2.

On April 21 the Pythons hosted the Central Jersey Nitestars. The first half ended with neither team scoring as the play was a seesaw battle in the middle of the field. Scott Keogh, Greg Stein and Louis Mazzella provided physical play to keep the ball in the Python possession. In the second half, the Pythons came out on the attack as Steven Bello found the back of the net after the ball bounced around in front of the goal that was started with a crossing ball by Chris Freeman. As the game wound down, Rory Szeto added an insurance goal for the Pythons from a perfectly placed pass by Gary Binkiewicz. The Pythons defense continued to shut down the Nitestars attacks to seal a 2-0 victory. John Maxwell was solid in goal.

On May 5 the Pythons traveled to Old Bridge to take on the Flames. The Pythons once again shut out their opponent by a score of 2-0. Matthew O'Donnell was outstanding on the wing position as he created scoring opportunities and had two shots deflect off the goal posts. Within minutes of the opening kickoff, Matt O'Donnell fed a back pass to Rick Shevlin that he drilled into the upper corner of the net. The Pythons dominated play in the offensive end of the field for most of the first half with great team hustle and determination, especially Donavan Garrett and Joey D'Annunzio. In the second half Stephen Kuchinski scored off an assist by Rory Szeto to seal the victory for the Pythons. Gary Binkiewicz and John Maxwell shared the goalie duties and each made key saves to secure the shutout.



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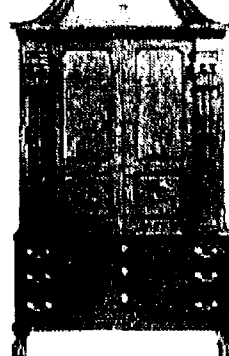
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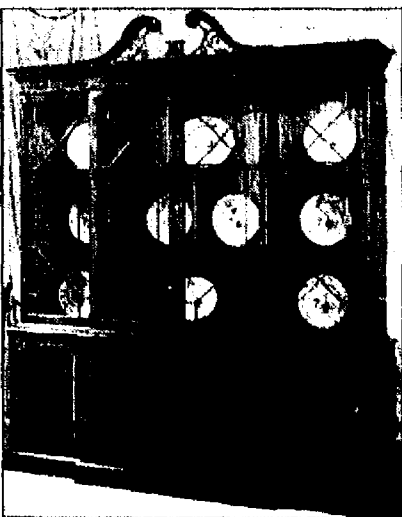
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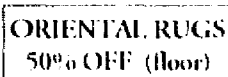
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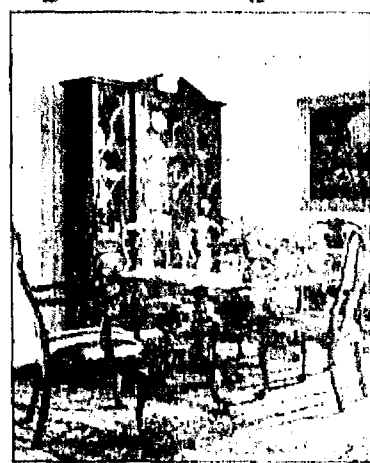
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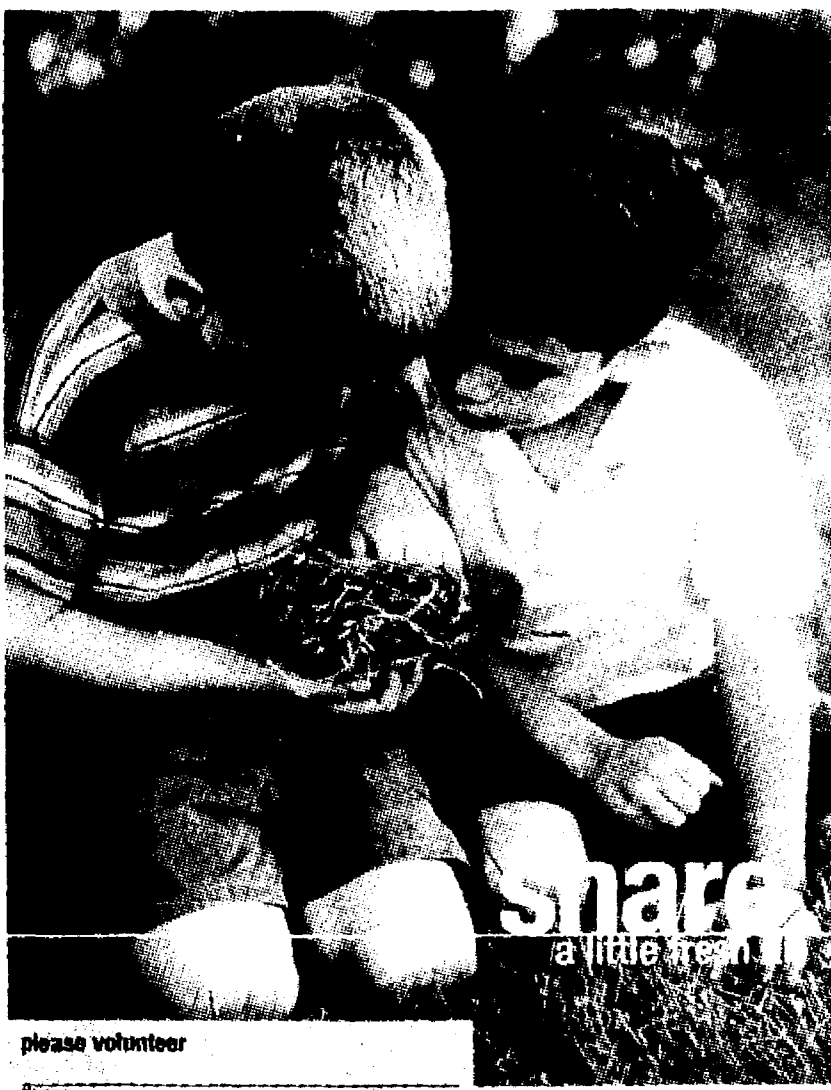


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Real Estate

Lenders who prey on seniors may need to pray

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The noose is tightening around the necks of predatory mortgage lenders — particularly those who target senior homeowners.

Major educational programs, designed to make consumers more aware of the increasing number of mortgage scams out there, have been launched by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Association of Realtors, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America and other real estate-related organizations. Now, big-money legal actions are really getting the attention of greedy lenders.

A \$60 million lawsuit settlement, negotiated by the Federal Trade Commission, was recently announced. This is the largest of its kind ever negotiated by the Federal Trade Commission. It ends a four-year battle waged by the AARP and others against a major mortgage company that consistently promoted unfair loans that sometimes led to senior homeowners losing their properties.

The settlement is expected to return \$2,500 to \$3,300 each to 18,000 mortgage borrowers in 18 states. It has still to be approved by a federal court in California.

"Older people are major targets

of predatory lenders," said AARP Executive Director Bill Novelli. "In part, this is because nearly 80 percent of people over age 50 own their own homes. We've heard many of them say, 'They didn't tell me I could lose my home.'"

The AARP filed suit against the firm in 1998 after receiving complaints from older homeowners across the country about the company's practices. This involved using high-pressure sales tactics and deceptive claims to push homeowners into new mortgage loans that cost them excessive fees. In some cases, it resulted in consumers losing their homes.

For example, the lender firm charged loan origination fees amounting to 10 to 25 percent of the total loan amount. Most mortgage lenders charge about 2 percent.

The firm also misrepresented its adjustable-rate loans, increasing rates 1 percent every six months for two or three years instead of adjusting them up or down based on market changes in prevailing interest rates.

Predatory lending has been exploding over the past decade, according to an AARP report. Lenders lure people into loans they really can't afford, usually by borrowing against the equity in their homes. The loans are often promoted as an easy way to

consolidate debt.

The AARP report warns homeowners to be very cautious of any lender who says there's no problem with poor credit, or offers a bargain loan, or rushes you to sign immediately, or asks you to pay a fee upfront, or tries to sell a loan with small monthly payments but includes a "balloon payment" — a large, final payment that you can't afford to make.

Q. Is there an educational program specifically designed to teach teen-agers the basics of home building?

A. I recently learned about one of the most creative and innovative real-estate educational projects ever launched. It targets junior high school students who are interested in planning and building homes.

It's a computer-based program produced by the National Association of Home Builders. It gives young students a chance to become virtual home builders.

Responding to the impact computers are having on classroom instruction and the way young people learn, NAHB created a program called "Building Homes of Our Own." It's an interactive CD-ROM simulation game that transports students directly into the home-building process.

The students work within a budget to design and build a

home. They solve real-life problems, make decisions and use time- and money-management skills, all in a fun game environment that reinforces their math, science, social studies and language arts lessons.

When their home is completed, players review credit applications and sell their "virtual dream house" to a qualified buyers.

"This program has enormous potential to reach young people who are the home buyers of tomorrow," said Gary Garczynski, NAHB president. "It will teach them what it takes to build a house. And it will encourage some youngsters to seriously consider a career in the home-building industry."

The game is being developed for NAHB by Media Options, a consulting firm that has been creating and marketing educational products for 20 years. It has tapped into many resources, including home-building industry leaders from NAHB's membership, to plan and produce this special program.

The "Building Homes of Our Own" game and teacher's guide will be available free to educators for the start of the 2002-2003 school year. To preview the new program, visit the Web site at www.homesofourown.org, or call Betty Christy at NAHB, (202) 266-8405.

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Demyen sets sales record for Westfield office

WESTFIELD — Elaine Demyen, a consistent top achiever for Burgdorff ERA, has set an office record for Westfield and has been honored as Salesperson and Listing Agent of the Month for April 2002.

As a sales associate, Demyen has sold 10 units with a dollar volume of over 3.3 million and for listing agent she has listed five units for the month with a dollar volume of over \$2.1 million.

Demyen has received many distinguished awards; she has earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club Silver Achievement

Award in 1998-2001, and the Bronze Award in 1989, 1992-97 and has also been honored with the NJAR Distinguished Sales Award for 2000.

Demyen has been a real estate professional for 15 years, specializing in Cranford, Westfield, Scotch Plains and the surrounding areas. Demyen has also been honored with the Top Producer in the Westfield Office for 1999 with the largest number of Sales Transactions. Demyen was also named to the Burgdorff Leader's Circle in 2002 and in 2001 to the President's Club.

Judy Sagan, vice president/Manager of the Westfield Office stated, "Elaine is a wonderful professional in our office. Her outstanding efforts in service to her clients needs is what distinguishes her as a top agent in our industry."

Ms. Demyen has a vast knowledge of Union County and has a comprehensive understanding of the area."

Demyen contributes to the community through her work and commitment. You may contact her at her direct line (908)233-6326 or email her at ElaineDemyen@burgdorff.com.



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Automotive/Classified

This is the car to buy when you've won the lottery

BY MARK MAYNARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If I win the lottery this week, the new Mercedes SL500 will be on my top-five list, right after I build a garage.

I've just completed more than 700 miles in its multicontour seats, and I'm still looking for things to complain about.

In this re-creation of the fifth-generation SL, Mercedes-Benz has not tried to re-invent the car, but provided the benefit of science while preserving the pleasure of driving.

Any driver, I expect, could settle in behind the wheel and drive off without having to bone up on a user's guide, though knowledge of the owner's manual is desirable.

With a \$90,000 starting price, this SL is full of image but as easygoing as your favorite blue jeans.

Though wired with space-age electronics, it is presented for the common driver — the luxury user. There is every contemporary convenience without gimmicks and confusion. Of course, there is a pop-up roll bar and head-thorax side air bags in the doors. Front air bags have two-stage force depending on the severity of the situation, and the passenger bag can be switched off as needed.

Shoulder belts are anchored in the seats to help hold occupants in place in case of a rollover. And the belts relax when in place so you don't have the constant pull of the belt across the chest on a long trip.

The exterior styling is sultry, not trendy, and the architecture flows without compromise to drivability or comfort. The last-generation SL was on sale for 12 years, so the new one would need design legs to survive the fashion impulses of more than a decade.

And as a two-seat lifestyle statement, there is business-class room for adults.



The Mercedes convertible may be the tops.

The cockpit is simply and ergonomically arranged. Even the COMAND system — the lap-top-like networking for stereo, navigation, CD and cell phone via an LCD display on the dash — has evolved to be more user-friendly. What seemed Pentium-class confusing a couple of years ago can be bypassed by controls on the instrument panel.

There are a variety of storage areas, including door compartments, a split-level center console and seat-front compartments. Instead of tiny, cramped back seats, there is a shelf with safety straps to secure packages or luggage and in-floor storage.

The trunk appears short on space — 7.3 cubic feet — but with careful packing there is room for two airline roll-on size pieces of luggage with room left over to stow other soft bags and jackets for a good road trip and still have room to drop the top.

Sightlines are relatively clear over the shoulder for such compact quarters and there is no glare from the raked windshield. The two-piece top peels back with near silent action in 16 seconds. That's a notable improvement over the old design that was a Mixmaster of whirring switches and clacking latches and jerky mechanism.

One large, unmistakable button/lever on the center console activates the process, and there is a power-operated windscreen the can be raised or lowered. There's no need to put the transmission in park or apply the parking brake. Drop the top at a traffic light and you can still move away at low speeds, if needed, as the top finishes its work.

A streamlined 0.32 coefficient of drag means low wind noise, top up or down. And even at breathtaking highway speeds the airflow is so well settled that con-

versations and music can be enjoyed at civilized decibels.

The only glitch I encountered in my week of driving occurred while raising the roof and finding that the trunk lid closed ajar. In a hotel parking lot I tried to open the trunk with the remote and then the interior release and finally had success with the valet key in the remote fob.

"And just how long have you owned your car, Mr. Maynard?" asked the valet standing at my side.

Lucky for me this car attracts a crowd. Another valet who had observed this problem on another new SL knew that by cycling through the locking and unlocking sequence the misaligned deck would reset itself. And it did.

Twelve years of engineering advancements have refined the muscle-car hardness that was part last year's model and

stroked the new one with strength and grace.

An electronic active suspension keeps the car level in cornering while ESP — electronic stability controls — over- or under-steer. The ABC Sport switch on the console hardens the ride to trim about 95 percent of the body roll. Push it much harder, I suspect, and you'll be shopping for a body shop.

An electronic brake system — brake by wire — is computerized for faster response that can modulate brake pressure at each wheel to compensate for uneven road surfaces or for more stability in turns.

The sensors will also detect an emergency move from throttle to brake pedal and boost hydraulic pressure preloading — to provide a full-force stop. In rain, the system will adjust caliper pressure to just brush the discs to keep them dry. There's also the back-up security of a hydraulic master cylinder in case of an electrical blackout.

The chassis is solid and unshakable top up or down — unlike the Lexus SC430, which has noticeable body flex.

The SL's hood, doors, roof and trunk lid are aluminum to save weight, but 30 percent of the structure is of high-strength steel. Despite its 14 1/2-feet of languid curves, the SL has a tight 35.4-foot turning radius, which means you can make a U-turn on most neighborhood streets without scraping the alloy wheels or high-performance tires.

More than 2 tons of curb weight might seem to challenge the 302-horsepower 5.0-liter V-8, but the power runs deep and pulls especially hard from about 30 mph upward; 0 to 60 mph comes up in 6.1 seconds. And along the way, piped-in music from the dual exhaust and growling engine resonates with invitation, not intrusion.

Fuel mileage is rated 16 miles per gallon around town and 23 on the highway; I was getting about 22 mpg in mixed driving conditions.

The SL500 is more of a tourer than performance car, but Mercedes will start selling the SL55 AMG this fall. Packed with a supercharged, 463-hp 5.5-liter V-8 and heavy-duty SpeedShift automatic transmission, it will do 0-60 in 4.5 seconds. No pricing yet, but count on six figures to start.

Now if I can just remember to buy a lottery ticket.

SPECS

2003 Mercedes-Benz SL500

Body style: Two-seat retractable hardtop convertible

Drive system: Front engine, rear-wheel drive

Engine: Aluminum twin-spark 24-valve 5.0-liter V-8

Horsepower: 302 at 5,600 revolutions per minute

Torque: 339 foot-pounds from 2,700 to 4,200 rpm

Transmission: Five-speed TouchShift automatic

Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 6.1 seconds; top speed, 155 mph

EPA estimated fuel economy: 15 mpg city, 22 highway

Fuel tank: 21.1 gallons

PRICING

Suggested Retail Price: \$86,655; price as tested, \$97,100, including \$665 destination charge and \$1,300 gas-guzzler tax

Options on test car: Tire pressure monitoring system, \$630; bi-xenon headlights, \$900; Keyless Go, \$1,015; Comfort package (ventilated seats with multicontour seat backs), \$1,520; SL2 Sport Package (18-inch AMG monoblock wheels and high-performance tires, AMG front air dam, side skirts and rear apron), \$5,100

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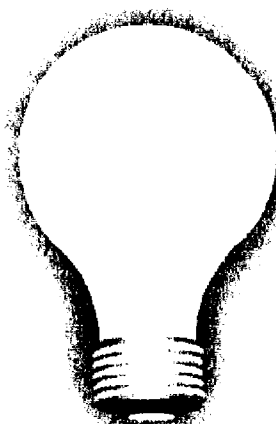
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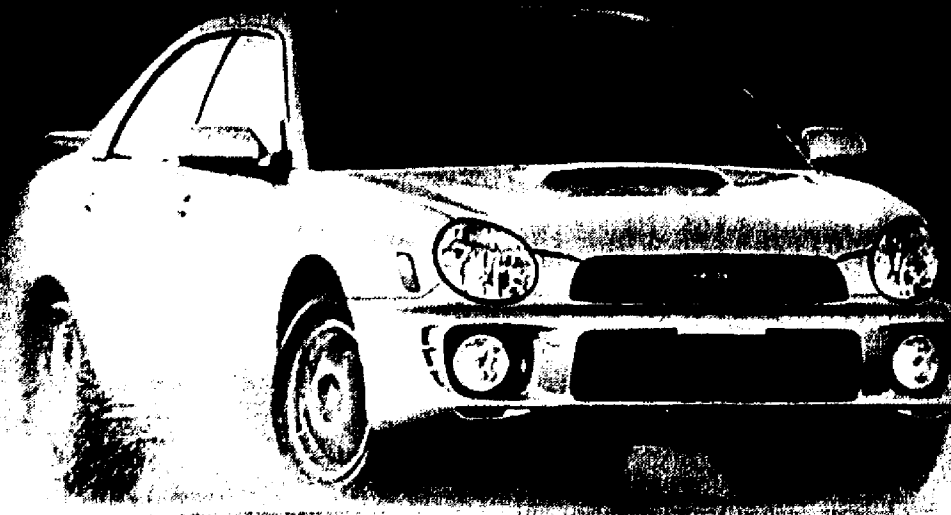
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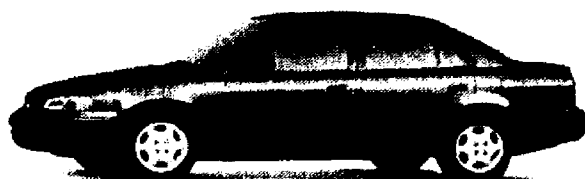
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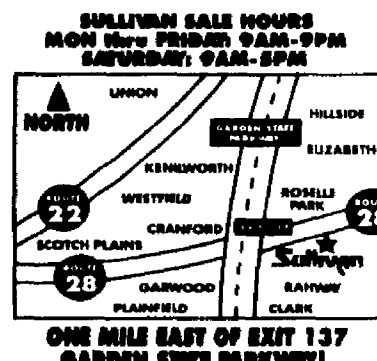
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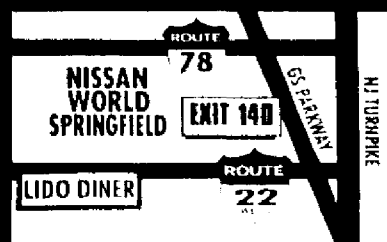
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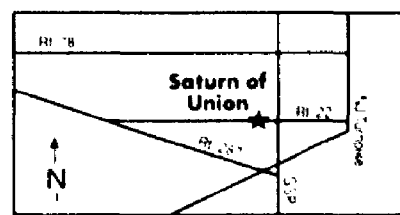
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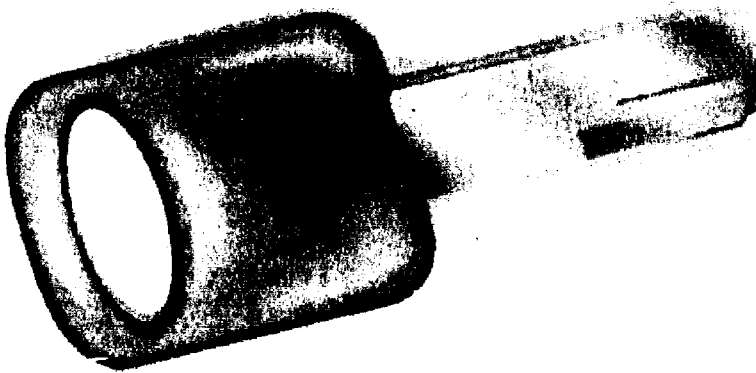
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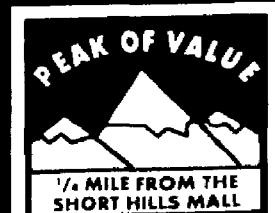
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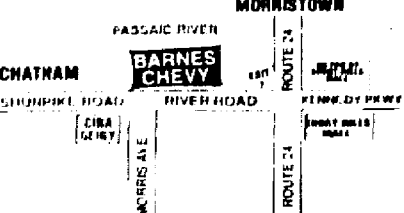
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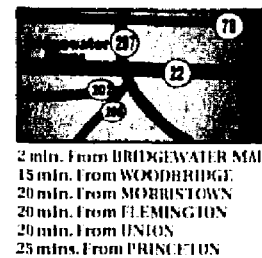
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No Need To Leave Home: Summer Session Popular With Students Enrolled At UCC And Elsewhere

CRANFORD—In spite of the tendency to treat summer as a break from the normal routine, students are finding that the large menu of courses and schedules offered by Union County College can take some pressure off the regular academic schedules they face in fall and spring semesters. This is true whether their home school is UCC or they are enrolled at a college or university elsewhere.

Last summer, UCC classes were filled with students from other colleges earning credits to take back to their home campuses. Some of the schools represented were Boston College, Clemson University, Gettysburg College, Ithaca College, Johns Hopkins University, Kean University, Kutztown University, Lehigh University, Marist College, Montclair University, Muh-

lenberg College, Notre Dame University, Quinnipiac College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Syracuse University, University of Delaware, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Vermont, and Wake Forest University.

This summer, Union County College is offering more than 300 credit classes in subjects that are transferable to almost any college program. Summer offerings include classes in English, Business, Economics, Fine Arts, History, Sociology, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, Physical Education, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Government, Computers, Foreign Languages, Criminal Justice, Accounting, and Oceanography. Non credit classes are also being offered in Eng-

lish as a Second Language.

With variable starting dates that begin from May 6 through July 8, and sessions that can be as short as three or as long as 12 weeks, UCC affords students maximum flexibility. Most courses are held Monday through Thursday, letting students fit one or more courses into their work, leisure or vacation schedule and still leaving them free to enjoy those precious summer weekends.

For added convenience, students can select from a large number of distance education courses also being offered this summer. With these Online or Telecourse offerings, students can learn at home at their own pace, or even take a course on vacation with them. These courses are equivalent to traditional

courses, except that most of the information is presented over the Internet or on a set of videotapes. For online courses students must have the required computers and software and a VCR is necessary for Telecourses. Available this summer through distance education are Introduction to Contemporary Business, Organization and Management, Salesmanship, Business Law I, Principles of Marketing, General Chemistry II, several computer courses, Principles of Economics I & II, English Composition I & II, Introductory Technical and Business Writing, History of Art I, Physical Geology, Multidisciplinary Perspective on Aging, Elementary Statistics, Modern American Poets, Physical Geology, Decisions for Wellness, General Psychology, Child Psychology, Principles of Sociol-

ogy, Social Programs, and Minorities in American Life.

Summer registration is already under way. Individuals who are interested, but not current UCC students, should bring either a completed visiting Student Form from their home institution or one provided by UCC's Admissions Office that has been completed by the home institution. As an alternative to these forms, bring an unofficial copy of the transcript or grade report which will be used to meet course prerequisites. Providing this information can eliminate some admissions requirements and speed the way to a great summer of learning.

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A Kids Craft Day will be held on June 29, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The theme will be Celebrate American with Crafts. This event is free and materials are provided by Crafty Kitchen.

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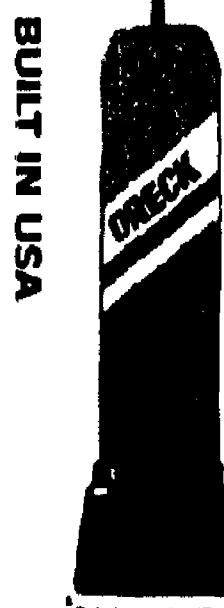
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Camp Mohawk/Camp Little Bear Gears Up For 37th Summer

UNION—Need a full day of supervised care for a child while at work? The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County has the solution.

Camp Mohawk/Camp Little Bear has begun registration for its 37th summer as a certified camp. These full-day camps are for members aged 5-12. Camp sessions will run from June 24 through Aug. 23. The adult staff is trained in First Aid/CPR and 50 percent of them have NJ certification in education. They are prepared to supervise and conduct a fun-filled and safe summer camp program for children to enjoy. The weekly rate per camper is \$135 for the first child, \$120 for the second and \$115 for every other child in the same family. A non-refundable deposit of \$67.50 per session must be paid at the time of registration. The balance will be due the Wednesday before the ses-

sion begins.

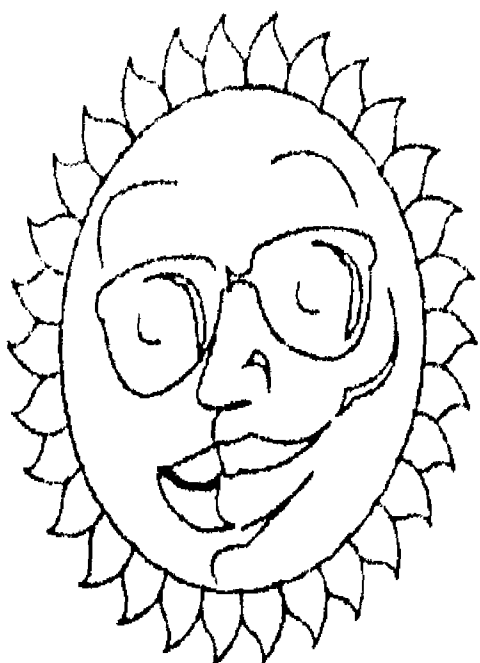
Camp highlights include several guest speakers who will address the issues of personal safety, drug awareness, environmental awareness and personal health. Special events for the entire camp program will be held every Tuesday and Thursday of each session. Past special events included watermelon, eating contests, egg toss, pie eating contests, and potato sack races. Camp Mohawk and Camp Little

Bear activities take place at Nomahagan Park in Cranford. Children are bussed from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Union Club, 1050 Jeanette Ave. in Union. Participants in the program also attend weekly Wednesday trips to local attractions. A parent orientation has

been set for June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is a non-profit youth developmental agency working daily to assist youth of all backgrounds in developing self esteem and character. For more information on Camp Mohawk/Camp Little Bear,

please contact Joseph DeMaio camp director at (908) 687-2697, ext. 28. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County also offers programs in Elizabeth (908) 351-3344, Plainfield (908) 822-8672, Roselle (908) 687-7976, and Rahway (732) 396-1271 or visit our website at www.bgcuc.org.



Race For Faith Stadium Coming To Zion Lutheran Church

RAHWAY—Calling all brave believers! Get ready for some extreme fun this summer at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church's Brave Believers VBE. This exciting Vacation Bible Experience is for everyone entering Kindergarten through sixth grade. It begins August 12th and continues through August 16th. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. The church is located at the corner of Elm and Esterbrook Avenues, Rahway, New Jersey.

Brave Believers: Extreme Faith Stories vacation Bible experience invites participants to explore the lives of Bible characters who

put their faith in God on the line—and won. Each day offers a new Bible story to explore, plus songs, crafts, games, and more, all in an exciting games stadium setting.

Imagine being surrounded by a large crowd cheering you on as you run the race ahead of you. At Brave Believers VBE, you'll run the race of faith, always looking to Jesus to lead you. For more information or to register, visit the church office between the hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday or call (732)-388-1815. Early registration by June 1 is recommended.

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Swimming Safety Tips From Saint Barnabas Medical Center

As the summer approaches, children will be spending their days enjoying the warm weather by swimming. Whether swimming in the ocean or at a pool, children require close supervision from parents because drowning and near-drowning are major causes of childhood death and injury.

"It is vital that parents and caregivers be aware of the dangers associated with swimming," says Jeanne Weintraub, R.N., M.S.N., Coordinator for the

Ambulatory Health Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. "Attention to the available safety tips can avoid tragedy in most instances."

According to studies done by the American Academy of Pediatric's (AAP) Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention, drowning is the third most common cause of unintentional death for children younger than 5 each year in the United States.

Studies have found that children less than 1 years of age most



sided fencing, because pool covers are not likely to be used appropriately and consistently.

- Parents should learn CPR; and they should keep a telephone and equipment approved by the US Coast Guard (e.g. life preservers, life jackets, shepherd's crook) at poolside.

For Children 5 to 12 Years

Children need to be taught to swim. In addition to rules for safe swimming in pools, children need to know the requirements for swimming in lakes, rivers and oceans. Increased drowning risk arises from changing environmental conditions (e.g. depth and currents) and hazards concealed in murky water.

- Children need to be taught never to swim alone or without adult supervision.

- Children should use an approved personal flotation device whenever riding on a boat or fishing, and preferably while playing near a river, lake or ocean.

- Children need to understand why jumping or diving into water can result in injury. Parents should know the depth of the water and the location of underwater hazards before permitting children to jump or dive.

For Adolescents 13 to 19

- Teenagers need counseling about the dangers of alcohol and other drug consumption during swimming, diving, and boating activities.

- Because boys are at much higher statistical risk for water-based injuries than girls, they warrant extra counseling.

- Teens should learn CPR.

frequently drown in bathtubs and buckets; children age 1 to 4 years most often drown in home or apartment swimming pools; and children and adolescents aged 5 to 19 most frequently drown in lakes, ponds, rivers, and pools.

A study conducted by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (USCPS) showed that most children less than 5 drowned or nearly drowned by entering the pool from their home through the unprotected side of the pool (the side that directly faces the house, with no intervening fence.) Most children were last seen in the home, but were out of eye contact for

only a moment, and caregivers reported that they heard no screams or splashing. According to the USCPS, installation of four-sided fencing that isolates the pool from the house and the yard has been shown to decrease the number of pool immersion injuries by more than 50 percent.

For greater safety when swimming, the Pediatric Ambulatory Health Center provides the following guidelines for parents:

For Newborn Through 4

Parents should never leave children alone in bathtubs, spas, or wading pools, near irrigation ditches, post holes or other open standing water. They should remove all water from containers, such as pails and 5-gallon buckets, immediately after use. To prevent drowning in toilets, young children should not be left alone in the bathroom.

- Swimming lessons for children less than 4 will not provide "drown proofing" and may lead to a false sense of security. "Swimmies" or water wings are not approved safety devices.

- Rigid, motorized pool covers are not a substitute for four-

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Creative Summer Workshops Celebrate 20th Anniversary Season

SCOTCH PLAINS-The Creative Summer Workshops program, sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, will conduct its 20th anniversary season June 26-July 24. This year's K-8 enrichment program will be held at McGinn School on Roosevelt Avenue in Scotch Plains, while the high school offering will occur at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains.

Three special events will be presented to all Workshops participants free of charge. These events will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, with school bus transportation provided back to McGinn School for the remainder of the Workshops mornings. Featured on July 3 will be the baseball story of Shadowhall, and on July 12, artist Annie Hickman will demonstrate Weaving the Wild: The Art of the Bug Lady. The final special event on July 19 will showcase two musicians who will perform on a variety of instruments from around the world including the Australian didgeridoo, the Persian nay, Tibetan chimes, Aztec wind whistle, Scottish bagpipes, and many more.

Thirteen of the 38 workshops being offered will play for the first time this summer. New workshops include two sections of Summertime Artists for children going into kindergarten-second grade; Budding Bookmakers and Clay Friends for second-fourth grade students; and Poet-

ry Play for youngsters headed for third-fifth grade. Two sections of Sports Math and The Science of Toys are new workshops for young people in fourth-eighth grades. Novel workshops for fifth-eighth grade encompass Clay Friends; Getting into Character; Olympics, Landmarks, and Cuisines; and Talking Books. There will also be a new Website Design workshop for students going into fifth-ninth grade.

Familiar favorites will be returning to the program as well this summer. Once again, there will be Kindergarten Express; piano, ceramics, and drawing and sketching workshops for students of all ages; two sections of Keyboarding Competition! and world language workshop Viva Italia! for second-fifth grade youngsters; Inspired Creative Writing for third-sixth grade students; Creative Cuisine and Cultures and a public speaking workshop titled Presenting Mel for young people in fourth-sixth grade; and individual Keeping In Step reinforcement workshops for first-third grade. Next September's students in fourth-eighth can also avail themselves of Magic Mysteries or Scrapbooking. And Guitar Strummers and Problem Solving: Par Excellence return for students in fourth-ninth grade and fourth-seventh grade, respectively.

High school students can avail themselves of Classroom Instruction and Behind the Wheel training in Driver Education this summer with the Don-Tre Driving School. After the Driver Theory

course, June 27-July 12, SAT Math and/or verbal review: College Board Prep will be provided by Academic Testing Solutions from July 11-20. Jason Hand, associate director of admissions at New Jersey City University with a background in finance and teaching, will be the Math course instructor.

The verbal course instructor

will be Alison Paruta, teacher of English at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Students have the option of taking one or both SAT Prep courses.

Yellow and blue booklets detailing all of the Summer Workshop offerings in Scotch Plains-Fanwood are available at local libraries in Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield and at

the Administrative Offices of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains. For further information call (908) 889-7718 weekdays.

Young people from outside the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community are accepted as Creative Summer Workshops participants on a space-available basis.

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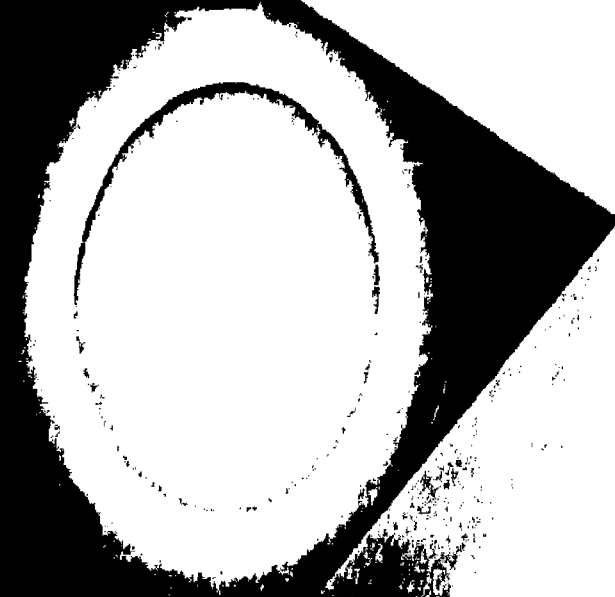
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Sign Up For 'Baseball Like It Ought To Be' In Westfield

WESTFIELD-Baseball Like It Ought To Be 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 fourth-ninth grades remain, as does a session for boys and girls entering first-third grade.

Session I will be held June 24-28, 9 a.m.-noon for boys and girls entering fourth-ninth grades; Session II, June 29-30, 9 a.m.-noon for parents and child to work together; Session III, July 1-

3, 9 a.m.-noon for boys and girls entering first-third grades; Session IV, July 1-3, 12:30-3:30 p.m. for older players entering or already playing on the 90-foot diamond; and Session V, July 8-12, 9 a.m.-noon for boys and girls entering fourth-ninth grades.

The camp, which features Westfield Varsity Baseball Coach Bob Brewster as director, remains one of the few in the area to employ a batting cage throughout the camp day. Brewster's approach features an emphasis on individual skills and team concepts, with instruction tailored to meet a camper's individual ability.

The new session for teenagers entering or already playing on the 90-foot diamond will allow for more advanced and individualized instruction, according to Brewster. Campers will really get a feel for what goes on during a high school practice.

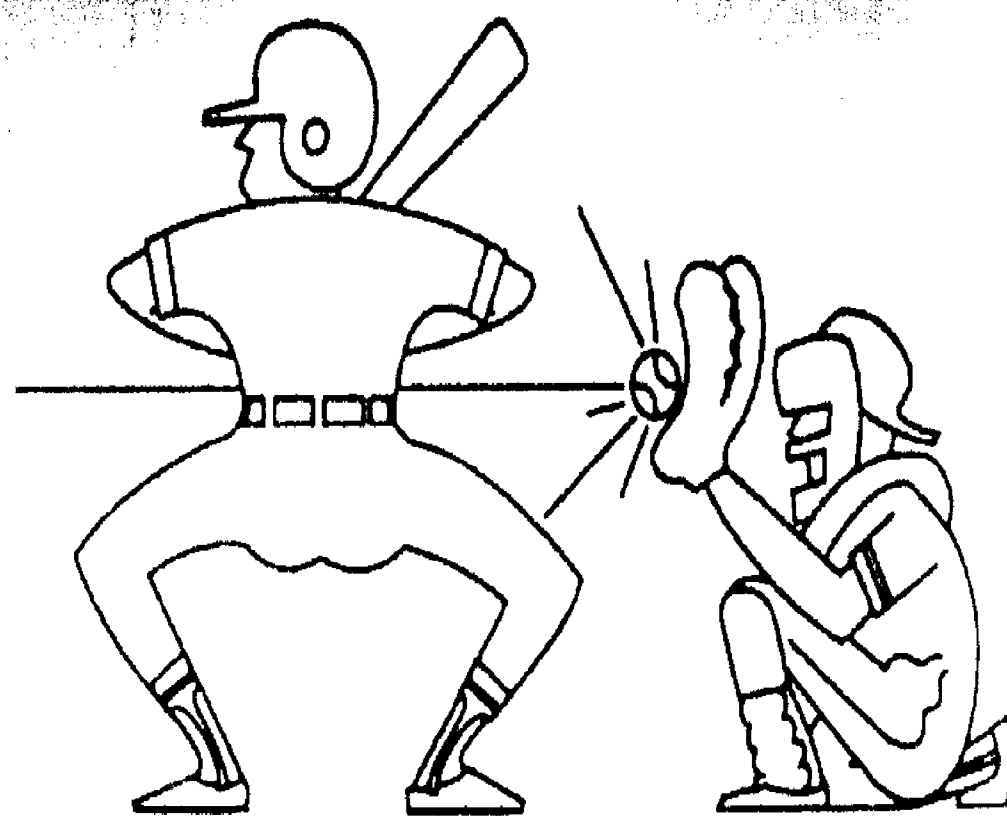
The parent/child weekend session will provide an opportunity for the parent to get directly

involved with improving the child's skills and love for the game. Parents especially will come away with new teaching tools, drills and perspectives, and hopefully a better understanding of how best to channel and encourage their child's interest in baseball.

The session for boys and girls entering first-third grades has become very popular through its devotion to the younger player and his or her needs in learning the game and gaining confidence in playing it.

All sessions will be held at the varsity baseball field in Westfield and run by Brewster, in his 20th year as varsity coach at Westfield, and one of his former players, Larry Cohen.

For more information about Baseball Like It Ought To Be IX or for a camp application, call Brewster at (908) 232-8049 or e-mail him at biobrew@comcast.net, or call Cohen at (908) 889-0097 or e-mail him at laramyzach@aol.com.



Cranford Child Care Center Offers Summer Theater Program

CRANFORD-The Cranford Child Care Center's summer program has openings for the 2 1/2-3-year-old class and the 3 1/2-4-year-olds class. The summer runs June 24-Aug. 16. The center is both licensed and accredited, providing nurturing enriched care for students.

The center is excited about its Summer of Little Theater in which the children will work on

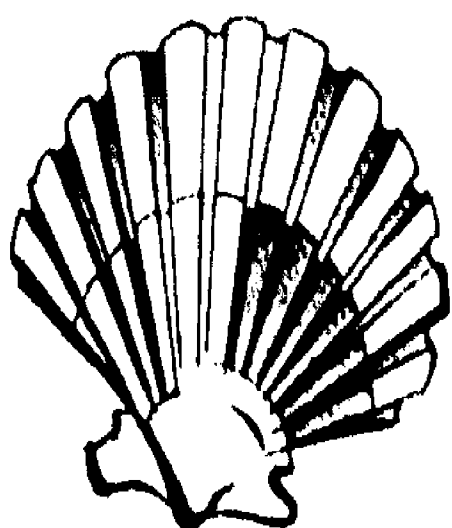
scenery, costumes, character/skit planning and performing on their skill level for the following stories: "The Rainbow Fish," "Chicken Little," "The Spooky Old Tree," "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," "Hattie And The Fox," "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," and "The Three Little Pigs." On Fridays, the classes will take turns putting on a play for the school. Three correlated field trips will be incorporated.

For further information and to register, call Patti Williams at (908) 276-8689 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. The center, located at 7 Cherry St. in the Alliance Church, is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

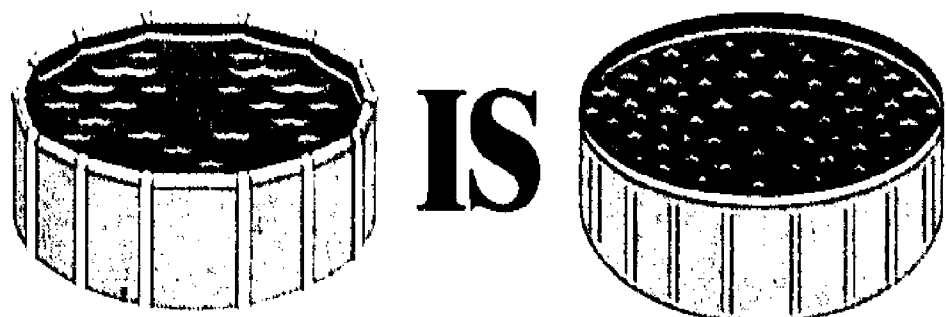
Cougar Soccer School Is Scheduled At Kean

UNION-The Tony Ochrimenko Cougar Soccer School at Kean University will offer three separate sessions this summer: July 15 to July 19, July 22 to July 26, and July 29 to Aug. 2. Half-day camp is from 8:40 a.m. to noon. The full-day school is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Metrostars organization and staff stand 100 percent behind the school and its commitment to soccer excellence for all the youngsters who will attend this "select" school throughout the summer.

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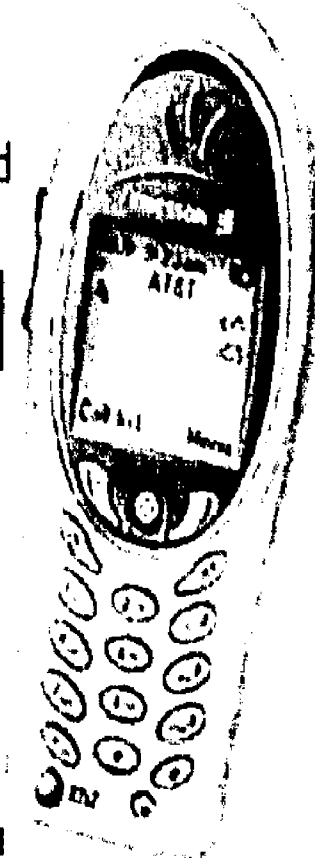
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Cape May To Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend With Crafts And Antiques

Cape May celebrates Memorial Day Weekend with Crafts and Antiques shows at Cape May Convention Hall, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC).

The Crafts Show on May 25, will feature the works of more than 40 regional artisans, offering a wide selection of country crafts, folk art, custom designed jewelry and a choice selection of Victorian items. It includes such notable craftspeople as Carolyn Beiswenger of Pottstown, PA., with handcrafted quilts and wall hangings; stoneware pottery by Robin Debrecent of Wenonah; and Angela D'Ambrosio, a jewel-

er specializing in hand-made sterling silver and crystal jewelry.

The Antiques Show on May 26 will feature more than 40 select antiques and collectibles dealers from the Mid-Atlantic region with a large and varied selection of fine furniture, both formal and country; accessories in silver, porcelain, crystal and glass; estate and antique jewelry. Dealers include Jessie Birkhead of Langhorne, PA, "The Glass Lady," offering an array of depression glass to fine American cut glass; Stephen and Ruth Dube of New York, NY, with china, ceramics, silver and glass-

ware; and Doris Pressley of Mt. Holly, displaying Victorian linens, table coverings, and small pieces of Victorian furniture. The Antiques Show is managed by Don and Joyce Coffman.

The Crafts and Antiques At Memorial Day shows are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Cape May Convention Hall, Beach Drive at Stockton Place. The cost is \$1 per person for the Crafts Show (Saturday) and \$3.50 per person for the Antiques Show (Sunday). Children under 12 are admitted free at both events.

The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Cape May's Victorian her-

itage. MAC also fosters the performing arts. MAC membership is open to all. For information about convenient Music Festival overnight packages and MAC's

year-round schedule of tours, festivals, and special events, call (609) 884-5404 or (800) 275-4278, or visit MAC's website at www.capemaymac.org.

Kean University To Host Mini-Tennis Summer Camp

UNION-Kean University will offer a five-week Mini-Tennis Summer camp for children beginning the week of June 24 and running through the week of July 29. The camp will be held at the school's East Campus Tennis Complex on North Avenue in Hillside.

The instructional classes will run for three hours each day, four days a week. The camp includes classes for beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate-level players with a maximum of five students per class. The cost per

week is \$125, and a special discount is available if the student signs up for two or more weeks.

The camp is open to children who will be in grades two through eight as of September. Players should provide their own racquet, sneakers and comfortable clothes.

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St. Francis Community Center Kicks Off A Busy Summer

Summer parking may be a little more difficult at St. Francis Community Center, but the minor inconvenience will be forgotten when the new, indoor swimming pool is completed sometime this fall. A full schedule of summer activities is planned for this year and construction will not effect them. The two swimming pools in the rear of the center are open. Both full season and monthly memberships are available. The pools will only be open weekends until June 16. Beginning June 17, daily pool hours will be from noon-7 p.m. through Aug. 16. Classes like American Red Cross Life-guard Training, swimming lessons, and water aerobics are offered throughout the summer.

St. Francis Center is particularly busy during the vacation season. Weekly classes, vacation club, and special events keep center personnel on their toes all summer. The first special event

of summer 2002 will be the 20th annual Summer Arts and Crafts Show. This popular show takes place on June 16 in the St. Francis gymnasium. More than 60 amateur and professional artisans are participating in this year's show. They will be displaying many unique crafts and everything is for sale. Since the show is indoors, shoppers need not worry about the weather.

July is peak vacation season and two big events attract large numbers of visitors to the center. The 18th annual Fine Arts Show and Sale takes place July 6 and 7. The show features oil paintings, watercolors, and photography. Both framed and unframed pictures are available so there is a great deal of decorating flexibility.

The Festival of the Sea begins on July 30 and continues through Aug. 4. Admission to the fairgrounds is free and \$12 allows one to ride the rides all night.



Stop by the food court for favorite festival munchies. Don't forget to stroll through the game area and take a chance on winning some great prizes.

The fun continues throughout August. On Aug. 10 there will be a symphony concert by the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. Rev. Alphonse Stephenson and his orchestra have been performing there at St. Francis for many years. The St. Francis Antique Show is Aug. 17 and 18 and the Doll and Dollhouse Show on Aug. 24 nicely round out the summer events.

St. Francis is open 12 months a year and special events continue

through November. This October will be the 30th anniversary of the LBI Commemorative 18-Mile Run. Nearly 1,000 runners from the surrounding area participate in this popular race scheduled for Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m. This event began in 1972 in memory of the 11 Israeli athletes who were slain at the Munich Olympics. Last year, the race was dedicated for those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. Applications are available at www.stfranciscenterlbi.com. Call the center for further information and an application. The holiday craft show will be held on Nov. 23 and 24.

In addition to the special events that St. Francis sponsors, there are also educational and recreational classes for the entire family. Dick Manzo's basketball clinics always attract future basketball stars. Other activities like gymnastics, aikido, youth dance, lacrosse and soccer bring children to the center throughout the summer.

Adults can enjoy popular favorites such as aerobics, step and tap dancing. Several new fitness programs are also going to be introduced this summer. Pilates combines the flexibility of yoga, with the strength of calisthenics to create an exercise form that resembles dance. Another class, Wellness Through Movement and Meditation, uses yoga-like movements in a gentle fitness routine. Pranayama and asanas use diaphragmatic deep breathing techniques, guided visualization and relaxation to improve flexibility.

Sign children up early for St. Francis Pre-School and Children's Vacation Club. These two programs are quite popular because they are nationally accredited and provide a wonderful education for participants. The St. Francis Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers a full range of programs to seniors who enjoy socializing with others.

St. Francis Counseling Service offers family, individual and group support for many different issues. For information about St. Francis Community Center and the year-round activities that are provided, call (609) 494-8861.

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other recreational avenues, like Disney, began offering special packages, and we believe vacationers began shopping around," he said.

"This has created a great opportunity for those who still haven't decided on their summer plans to now come to LBI," said Sinor. "Don't believe what you read elsewhere or what has been traditionally true in the past, LBI is not sold out this summer. You can still find a summer rental to fit your needs."

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"It is all part of our effort to use the Internet and technology to make the vacation rental process easier and more efficient for all concerned: renters, landlords and agents," he added.

The search engine is just a part of a new custom rental program developed for the agency and produced in-house by Allus Inc., Century 21 Mary Allen's computer consultants and contractors.

"Jeff Vogel from Allus, working with C21-Mary Allen's technology manager Steve Moran, has developed the most comprehensive and user-friendly rental software I have seen to date,"

said Sinor. "Allus will soon be marketing a version of the software, but for now it is exclusive to C21 Mary Allen and completely customized to our needs," said Moran. "What you see online, our agents can have on their desktops at the same time, making the whole system seamless and easy to use."

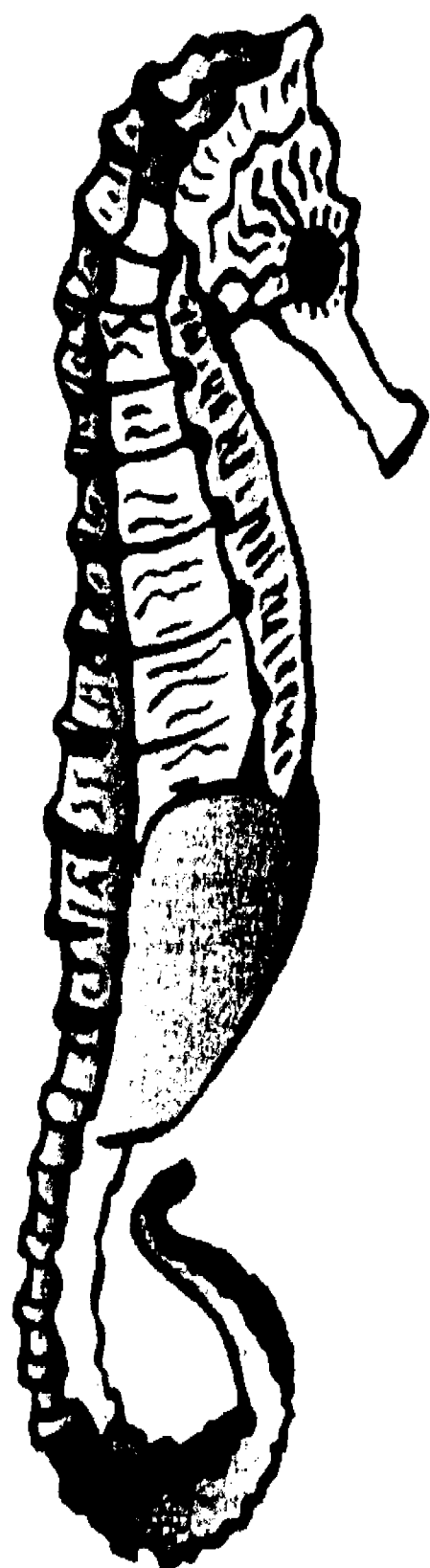
"Booking reservations, tracking rental payments, producing landlord reports and all areas of accounting are at the fingertips of the person who needs them," said Sinor. "This speeds up the rental process for all concerned and allows our agents to better serve their tenants and for our staff to more efficiently work

with our homeowners. By next season, we will be adding interior photos of homes and possibly virtual tours."

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Visit the web site at <http://www.maryallen.com> to pick out that perfect summer getaway.

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The best part is, there are still plenty of properties open for rent this coming summer, which Sinor and other realtors admit is a little surprising. "After Sept. 11, the phones were ringing off the hook. Everybody wanted to get away, and nobody wanted to fly." Then came the usual holiday slowdown through December and January, during which the airlines and other vacation industries regrouped. "Airports increased security, airlines slashed fares, cruise lines and

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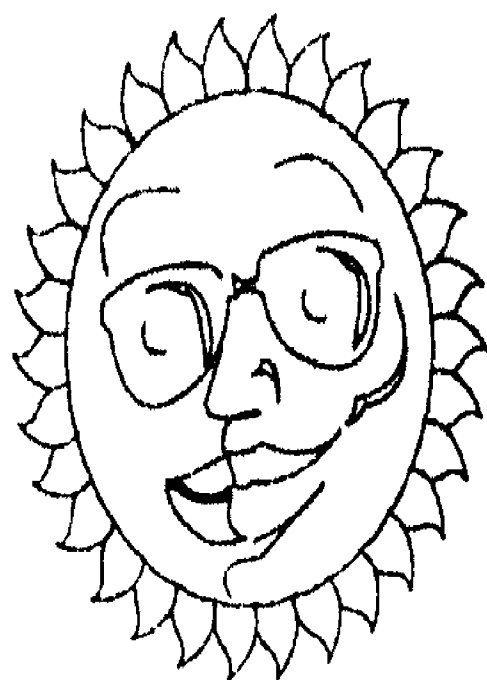
Planning A Vacation? Get A 2002 Shore Vacation Guide

The 2002 vacation guide to Long Beach Island and Southern Ocean County (NJ) mainland coastal communities is now available through the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce. The new 60-page, full-color vacation guide includes all of the information visitors need to plan their stay at the Jersey Shore resort.

The guide's accommodations listings offer detailed descriptions of LBI's most popular

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There are also listings of recre-



ational activities and things to do, including golf courses, half-day eco-tours and historic trolley tours, casino excursion cruises, deep-sea fishing, music theater, museums, and art galleries.

Information about locating barrier-free access ramps to beaches and reserving "beach wheels," which are wheelchairs adapted for beach and surf, are also provided. The guide includes a calendar of Southern Ocean County's most popular special events and festivals, through the end of the year.

For a free copy of the LBI vacation guide, call the Chamber of Commerce at (800) 292-6372, or write: LBI Vacation Kit, 265 West Ninth St., Ship Bottom, NJ 08008. For on-line vacation information, see www.lbihelp.com.

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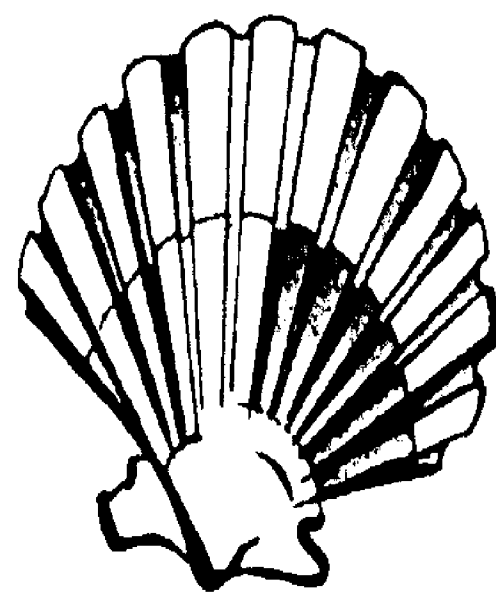
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Foremost, the Haymarket is a specialty toy store, stocking prestigious lines of the best toys, including Madame Alexander Dolls, Brio, Playmobil, Lego, Thomas the Train, and a wide-variety of stuffed animals, quality pre-school toys, children's books, and puzzles.

In addition, they have a serious hobby department, unique on the island. They carry state-of-the-art radio-controlled cars, boats and airplanes. Models (in plastic and wood) and model rocketry are very popular. The Haymarket stocks many racks of paint, tools, glues, and building supplies to complete any project,

electric trains and accessories, airbrushes, books, and hobby magazines.

Because of their location in a resort area, they specialize in jigsaw puzzles and games, from the traditional classic games to the hot new ones. They have a wide variety of kits, beach toys, outdoor sporting equipment, bub-

bles, novelty toys, magic tricks, and so much more.

The Haymarket has been awarded the coveted Readers' Choice First Place Winner of the Best Toy & Hobby Store in Southern Ocean County every year since the start of the contest in 1996. A visit to this special store will show why it wins every year.



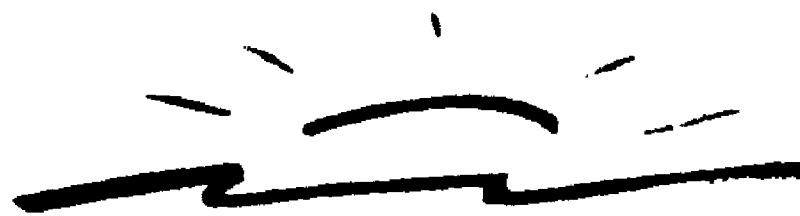
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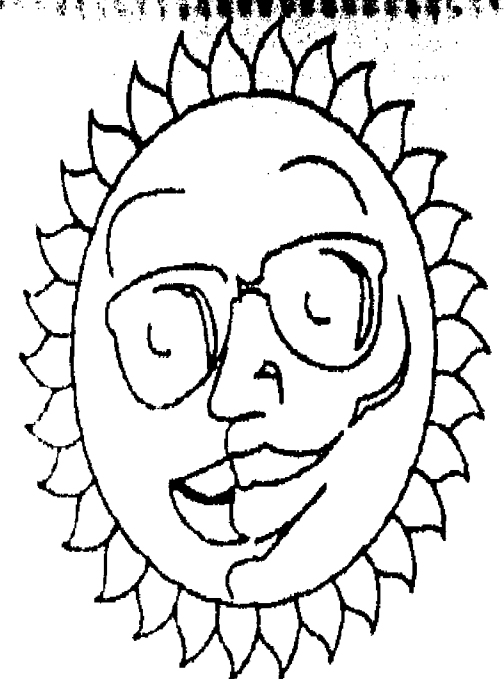
mum of eight parent/child teams per class.

Classes run in 10-week sessions and are approximately 45 minutes to one hour each week.

Baby Power has different programs for different age groups. Baby Power is 45 minutes of fun which includes and introductory warm-up, gym room exploration and music adventure with age appropriate songs, musical instruments and story time. Baby Power Plus is 75 minutes of pure fun and continuous movement. This class offers parent and child new and thrilling songs to sing, the experience of learning rhythm through musical instruments, challenging apparatus (including obstacle courses), and an interesting and new creative craft each week. Plus classes are geared toward children aged 2 1/2 to 3. Singing "chefs" consists of a 60-minute mini cooking class. They will mix, measure, blend, and deco-

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How To Host A Summer Garden Party

From wild to mild, no matter what kind of winter you've experienced, summer always arrives as a welcome relief. It's a time to spend outdoors and an at-home garden party for relatives and friends can live up a quiet weekend.

Start your own tradition with these tips from Lillian Vernon, founder of the Lillian Vernon catalogs and www.lillianvernon.com.

- Create handmade party invitations using a watering can stencil made from colorful construction paper. Use metallic-ink pens to compose a greeting.

- Set up tables and chairs in separate areas around the garden and in the backyard where guests can relax and converse while enjoying drinks and appetizers. Decorate shade umbrellas with lights and flowers. For appetizers, offer a selection of finger foods.

- Create a festive atmosphere with lighting. Place lanterns, votives and stake lights around the bushes and lit luminarias on the edge of the patio. Put cit-



MAKE YOUR GARDEN PARTY the highlight of the summer.

ronella candles on the bistro and buffet tables to keep bugs away and add a romantic ambience. Set up a stereo system outside for mood music.

- Make a centerpiece for the buffet table that reflects the summer's bounty. Stack a pile of lemons in the shape of a pyramid. Secure them with toothpicks or bamboo barbecue skewers and accent the pyramid by tucking leaves, strawberries, and

grapes in the gaps. Decorate tables with fresh flowers in clear vases with glass pebbles or colored glass stones to keep the stems in place. Always protect food with plastic or mesh food covers to keep insects away.

- Use two grills when cooking for a crowd. Set up a table next to the grills to hold utensils, food, sauces and spices. If your grills have heaters, cover cooked food and place it on the heaters so everything can be served warm at the same time.

- Keep salads and other foods in the refrigerator until you are ready to serve them and don't let them sit out too long. Line a wheelbarrow with plastic and fill it with ice to keep beverages cool.

- If children are invited, have a variety of outdoor games available. Volleyball, horseshoes, table tennis and miniature golf are always fun.

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Torches fueled by lamp oils and candle lanterns lend a romantic feeling and extend

relaxing times on those long, warm evenings. But for a while these types of lighting were traditionally only capable of being installed in the ground rather than on a deck.

The last few summers have seen an emergence of safe, affordable and practical outdoor lighting choices that allow homeowners to enjoy more time outdoors. New to the market this season, RIO Outdoor Living has introduced an extensive line of outdoor lighting that provides

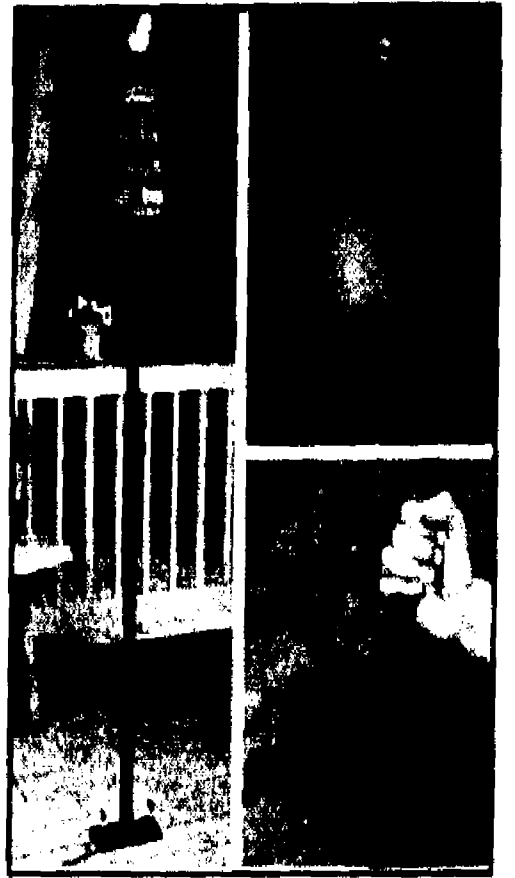
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ranging from \$19.99 to \$49.99. Fill the torches with regular torch oil, or keep insects away with citronella oil. The lanterns rely upon standard votive candles for a twinkling, romantic effect. Deckster systems featuring Shepherd's hooks can be used with hanging lanterns, plant baskets, birdhouses, etc. Your possibilities become virtually endless.

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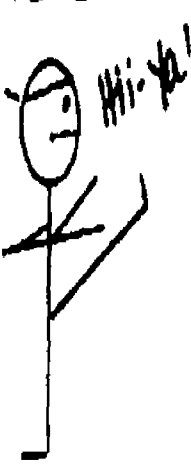
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- Repellents appropriate for use on children should contain no more than 10 percent DEET because the chemical, which is absorbed through the skin, can cause harm. The concentration of DEET varies from product to product, so read the label of any product you purchase.

- Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, like stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods and gardens where flowers are in bloom.

- Avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.

- To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently scrape it off horizontally with a credit card or your fingernail. You can also remove a stinger by with a pair of tweezers or your fingers.



For Safety's Sake, Play It Smart In Pools This Summer

Most of the time, pools are an oasis of relief from the summer sun and sweltering temperatures. Swimming offers a way to cool off, relax and even exercise several muscle groups of the body.

While pools can add value to a



WATER WINGS, like these shown, are not considered appropriate personal flotation devices for children who do not swim well, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

home and serve as a great gathering spot, some people will actually pass up buying a home if it has a swimming pool, particularly one that is in-ground. Why? Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1 to 14, according to the National Safety Council. Children ages 1 to 4 account for more than half of the deaths.

However, pools do not have to be a danger if you take safety precautions, especially when it comes to youngsters. Here are some tips on pool safety from the experts at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Safety First

1. Install barriers. A four-sided fence that is 4 feet (or higher) with slats that are less than 4 inches apart is one key barrier. The gates should be self-closing, self-latching and a child should not be able to reach the latch.

Above-ground pools are generally safer than in-ground ones, particularly because the height of the pool poses a barrier. Some even come with fences mounted on top. You should always secure and lock the steps or remove them completely when the pool is not in use.

2. Supervise. No barrier can replace adult supervision. Children should always swim with a buddy who can help alert a "lifeguard" if there is a problem.

A parent, guardian or another

adult who is supervising the swimming should be outdoors and in close proximity to the pool. Watching through a window is not enough. Should an accident occur, precious moments would be wasted trying to get outdoors. If a child is missing and pool is in the vicinity, check the pool first.

3. Personal Flotation Devices. Swimming ability, not age, should dictate when and what type of personal flotation device (PFD) is appropriate for a child. Popular products like "swimmies," "water wings" and the like are not considered PFDs by the U.S. Coast Guard, who recommends that children who cannot swim use life jackets.

4. Prepare for an emergency. Have a cordless phone, emer-

gency numbers, a first-aid kit and rescue equipment near the pool. Learn CPR as an extra precaution.

In Case of Emergencies

Never assume that someone else is watching your children — they probably are not. If an accident occurs under your supervision, here are some life-saving steps to take:

• If someone is drowning and is within reach, grab an extension, like a pole, for them to grab onto. If the person is out of reach,

throw them a lifesaver. If you must enter the water to assist someone, always take some type of additional flotation.

• Once the victim is out of the water, look for signs of breathing and consciousness. If the victim is not breathing or is unconscious, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number and begin rescue breathing (mouth-to-mouth) and CPR, if necessary. Even if you don't have formal CPR training, you can at least open a person's airway and breathe for them.

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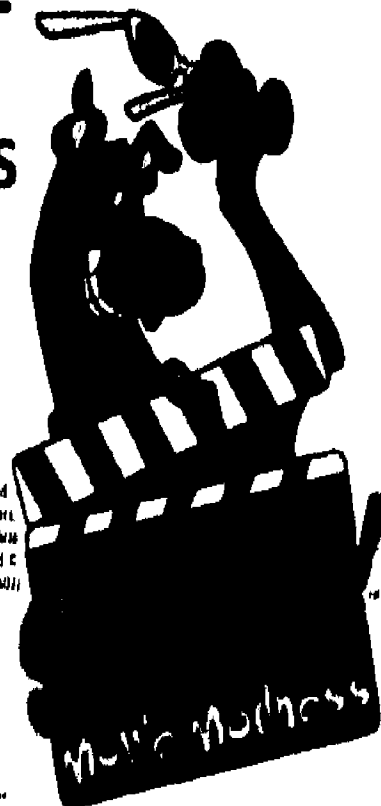
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Take A Swing At Learning About Golf While The Sun Shines

Golf is one of the most popular summertime sports, and in warm climates it is enjoyed year-round. Perhaps you've wondered just how the game came to be played and enjoyed throughout the world. According to www.golfing-scotland.com, the game has origins in 15th-century Europe.

Long before Tiger Woods and PGA tours, a game that came to be known as golf was born. Throughout recorded history, every civilization played a game with a club and a ball. In one form or another, the variant games of present day golf were clearly enjoyed throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. The game persisted over the centuries and the form that it took and rules that were applied varied as widely as the terrain the game was played over. In short, the game consisted of knocking a ball from one pre-designated place to another where the ball was to be struck off a predeter-

mined object in the least number of blows. Games often extended from village to village.

Whatever the exact origins, it is known that by the 15th century, "kolf" as it was known in the Netherlands and "golf" as it was referred to in England, was a pastime enjoyed by Kings and commoners alike. So widespread was the game of "Gowf," as it was known in Scotland, that an Act of Parliament was passed to prevent the playing of the game on Sundays and thus preserving the skills of archery. The citizens of Aberdeen, St. Andrews and Leith on Scotland's East Coast were the principal "gowfing" miscreants and it was no coincidence that rolling sandy links land were commonplace there. On this very terrain, a game that started with a cleeck and a ball took on a form that started an evolutionary process that continues to this day.

If your golfing knowledge begins and ends with "Cad-



THE MODERN GOLF GAME that is so popular originated long ago in 15th-century Europe.

dysback," then it might be time to brush up on your golfing terminology. Here are a few key definitions to get you on track.

Addressing the ball — A player has addressed the ball when he or she has taken a stance and grounded the club.

Ball in play — A ball is considered to be in play when the player has made a stroke on the teeing ground. The ball will remain in play until it is holed out.

Hazard — A hazard is a bunker or lakes, rivers, ponds and ditches.

Holed — A ball is considered to be "holed" when it is all the way below the level of the lip of the hole.

Line of play — The line of play is the direction that the player wishes his or her ball to travel. It includes a reasonable distance to either side of the intended line of putt.

Stroke — A stroke is the forward movement of a club made with the intent to strike and move the ball. A stroke has occurred if a player checks their swing before the club strikes the ball.

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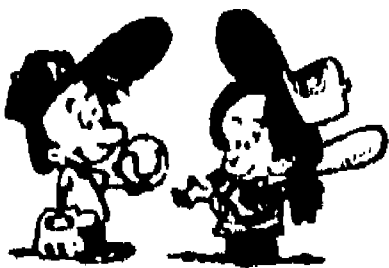
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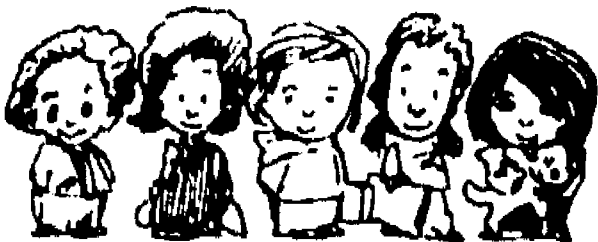
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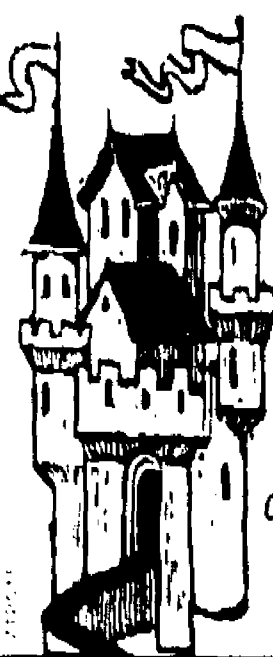
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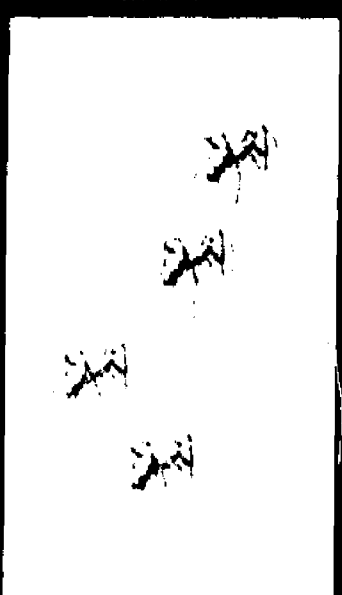
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PLAINFIELD—At least 500 children who live in the city of Plainfield will enjoy this summer the benefits of the Reading is Fundamental program which is the nation's oldest and largest literacy organization serving children and their parents.

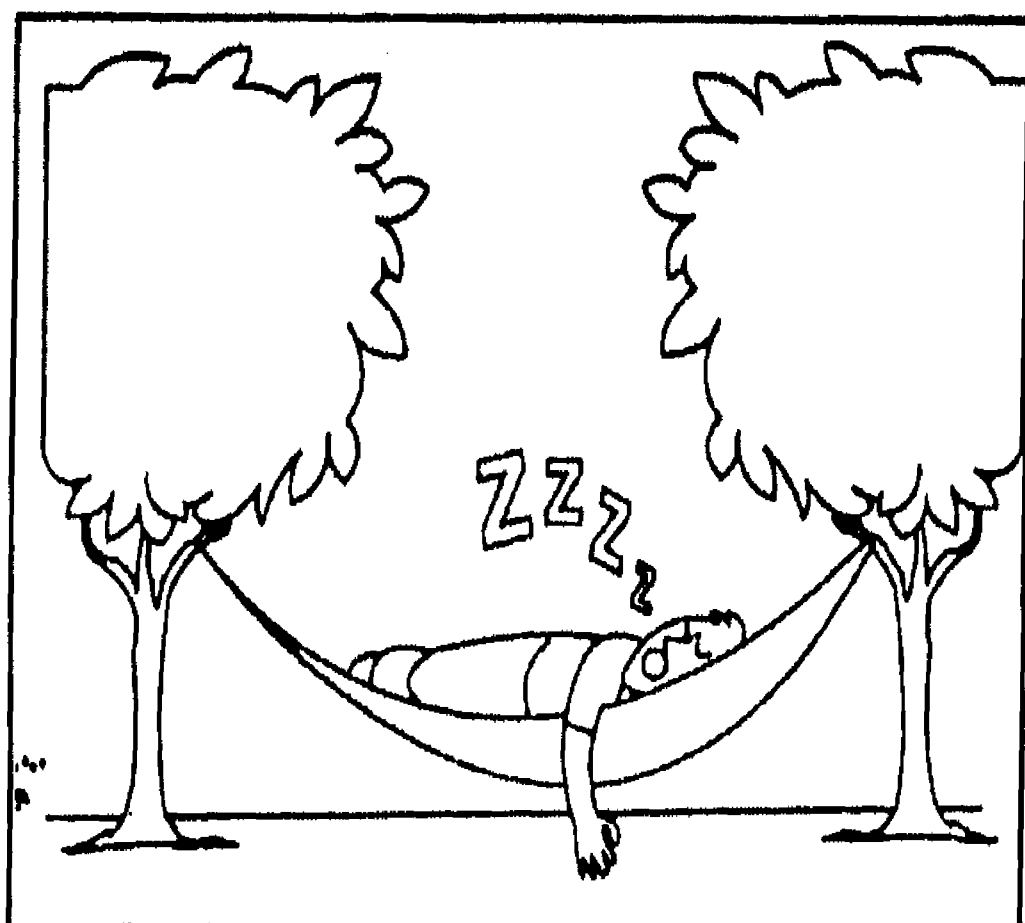
The Children's Room of Plainfield Public Library has been designated as a site for a summer-long Reading is Fundamental program, and will be providing the children who participate in

the Plainfield YWCA summer camp and the City of Plainfield's Summer Day Camp with three books per child to keep for their very own. Local RIF sponsors are the Friends of Plainfield Public Library and the Raritan Valley LYNX organization.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) develops and delivers children's and family literacy programs that help prepare young children for reading and motivate children to read regularly. Through a

national grassroots network that is expected to exceed 360,000 volunteers by the end of 2002, RIF programs will provide new, free books and other essential literacy resources to more than five million children. By the end of 2002, RIF will have placed more than 200 million books in the hands, homes and hearts of America's children.

For further information call the Plainfield Public Library at (908) 757-1111.



Cranford Conservation Center Sets Summer Hours Of Operation

CRANFORD—The Cranford Conservation Center is open during the summer June, July, and August, Wednesdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m.

Cranford residents can still purchase yard waste permits for \$35 at the Conservation Center during these hours or by mail using the application in the pink brochure. Proof of vehicle registration is required. Yard waste permits are required for dropping off branches, grass and yard trimmings.

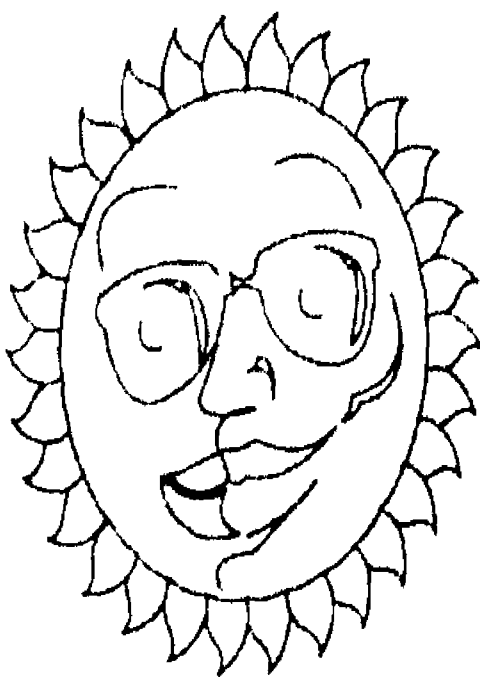
A permit is not required to drop off other acceptable recyclable materials - newspapers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper (no books), glass bottles, plastic type 1, 2, and 3 bottles, aluminum cans and steel cans. For more information on Cran-

ford's recycling program call (908) 709-7299.

The County of Union will conduct a Hazardous Waste Day on June 8 in New Providence at Lucent Technologies, 600 Mountain Ave., from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The County of Union will also have a Computer and Electronic Drop-off Day on June 13, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Union County Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, and on June 1, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. a Tire Recycling program will be held at the Union County Conservation Center, Shunpike Road, Springfield (limit of 6 automobile tires per household). For more information on both of

these county days visit the website at www.unioncountynj.orb/ocm or call (908) 654-9889.



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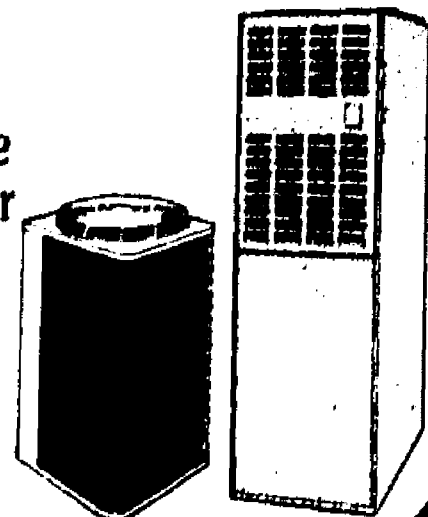
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(MS) — What comes to mind when you think of the warm-weather season? For most, it is poolside fun, backyard barbecues and trips to the beach. Yet, as any person who is in charge of laundry duty can attest, summer also means towels — and lots of them.

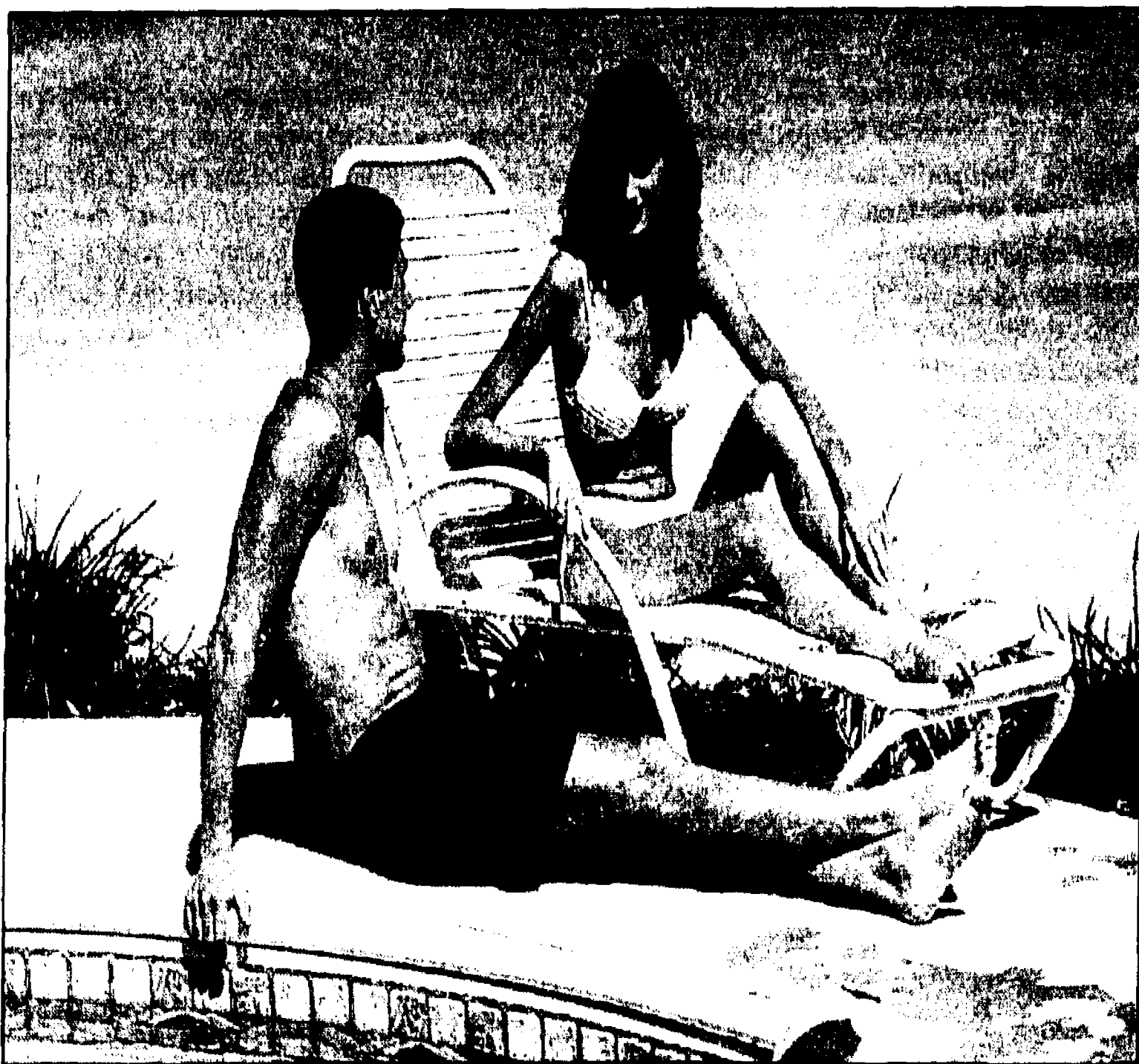
Towels are a major component of summer activities, and not just for drying off after a swim. Most people keep them on hand when active in sports, and after a day of sea salt and sand, there's nothing better than a hot shower. Multiply one day at the beach times one shower per family member and the pile of towels continues growing.

These common household items can take up plenty of space in your closets and laundry room. Often a chore to wash, did you know that towels can also increase the irritation of allergy sufferers? They add an extraordinary amount of lint to your house when used. Shake one in the sunlight and watch the lint fill the air. But how can you live

without towels?

If you've ever watched diving and swimming competitions on television you may have seen some of the divers grab what looks like a small cloth for drying themselves. They rely on an innovative material called poly vinyl acetate (PVA) which is extremely absorbent when compared to a regular cotton towel. The typical adult has just about 1 to 1.5 ounces of water on his or her body after bathing or showering. When fully saturated a 20-inch by 18-inch piece of this unique fabric will hold almost 5 full ounces of water. It's so easy to handle, even a child can wring it out. Plus, it does not create lint, reducing dust in the bathroom considerably. Cleaning is a snap with just a little soapy water.

The special drying cloths are also portable. Take them with you to the basketball court or tuck one in your pocket while you're out in-line skating. On hot days, they can be soaked in water and used to cool your head and body. An unexpected bonus



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a damp condition created an environment favorable to the growth of bacteria, mildew and unpleasant odors, especially in warm weather.

Recently a newer, more high-tech, light-tan colored fabric was developed in Europe that has all of the fine qualities of the older material but surprisingly it stays soft even when dry. Wet storage is a thing of the past — simply

hang it on a towel rack after use.

It is quite difficult to find these new drying fabrics. One company that offers them is Malm Chemical Corp. Readers of this publication can get the "Hokopingee" at a special price of \$14.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. Order two for \$29.95 (U.S. funds), and shipping is free. If you are not satisfied, simply return it for a full refund including all of the shipping charges. Ask for the free 11-page guide on car-care secrets. Write to: Malm Chem. Corp., P.O. Box 300, Dept. MET-702, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 or visit www.malms.com.

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Defeat Drought Before It Defeats Plants

Remember El Niño? Well, the experts say it may be back.

According to the latest data from NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), the weather phenomenon continues to develop.

What exactly is El Niño? Formally, it's "a disruption of the ocean-atmosphere system in the tropical Pacific having important consequences for weather and climate around the globe." For many gardeners around the country, that description basically means one thing: dry weather.

You can't stop El Niño from coming, but as a gardener, you can certainly prepare for it.

Often, when drought-like conditions hit an area, homeowners are asked to conserve water. This usually means outdoor watering is limited. Don't let the thought of restricted water supplies worry you. There are many things you can do to prevent damage to your plants and trees, even with conservation measures in effect.

One thing you can do is to make sure you use a landscape fabric in your landscape beds. Studies have shown that the fabrics can actually help conserve water.

Landscape fabrics help keep soil moist and cool, thus encouraging root growth. Another great thing about landscape fabrics is that they help stop weed growth,



DROUGHT CONDITIONS don't have to affect your garden if you rely on the right products to keep it moist and healthy.

so your plants won't have to compete with weeds for water.

If you're going to use a landscape fabric, experts say it's good to stick with a tried-and-true product, like Easy Gardener's WeedBlock®. The fabric is made of UV treated polyethylene and features patented Microfunnels that are built to channel water down to the plant's roots.

WeedBlock is easy to install, all you have to do is spread the

fabric over the plants, cut holes to the desired size and pull it down around the plant. Once you do that, you'll be set for dry weather.

Preparing trees and shrubs for dry conditions is also easy when you use the Ross® Root Feeder. The deep-feeding system is designed to water and fertilize below the surface, where the active roots grow.

Because the feeder waters below the surface, your trees and shrubs will be protected against drought.

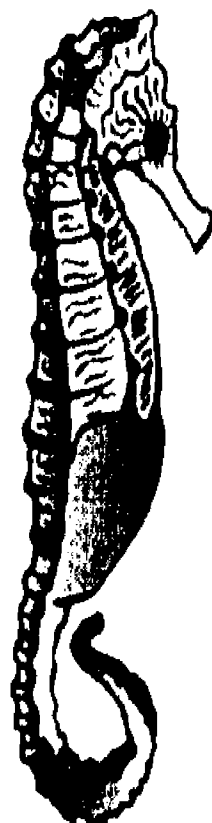
To use the feeder simply connect it to a garden hose and insert the feed tube into the soil around the plant's dripline. Water flows through a chamber filled with fertilizer, through the feed tube and then into the soil — right to the roots.

Another way to help protect plants from arid weather is to coat them with an antitranspirant spray that holds moisture in plants. Sprays, like Easy Gardener's CloudCover®, can be used on container plants that dry out easily in the summer months.

The product works by forming a thin film that reduces water loss on plants while at the same time allowing them to breathe normally. The nontoxic spray has been proven to perform well in drought conditions.

This spring, while the experts track El Niño, track down products to help you protect your gar-

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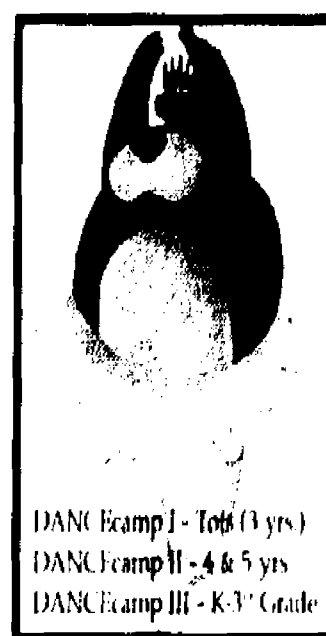
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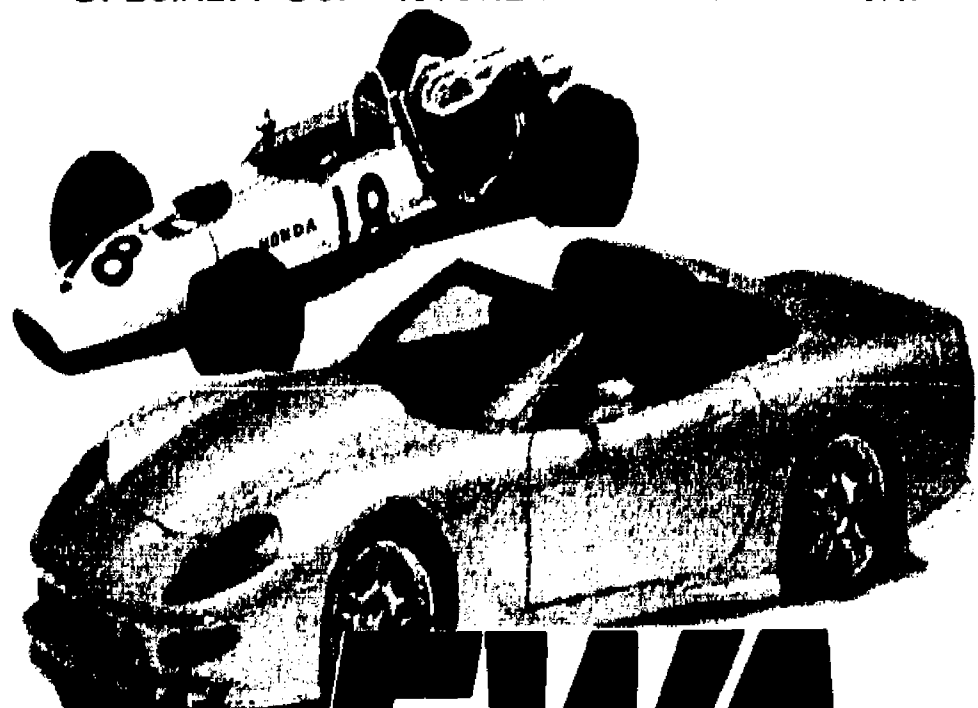
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