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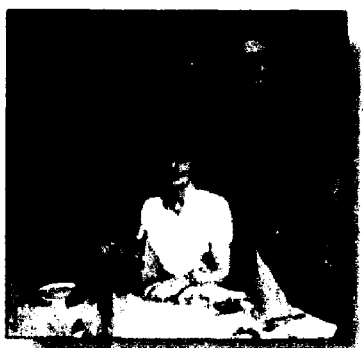
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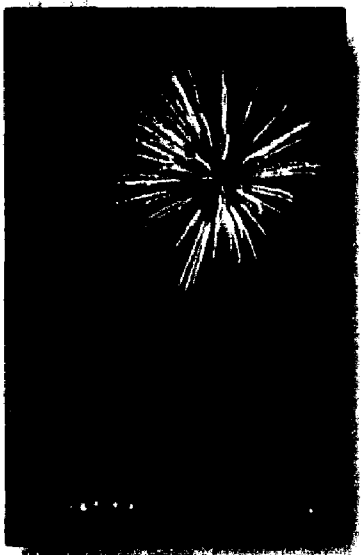
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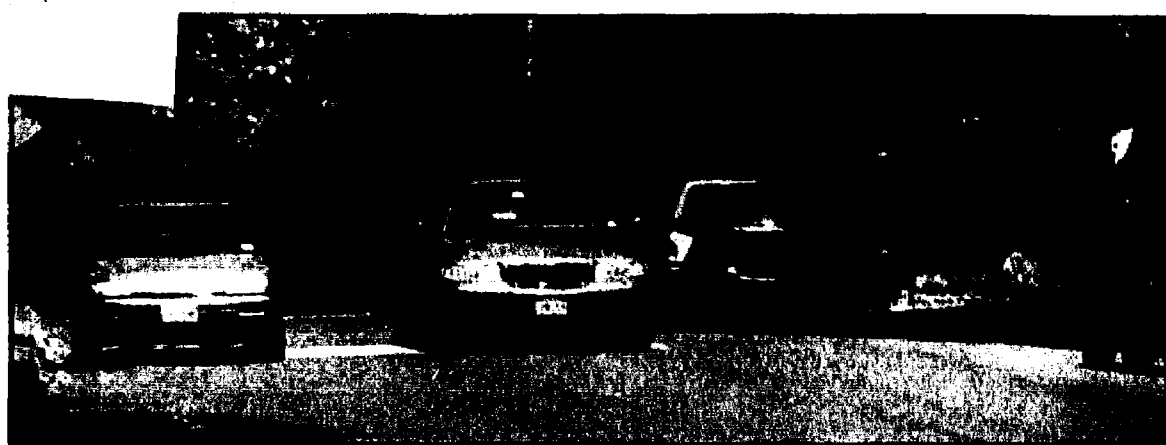
## REMINDER

### Board vacancy

**WESTFIELD** — Board of Education member Lisa Alter announced her resignation at the school board's meeting June 25. She will be taking evening courses in the fall that will conflict with school board obligations. Anyone interested in sitting on the board from September until school board election next April is asked to contact Board of Education President Arlene Gardner at [agardner@comcast.net](mailto:agardner@comcast.net) or Superintendent William Foley at [wfoley@westfieldnj.com](mailto:wfoley@westfieldnj.com).

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A car moves along Chestnut Street in Westfield. Garwood won a court battle to keep the road open to traffic.

## Westfield loses court fight to close Chestnut Street

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

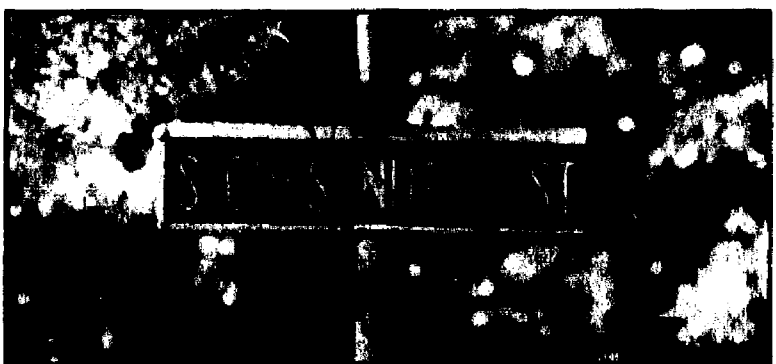
A Union County judge Friday struck down a Westfield resolution allowing local recreation officials to close Chestnut Street when baseball fields along the road are in use.

The Town Council had passed the resolution May 7 to permit recreation officials to close the road between Fourth Avenue and North Avenue during baseball season on weekdays from 5 p.m. to dusk, Saturdays 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sundays noon-7 p.m. The closings were necessary, town officials argued, because heavy traffic to the new Shop-Rite on North Avenue in Garwood is a hazard to children using the fields.

Within the specified hours, the road would have been closed only when there was a "crunch of activity" on the fields, said Westfield Attorney Robert Cockren. But Garwood officials objected to the move, saying the closings would force traffic onto the borough's local roads.

Cockren argued the temporary closures were authorized by a New Jersey statute permitting municipalities to close roads for up to 48 hours without state approval.

But in voiding the resolution, Superior Court Judge Edward Beglin accepted Garwood Attorney Robert Renaud's argu-



The street sign at South Chestnut Street and North Avenue.

ment that the statute was not intended to allow repeated temporary closings. If it were, Renaud had argued, "the municipality could close a road, for all practical purposes... We'd have barricades all over the county."

Instead, Beglin ruled, the type of closings Westfield proposed are covered by a different statute that requires a municipality to pass an ordinance and get state approval.

The Department of Transportation has denied a request from Westfield to close the street completely for 30 days to conduct a traffic study.

Claire Gray, assistant to Westfield Administrator Jim Gildea, said no decision has been made on how the town will proceed. The mayor and council were expected to be briefed on the decision at Tuesday's meet-

ing, after press deadline.

In his argument before the court, Cockren urged the judge to remember "there's a real world reality to what's happening... The council has a heightened awareness to the safety of children" along the street.

But in his ruling, Beglin said the case was "strictly a legal issue" about which statute governed the proposed road closings.

Earlier, Renaud had suggested Westfield had a different motivation — continuing resentment over the construction of the supermarket, which was opposed by many residents. "What this is... is the battle of New Orleans," he said, referring to the bloody battle fought after the War of 1812 had been concluded. "This is the last skirmish in the Shop-Rite battle."

## Antennas bring out opponents

### Fanwood residents challenge engineer

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**FANWOOD** — Verizon Wireless wants to put cell phone antennas in a residential area and residents came out in force to the Planning Board meeting June 26 to oppose it.

David Stern, vice president of VComm Telecommunications and a Verizon engineer, said that the wireless company has a significant gap in coverage in the area and the site in Fanwood would remedy the problem.

Verizon is proposing to add antennas to the PSE&G tower on Elm Street and North Avenue. Because it is in a residential area, many residents oppose the addition.

According to Stern, Verizon attempted to find suitable sites in nonresidential areas, such as the PSE&G power tower in Scotch Plains which has other wireless carriers on it; however, they were denied access.

Stern said that Verizon customers have long experienced a gap in coverage in the area. Wireless users are unable to make or receive calls, experience pauses in conversations and have poor quality transitions. The gap spans from the Fanwood area, east to the Garden State Parkway.

Verizon has antennas in

Berkley Heights, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Garwood, Plainfield and on the parkway. Though many of the sites are close to Fanwood, including along Route 22, Stern says that the type of technology Verizon uses, Co-Division Multiple Access, makes antennas more susceptible to interference. The proposed site in Fanwood would cover 95 percent of the borough and a significant portion of the gap, Stern said. However, Verizon will still have to add antennas east to the parkway to completely cover the gap.

Stern said that Verizon looks for existing structures to add antennas before building a structure. Members of the board said

"The board is looking for more information than the Verizon commercials where the guy walks around saying, 'Can you hear me now?'"

—Chairman Gregory Cummings

that there are other structures in the area, and that Verizon did not do an adequate job of searching. Chairman Gregory Cummings suggested the Chelsea Assisted Living building on South Avenue

would be an adequate site because it is in a commercial district and is the tallest site in town. Stern admitted that he was unaware of the site.

The board requested documentation on the streets Verizon traveled while searching for potential sites, but Stern said he

See Verizon, page A-2

## Temple Sholom set to take giant step

### Congregation hopes to move to Scotch Plains

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — When the idea of moving out of their longtime home in Plainfield was presented to the members of Temple Sholom, a reform Jewish congregation, it was met with shock, said President Susan Weiseman. However, after realizing the synagogue was not attracting new members, congregants agreed to the move.

For 89 years, Temple Sholom has stood as a major Jewish congregation on West Seventh Street in Plainfield. However, the congregation's membership has declined from 400 families to 230, and it has few families from Plainfield.

After a census conducted by the Long-Range Planning Committee showed the drop off in membership throughout the last decade, the congregation voted to move to a community with a large Jewish population. The synagogue is looking at potential sites for its new home, and is likely to move to Scotch Plains.

"Our study showed that we had a doughnut effect," Weiseman said. "The congregation was coming from cities around Plainfield. The bulk of our members come from Scotch Plains and Fanwood."

In order for the congregation to survive, not only does it have to attract new members, but

younger members as well, Weiseman said. The synagogue wants to attract younger people to ensure a solid future, and the Scotch Plains area has many young Jewish families, he said.

"Demographics show a lot of young Jewish families are moving in the area. The (Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains) has a lot of kids in their summer camp from this area," Weiseman said.

The primary step in attracting younger members is through the synagogue's religious school, which will be housed at Union Catholic High School starting in September.

The religious school has about 115 students from preschool to 10th grade and meets twice a week, Tuesday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Last Thursday, the synagogue hosted an open house for potential members at the Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Joel Abraham and Religious School Director Michelle Shapiro Abraham addressed the small audience and spoke individually with the guests.

The synagogue will sell its existing property by the end of the year and will move out after the Jewish Holidays in early fall.

"This is the most exciting thing that's happened in a while. It's an opportunity to start out new...The congregation has the excitement, energy and warmth to pull it off," said Weiseman.



### Garden fresh

Trish Cheek, who cultivates a plot in the Westfield Share Garden, cleans up her garden. See story and more pictures on Page B-1.

## Franklin School wins national award

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**WESTFIELD** — Students at Franklin School shared a secret this past school year — Past...Read, Pass it On.

As a part of the Read Across America program, students donated 1,700 books to urban school students. For their efforts, Franklin School won the National Youth Literacy Award from Youth Service America of the National Education Association.

Led by the PTO, parents and students participated in a reading marathon. Parents donated a penny per minute on March 1, Read Across America Day. The project accumulated the equivalent of \$2 per student.

From the donation, students purchased 4,000 post cards for their project. Next, the school had a book drive at which students and parents donated used books. The books spanned grade levels pre-kindergarten to fifth grade and they were in good condition, said Assistant Principal Claudia Androski.

The books were sent to urban-area schools: Barlow School in Plainfield, Fairview School in Bloomfield and Berkley Terrace School in Irvington. Post cards were attached to books encouraging students to read and then send the books to others, thus earning the name "Past...Read, Pass it On."

## Church appoints senior minister

WESTFIELD — The Rev. Edward H. Carll has been appointed senior minister of First United Methodist Church effective last Monday.

Carll will be relocating to Westfield from Tuckerton where he was minister of First United Methodist Church since 1988. Before that he served churches in Englishtown, Spotswood and Highland Park.

He has a master's of divinity degree and a master's of theology in pastoral care and counseling from Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and religion from Western Maryland College.

Carll is married to Gabriele



The Rev. Edward H. Carll  
...begins Westfield ministry

H.L. Carll, an elementary school teacher. Their son, Christopher, attends New York University.

Worship services are currently on the summer schedule. There is an informal seekers service at 9 a.m. Sundays and a more traditional morning worship at 10 a.m. The church is located at 1 E. Broad St., with the parking lot accessible from Ferris Place Road.

# WHS French students top U.S. list

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School placed first among New Jersey public high schools for having the most nationally ranked students in the French National Exam.

This year 93,000 students took the French National Exam nationwide. In New Jersey, 2,500 students participated and 58 of those were Westfield High School students. Of the 58, eight are ranked nationally. Thirty-two of the town's students scored in the top 15 or better in their level in the state.

The top five ranked students in the state were invited to a statewide awards ceremony at Rutgers University, Busch Campus.

Marie-Laure Hollander, French teacher at Westfield High School and President of American Association of Teachers of French,

which organized the event, was master of ceremonies. Dr. Richard Lockwood, head of the French Department at Rutgers University hosted the event and introduced the guests.

Janis Jensen, world language supervisor at the New Jersey Department of Education, Fabrice Jaumont from the Cultural Services of the French Embassy, and Stephen Dreyfuss from the Executive Committee of the French-American Chamber of Commerce were on hand to give away prizes.

Several French companies donated money and merchandise: Air France gave two round-trip tickets to Paris, and the French Cultural Services, an all expenses paid two-week stay in France. Books, videos, and posters for the students were paid for by the French bank CIC, and many door

prizes including a Lalique crystal vase, a Krups Espresso maker, and two-night stays and two dinners at the French hotel Novotel were also awarded.

The following Westfield High School students were ranked nationally and at the state level:

Level 2: Gilad Edelman, 4<sup>th</sup> in nation, 2<sup>nd</sup> in state; Camille Hausheer, 6<sup>th</sup> in nation, 4<sup>th</sup> in state; Marie-Claire Hausseguy, 9<sup>th</sup> in nation, 7<sup>th</sup> in state; Rebecca Korn, 10<sup>th</sup> in nation; 8<sup>th</sup> in state; Kayli Spialter, 10<sup>th</sup> in nation; 8<sup>th</sup> in state; Benjamin Weider, 10<sup>th</sup> in nation; 8<sup>th</sup> in state; and Julie Noguchi, 11<sup>th</sup> in nation, 9<sup>th</sup> in state.

Level 3: Kim Adams, 9<sup>th</sup> in state; Sean Adams, 10<sup>th</sup> in state; Dorothy Chou, 7<sup>th</sup> in state; Sarah Hoban, 9<sup>th</sup> in nation; 2<sup>nd</sup> in state; and Kelly Layton, 6<sup>th</sup> in state.

Level 4: Jennifer Monnet, 7<sup>th</sup>

in nation; 4<sup>th</sup> in state, and Quentin Pitcher, 9<sup>th</sup> in state, level 5; Ashley Carr, 5<sup>th</sup> in state.

## Stadium bid approved in Westfield

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education approved a bid for an addition to Kehler Stadium that will make life more convenient for female athletes.

The high school's stadium, located a few blocks from the school, does not have a locker room to accommodate female athletes. Built in 1936, the stadium only has facilities for males. At the school board's meeting last Tuesday, they accepted a bid from Flanagan's of Hillside to construct a locker room and co-ed weight training facility for \$1,134,672.

Funding will come from the bond referendum passed in 2000. The bid is above the board's budget estimate, however, the costs of the high school improvements are below estimate. The stadium addition is expected to be completed in early

## Antennas bring out opponents

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doesn't know if the information is available.

"The board is looking for more information than the Verizon commercials where the guy walks around saying, 'Can you hear me now?'" Cummings joked.

Board member Eric Hess suggested building antennas at municipal sites, such as the recycling center. However, Stern said that the ordinance states that municipal sites are to be used only if existing structures for antennas don't exist.

"You're applying for a variance in this case, so you could apply for a variance to (the ordinance)," Hess said to Stern. "I just want to make the point that there are other sites that I don't think you gave serious consideration to."

The board spent most of the evening questioning Stern, enabling Verizon to bring out experts forth. The public also had an opportunity to question Stern, mainly asking about other potential sites outside of Fanwood.

Borough Hall overflowed with residents opposing the cell phone antennas. Residents passed around a contact list for those who wanted to fight Verizon's application.

"There's already a good number of these antennas in this town," said resident Bruce Walsh. "When you have a residential area such as we do and an ordinance which limits these things to (sites) other than residential areas then companies like Verizon should honor those ordinances and the wishes of the residents who live in the town who would be affected."

The Planning Board will continue the Verizon hearing on July 24.

## Open lunch policy approved

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education approved the open lunch policy for the high school last Tuesday that will continue to allow juniors and seniors to leave campus for lunch.

After parents complained about the open lunch privilege being abused by underclassmen and not being properly enforced by school officials, the board formed a committee to review the policy. The committee decided to continue the privilege with

added enforcement measures.

New compliance measures include a parent-student-administration contract permitting students to leave the high school during lunch, limited exits and entrances, color-coded student identification cards and stricter consequences for violations. Penalties include suspension and loss of open lunch privileges. Each year, class representatives must formally request the open lunch privilege, and it may be denied or revoked by the principal at any time.

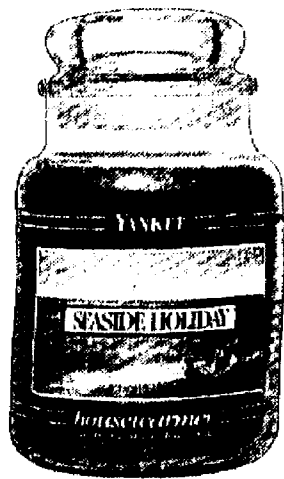


## Salute to the flag

The children in the Pre-K Title classes at Brunner School in Scotch Plains stirred up a red, white and blue celebration in honor of Flag Day on June 14. The children performed a flag ceremony called "The Flag Recipe" and sang several songs about the flag. The children also treated family members to cupcakes which included a flag that the children fashioned from red, white and blue cupcakes that they decorated. Shown stirring "The Flag Recipe" are Katie Killeen, Josh Mineo, Cameron Smith and Tom Cunningham.

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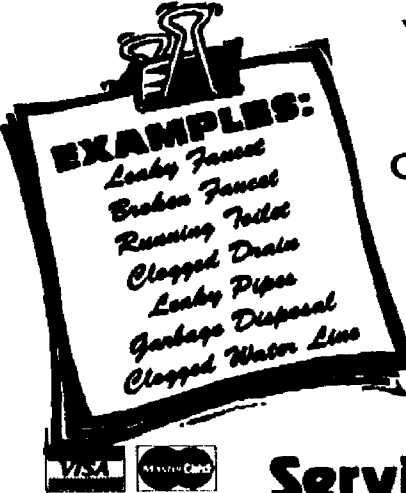
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# Hearings continued on townhouses on Westfield line

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**GARWOOD** — An application to build 16 townhouses on the borough's border with Westfield and Cranford will continue later this month, after a June 27 Planning Board meeting adjourned without a vote.

In its latest form — the project has changed several times since first proposed — the development includes 16 three-

story townhouses, to be built on the property behind the Hidi and Liqueur properties on Fourth Avenue. The site would border Westfield to the north and Cranford to the east.

Rahway developer Giapiedi proposes to locate the units along a cul-de-sac between the two properties. In response to concerns about traffic safety and more children in local schools, the units will be restricted to residents 55 and over.

Though the units will be grouped into four blocks, each unit in a block will have a unique facade. The units will be shielded from Union Street homes to the west by a row of white pines, said Giapiedi architect and planner Jennifer Wenson.

Though the scale of the project has shrunk several times, the developer is seeking numerous variances. The townhouse site and the neighboring properties would require set-

back variances under the proposal; at three stories, the townhouses are also one-half story higher than borough regulations permit.

Much of the testimony at the June 27 meeting focused on the density of the proposed development. Wenson, who designed the units, said the proposal is consistent with the borough's Master Plan, which calls for "clustered residential properties" at the location.

But board attorney Douglas

Fraser and board planner Victor Vinegra both questioned this claim, saying "clustered" development does not permit higher density than traditional single-family homes. The total size of the lot — nearly 66,000 sq. ft. — would only allow 10 homes after the road is constructed, Fraser said.

The applicant also presented evidence that the townhouses would not drive down the value of neighboring homes. But board officials and residents

alike questioned this testimony. "How can you say it will have no deleterious impact?" said Fourth Avenue resident Sandra Watkins.

The board will reconvene 7:30 p.m. July 24 to continue hearing the application. That meeting is expected to include continued testimony from Wenson as well as testimony from Giapiedi principal Ray Giacobbe. That meeting will also offer residents a chance to speak for or against the project.

## Cranford landmark gone after 20 years

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**CRANFORD** — Twenty years ago, Frank and Janice Romanelli came to Cranford to open a restaurant on North Avenue — she returning to her hometown, he hailing from Avellino, Italy.

By the time their restaurant, Cortina's, served its last meal Sunday, it had become a local landmark, known for its good food and friendly atmosphere, and for the Romanellis' commitment to Cranford.

The initial goal of the restaurant, Frank Romanelli says, was to introduce Northern Italian cuisine to an area where many people thought red sauce was an essential part of any Italian dish. That innovative approach was joined to a traditional serving philosophy — "a fair portion for a fair price," Frank says.

And those portions were served in one of the most unique environments in Cranford. The walls of Cortina's were lined with paintings by Joseph Dawley, a local painter who achieved artistic fame when Parkinson's disease forced him to forgo his Old Master style and adopt a Impressionistic technique. The Romanellis' friendship with Dawley — his gallery was once next door — allowed local resi-



Janice and Frank Romanelli are retiring after running Cortina's restaurant in Cranford for 20 years.

dents to dine beneath works by an artist whose canvases have sold for up to \$100,000.

But Cortina's may be most remembered for its owners' welcoming attitude and dedication to the downtown.

"In order to succeed in this business, you have to be enthusiastic, you have to take some pleasure in meeting people," said Frank. "You have to consider the hosting a relationship... It's not just coming to a restaurant, it's meeting a friend."

The couple also hosted, at

Cortina's, some of the early discussions on the streetscape project that changed the look of the downtown.

"When we came here, the town was going downhill. Hardly anyone walked at night," Frank said. "Now we have this dream, which has been realized before our eyes in the last 20 years."

Frank and Janice say they retain their enthusiasm for hosting people. But at age 62, they have tired of the business side of the job. So, Cortina's will be replaced by Garlic Rose, a

Madison eatery that includes garlic in every dish — even the ice cream.

But the Romanellis say they will remain active in town, and always have fond memories of their restaurant on North Avenue.

"It was a thrill for me because I grew up in this town," said Janice. "Just meeting all the wonderful people we've had come through this restaurant."

"We are extremely thankful to this town that has made us feel a part," Frank agreed. "Cranford is

## School reading lists posted on website

This year students in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system can keep up with their summer reading the easy way.

All reading lists are now posted on the district's website at [www.spfk12.org](http://www.spfk12.org). Click on the appropriate link on the home page to get the reading list for high school (Grades 9-12), middle school (Grades 6-8), elementary (Grades 3-5) or prekindergarten-Grade 2.

The reading lists can also be found at the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue and the Fanwood Memorial Library on North Avenue. Both libraries will have all books on the reading lists with plenty of copies available.

For those in high school the "Book Beats" are a way to earn extra credit for their summer reading. Each program covers a different book with movie clips and a related discussion led by Carol Senff, chairman of the Language Arts Department at

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

"Book Beats" run 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fanwood library and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Scotch Plains library. Titles are "Eaters of the Dead" ("The 13th Warrior") by Michael Crichton, July 9 and 11; "The Shawshank Redemption" by Stephen King, July 23 and 25; "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood, Aug. 13 and 15; "The House of the Spirits" by Isabel Allende, Aug. 27 and 29.

The public is invited to attend the "Book Beats." Pizza will be served in Fanwood and bagels will be served in Scotch Plains.

Visit or phone either library for full information. The Fanwood library is at [www.lmxac.org/fanwood](http://www.lmxac.org/fanwood) or (908) 322-6400. The Scotch Plains library is at [www.scotlib.org](http://www.scotlib.org) or (908) 322-5007.

## Kenilworth plans upgrade to DiMario Park

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**KENILWORTH** — The borough plans an upgrade of DiMario Park on South Michigan Avenue later this year. But the improvements must be accompanied by better efforts to control use of the park and prevent vandalism, Recreation Department officials said.

The proposed upgrades include reconstructing the base around the playground equipment to prevent flooding, installing new trash cans, benches and picnic tables, and improving handicapped access,

said Recreation Director Rich Vitale. The work, to cost about \$38,000, will be paid for by a Pocket Parks grant.

But the improvements will be wasted if the level of vandalism at the park is not curbed, officials said. "You're going to put all this money into the park now, for what?" said Barbara Hart, secretary for the Recreation Department.

The vandalism has included repeated spray-painting of graffiti on the park building, break-ins at the building and charcoal strewn on the grass. Recently more serious signs have been found, Hart said, including broken beer bottles

and used condoms and needles in the gazebo.

"It's really a problem and it needs to be guarded," she said. "It needs to be patrolled."

Councilman Ed Galasso said he would speak to the Police Department about the level of patrols at the park. Police incident reports indicate officers patrol the park frequently.

Another problem at the park, Vitale said, is regular use of the basketball courts by out-of-town residents. Vitale said he counted 27 out-of-town men on the courts recently; sometimes, he said, players are uniformed and appear to be in organized leagues.

In addition to dominating court time, Vitale said, the men are responsible for two broken backboards at the park. "They're not using the parks now, they're abusing them," he said.

Borough Attorney Tom Vitale said it is unconstitutional for the borough to prevent non-residents from using public parks. But the borough can establish a permitting process requiring large groups to register before using the courts, he said. That process can legally give priority to borough residents, he said.

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## Scotch Plains girl attends summit

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Katie Downey is scheduled to return this weekend from the World Leadership Summit.

The event was held this week at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I., under the auspices of the Institute for International Sport. Katie is a junior honors student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

According to a mission statement on the event's website, the summit was intended to "develop a group of leaders with a global vision, the ability to balance resolve with restraint, and a shared commitment to think clearly, lead humanely, and foster equal rights for all."

Katie is co-president of the SPFHS Drama Club and co-secretary of Students Concerned for the Needy. A participant in Habitat for Humanity, she traveled out of country for concerts

with American Honor Choirs Abroad and the international choir of the World Scholar-Athlete Games.

As a choral singer Katie performs with her high school's Show Choir, Select Choir, Concert Choir and Las

Cantadoras. She has sung with the All-State Choir, Regional Choir and Opera Chorus of the New Jersey Music Educators Association.

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# Commentary

## Responsibilities of independence

Millions of Americans are looking forward to a long four-day weekend of fun. We will barbecue, play softball, swim in the ocean, get sunburned and watch glorious fireworks displays. Yet, in the midst of these distractions, few of us will take the time to think about the meaning of Independence Day.

July 4, 1776 was not only a turning point in this country, but also a momentous day in the history of the world. On that historic day was laid the political foundation for a government whose authority rested on the respect and protection of the inalienable rights of individuals.

The document signed that day in Philadelphia has proven to be the most revolutionary manifesto in the history of western civilization; it is as relevant today as it was 226 years ago. There are still many nations in the world where the citizens do not enjoy the freedoms we take for granted. They do not have the power of self-determination that is at the heart of the American experience. For them the Declaration of Independence is a beacon of freedom.

The rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence are precious and must be preserved. But they can be threatened if we become apathetic and take them for granted. The continued health of our democracy depends on all of us taking an active role. If we do not exercise our rights as responsible citizens, our democracy will atrophy and wither like a muscle that's never used.

To live in a free and open society carries a burden of many responsibilities for the normal citizen. Yet there are too many people in our country who shirk their responsibilities. They do not vote, they do not keep up with current events and they do not become involved in their communities. That sort of apathy has an insidious negative impact on the health of our democracy.

That's why it is important for us to take a few moments of time this fun-filled long, long weekend for many and read the Declaration of Independence. It's a homework assignment over summer vacation for all citizens; for extra credit, we should all read the Bill of Rights too.

Just as we make personal resolutions on New Year's Day, we should make resolutions as citizens on Independence Day. It could be as simple as resolving to vote in the November general election. It could also be as demanding as resolving to volunteer for a municipal board or becoming involved in a local political party.

In those simple ways we can guarantee the continued strength of our democracy and we can keep alive the Spirit of '76. It is a good way to celebrate the 226th anniversary of the Revolution.



## Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## Reasons to hate summer

Here are some reasons why I don't like summer:

1. **Hot summer nights.** I flop about the sweat-soaked sheets like a fish trying to sleep on linoleum. I can't sleep because I'm thinking about how miserable the weather is.

If I turn on the air conditioner, I dream about the money dripping from my checking account. (A night of air conditioning, I figure, costs me about \$3; I've become a miser.) A mosquito buzzes in the room and I wake up screaming from a dream of Pearl Harbor. And outside the kids of the neighborhood are still carousing around 2 a.m., their raucous, explosive laughs punctuated with fierce obscenities and beer cans slam dunked into empty garbage cans.

By the time I slip into a fitful slumber, the sun is beginning to shove over the horizon and the rosy finger of dawn sticks me in the eye. Another hot day has begun and even the sun takes its lazy time crossing the sky.

2. **Sinuses.** Around June 21, steel wool begins to grow in my sinus cavities.

This malady is not an allergy. It is a peculiar condition which has no name. Whenever the humidity reaches a certain level I begin to feel as if my head is full of dirty cotton candy. My sinuses are a bizarrely accurate hygrometer.

By the second week of July, I can't breathe without opening my mouth wide enough to provide a safe haven for a squadron of gnats.

On Aug. 1, the steel wool begins to rust because of the humidity. This begins my month-long headache which only eases when the first crisp September breezes flushes my nose and the jettisoned steel wool scours my sinuses.

3. **The weather.** Contrary to popular belief, it is both the heat and the humidity. The air is so thick on those molasses evenings you can literally take a bite of the sky. The whole world begins to sweat. You step outside on a damp morning and the smell reminds you of an abandoned locker room. Clothes cling tight to the wrong parts of my body; I itch in places better left untouched.

4. **The food.** People should realize barbecue ribs are nothing but strings of fat attached to cow bones covered with a sauce that's impossible to remove from skin and Ralph Lauren golf shirts. Hamburgers and hot dogs, unless they're made out of turkey, clog the arteries and expand the stomach because it's too hot to exercise. Potato salad is a breeding ground for tiny, tiny organisms with ugly Latin names. Cold beer hits the spot, then rubs it out.

Have you ever given thought to the real meaning of the traditional Independence Day barbecue? Cooking raw meat over a communal fire celebrates our independence from the lesser primates. On July 4th, we should be eating antelope and zebra, instead of the domesticated cow. We celebrate our ability to use the thumb by using a cigarette lighter to start the gourmet conflagration.

5. **The lack of shame.** In summer there are a lot of people who are wearing clothes they shouldn't. Full-figured women (political correctness does not wither in summer) should realize that a muumuu is just as cool and comfortable as a halter top and tight shorts. Men who have not been in shape since grammar school should keep their sagging muscles under wraps.

In summer we all become walking advertisements with T-shirts brandishing our favorite bar, overpriced clothing designer, rock band, etc. What's so perverse and shameful is that none of these commercial operations are paying us to endorse and advertise their products; instead, we've probably paid extra for a T-shirt that is, essentially, free advertising. Like a professional athlete, I should be paid to wear a T-shirt with Tommy Hilfiger in huge letters; that's the only way I'm going to advertise his clothes.

## Letters to the editor

## Defibrillators belong in schools

### To The Record-Press:

We are writing to urge your readers to press our New Jersey state educators, school systems and legislators to support the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in New Jersey schools and provide support for AED and CPR training programs. We would also like to urge consideration of the introduction of universal electrocardiogram (EKG) screening to help detect heart defects and abnormalities among our children and young athletes.

In January, a 19-year-old College of New Jersey freshman and former Vernon High School swimming star died of cardiac arrest. The cause of death was believed to be an undiagnosed heart condition. In November, an East Orange High School student died of sudden cardiac arrest while playing a pick-up basketball game. He had an undiagnosed enlarged heart. Last spring, a Camden County student died of sudden cardiac arrest, also caused by an undiagnosed heart condition. My husband, Avi, and I have a very personal interest in this issue. On April 15, 2000, our athletic and very healthy looking 11-year-old daughter, Danielle, died as a result of a sudden cardiac arrest. The cause of our daughter's death was an undiagnosed heart condition called long Q-T syndrome.

Long Q-T syndrome is a very treatable disorder but it cannot be detected during a routine medical examination. LQTS can be diagnosed by doing an EKG. However, children who appear to be healthy are never given an EKG and many cases remain undiagnosed until tragedy strikes. The two symptoms of LQTS are fainting and cardiac arrest. If a child or young adult has a history of fainting he or she should see a cardiologist familiar with LQTS for an EKG. Tragically, in many cases, the child is entirely asymptomatic, as our daughter was, until a fatal cardiac arrest claims the child's life. In a medical/scientific statement issued by the American Heart Association in 1998, "LQTS was found to be frequently unrecognized clinically, but acknowledged as a cause of sudden cardiac arrest or sudden death in young, apparently healthy people, including competitive athletes."

These tragic stories of New Jersey children and young athletes dying from sudden cardiac arrest due to undiagnosed heart ailments seem to be on

the rise. The American Heart Association calls sudden cardiac arrest a "major unresolved public health issue" that claims the lives of at least 220,000 people annually. In March 2001, the Center for Disease Control released a study reporting that sudden cardiac deaths jumped 10 percent for teens and young adults from 1989 to 1996.

We are certain that many New Jersey parents have tragic stories similar to ours. They had no family history of heart disease and they were unaware of their child's condition. How many New Jersey children, teenagers and young adults will die suddenly from undiagnosed heart conditions and heart defects before something is done? What can we do in New Jersey?

Implementing electrocardiogram testing is one preventative means to address the issue. In a study released at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions in November, enhanced screening of young athletes was urged, including an electrocardiogram (EKG) test. But why not screen all children at a certain age? The cost of EKG screening is not great but its potential to save many young lives is.

The other way to help address this issue is more reactive, but extremely important. All New Jersey schools should have automatic external defibrillators and AED and CPR training should be provided to teachers and students. This type of training should be integrated into health or physical education classes. Every school in the Millburn Township School System and in the Neptune Township School System has a defibrillator. A number of other New Jersey schools have defibrillators and a handful of schools do offer students CPR training.

As the American Heart Association points out, the only effective treatment for a person in cardiac arrest is an electrical shock to the heart and the chance of survival decreases 7-10 percent for each minute that goes by. Early 9-1-1, Early CPR and Early Defibrillation need to take place within five minutes of onset for the victim to have the best chance of survival.

Please, let's consider EKG screening for all New Jersey children and young athletes. Also, we encourage all New Jersey schools to implement AED and CPR programs.

SHARON and AVI BRENDER  
Millburn

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Water main work planned all summer

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Elizabethtown Water will continue to make improvements to water pipes throughout the summer.

In order to address the problems of water pressure experienced by residents on the north side of the township, the company has been doing piping rehabilitation to main street pipes and pipes that extend to the curbs.

Workers may dig up streets and lawns during the rehabilitation project. Residents shouldn't experience any interruption in water service, according to Mayor Martin Marks. For any questions, contact the Municipal Building.

### Municipal Building adjusts its hours

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The municipal building will have extended hours, Monday — Thursday during the summer starting July 11. The building will be open until 7:30 p.m. weekdays. On Fridays it will close at noon.

### Cranford DAR cites ROTC cadets

**CRANFORD** — The Crane's Ford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently presented Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) bronze medals, certificates and savings bonds to three high school students.

Award recipients included Navy Marine Cadet Andrea Navas of Elizabeth High School, Air force Cadet Kelly McVey at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Marine Cadet Elba Estremera at Roselle High School.

Criteria for the award include service, honor, courage, leadership and patriotism as well as volunteer service in the community.

### Grants offered for nonprofits

PSEG is accepting applications for its 2002 Recognizing Excellence in Volunteerism grant program. Grants are available for qualified nonprofit organizations where PSEG employees volunteer.

Up to 17 grants will be awarded this year, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Awards will be based on overall service, duration and quality of volunteer work.

Deadline for the nominations of PSEG employees by nonprofits is July 12. For more information, visit [www.pseg.com/volunteers](http://www.pseg.com/volunteers) or call (973) 430-5874.

### Summer schedule for Thrift Shop

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop on Second Street will reopen Tuesday after its Fourth of July vacation with a fresh supply of bathing suits, cover-ups and summer clothes.

The summer hours for the shop are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Regular hours will resume after Labor Day. Donations are welcome during store hours.

For more information, call the shop at (908) 322-5420.

### Railroad Club offering discount

**UNION** — The Model Railroad Club, an activity of the Union County Park System, will offer a discounted ticket beginning Saturday.

The new ticket is called the discount return-trip ticket. Purchasers will receive two admissions to the club: one at the regular full fare and a second at half-price. The discounted tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

The tickets will be available at the club ticket office, 295 Jefferson Ave., off Route 22 east in Union, behind Home Depot. The club is open every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Parking is free and the club is wheelchair accessible.

The club was founded in 1949 in the basement of Paul Mallory. For more information call the club at (908) 964-9724 on Saturday afternoons or visit [www.tmrcl.com](http://www.tmrcl.com).

## Drought, pests, frost taking their toll



Lucy Sheaf grows eggplants, beans and asparagus in the Westfield Share Garden.

### Westfield Share Gardeners outwitting their enemies

By CANDACE WALLER  
CORRESPONDENT

This has been a year full of hurdles for the Westfield Share Gardeners.

First there was the issue of water, and even though the group had waterers, many growers took extra precautions.

Patricia Cheeks used drought-resistance seeds, but then all her plants died during the cold snap in May.

She has since replanted and along with the other gardeners has had to come up with ways to get moisture to her plants. Some gardeners use mulch, straw and black garden tarps to keep out the weeds and get water to the plants.

"The new plants are working out fine," Cheeks said.

There is an abundance of life at the garden, but not all are welcome.

"Red foxes are allies that keep down the number of rabbits and mice. We had a hawk on the power wire. It was huge. We were trying to find out what kind it was," Cheeks said.

There is also a nest of snapping turtles eggs that were left in the garden by their mother. Despite some of these natural allies, growers still found that they had to come up with other measures to keep pests at bay.

Growers use wire fences, lime, marigolds and mint. David Sidaway designed an intricate fence. He built a trench and planted the fence underground so rabbits couldn't dig under it. He then attached that fence to another and used deer netting.

So far it seems to be working.

"It hasn't been half as bad," Sidaway said. "The frustration with the ground hogs drove me to be creative. It was a lot of work, but a good experience."

We've had a problem with rabbits, not so much with the deer. Rabbits will eat anything they can get their teeth on. They have wiped out a planter's broccoli and lettuce."

Other measures gardeners take to protect their plants are tin pie pans that rattle in the wind and artificial owls and snakes. But Sidaway recommends another deterrent: human urine.

"This is the advice of the master gardeners of Westfield. Apparently the smell of urine turns them off. So far it's been effective," Sidaway said.

Sidaway admits that these measures won't last for long and that the group will have to come up with other ways to stay ahead of the pests.

Despite the pests, some plants are flourishing. Lauramae Cutler said lettuce, asparagus, radishes, spinach and peppers are doing beautifully and in some cases are being harvested. Sidaway said he noticed tomatoes are doing well in part because the rabbits don't like to eat them.

Vice President Warren Rorden estimates that there are 70-75 people who are gardening this year.

"It's just peaceful and relaxing," Rorden said. "In this world that we live in people need a place to go where there is quiet. The people help each other and share."



Cauliflower thrives in Trish Cheeks garden.



Some plants are meant to grace the coffee table, not the kitchen table.



Photographs  
by George Pacciello

Bill Cutler tends to his green beans in the Westfield Share Garden.

## Iris Walker Jensen

WESTFIELD — Iris M. Walker Jensen, 73, died June 28, 2002 at her home. A homemaker, she once was a Manhattan-based buyer with Hanes Co.

Mrs. Jensen was born in Westfield. She lived in Decatur, Ill., Huntington, N.Y., and St. Joseph, Mich., before returning to Westfield in 1983.

She enjoyed reading, travel, sewing and helping others. Mrs. Jensen was known for her world-class cheesecake and lemon meringue pies.

She and her husband, Theodore F. "Ted," were longtime members of the Couples Club and Chapter 13 Circle at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue. The Jensens celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 5.

Also surviving are two daughters, Keren Sonnenberg and husband Don of Sawyer, Mich., and Kristine of Westfield; two sons, Ted Jr. and wife Betty of Doswell, Va., and David and wife Cathy of Manalapan; a sister-in-law, Mary of Pennsylvania; an uncle, Harry Paff of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada; a cousin, Diane Brennan and husband William of Union; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the Revolutionary War Cemetery with arrangements by Dooley Colonial Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Presbyterian Church.

## Richard Hoyer

SCOTCH PLAINS — Richard Arthur Hoyer, 56, died June 28, 2002 at his home. He was a longtime electronics technician with a number of hospitals.

Mr. Hoyer was born in Orange and had lived for many years in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his parents, Hermann F. and Marjorie of Freehold; a brother, Donald F. of Spring Lake; and a sister, Dorothy A. Belinski of Reading, Pa.

Private arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home in Westfield.

## Helen A. Briant

WESTFIELD — Helen A. Perky Briant, 79, died July 1, 2002 at her home. She retired in 1976 after 11 years as a licensed practical nurse on the staff of Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Dunellen and had lived in Westfield since 1969.

Mrs. Briant graduated from the Overlook Hospital nursing school in 1964. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to

Martin Wallberg Post 3, American Legion.

Surviving are her husband of 33 years, Clarence H.; a daughter, Kathie Jayne of Delray Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

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## Obituaries

### Samuel Howard

WESTFIELD — Samuel "Sam" Howard, 75, died June 24, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He retired in 1989 after 40 years as a packer with the Townsend Moving Co.

Mr. Howard was born in King and Queen, Va., and had lived in Westfield since 1957.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorine Chamberlain and husband

McArthur Sr. of West Point, Va., and Freda Stewart of Plainfield; three brothers, Zack Jr. of Plainfield, Herman of King and Queen and Archie of East Orange; a sister, Maryann Coleman of King and Queen; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; an aunt; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday at Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

### Beverlee Ferraro

SCOTCH PLAINS — Beverlee A. Ferraro, 62, died June 28, 2002 at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan. She was a teacher for 30 years at Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School.

Mrs. Ferraro was born in Irvington and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Manalapan in 1966. She received a bachelor's degree from Kean College of New Jersey in 1969 and a master's degree from Georgian Court College.

Her husband, Robert, is

deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Richard of Freehold and Robert of Manalapan; a stepson, Robert M. of Massachusetts; two stepdaughters, Sharon of Massachusetts and Monique of Florida; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church in Manalapan. Burial was in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Freehold.

Arrangements were by Freeman Manalapan-Marlboro Funeral Home in Manalapan.

### Thalisette Murphy

WESTFIELD — Thalisette H. "Cookie" Murphy, 51, died June 24, 2002 at University Hospital in Newark. She was a registered nurse on the staff of that hospital for 17 years.

Mrs. Murphy was born in Harrisburg, Pa., and lived in Westfield before moving to Perth Amboy in 2001. She graduated from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Brooklyn.

Surviving are her father, Russell Hemphill; a daughter, Josette Murphy-Prunty; a son, Joseph; two sisters, Theresa Smith and Sandra Washington; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Rahway. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Jones Funeral Home in Rahway.

### Helen Ptashinski

SCOTCH PLAINS — Helen A. Kruchunas Ptashinski, 88, died June 29, 2002 at her home. She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1963.

Mrs. Ptashinski recited the rosary every week in the convent chapel at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Alphonse, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters,

Helen V. Lucas and Barbara A. Kwiatkowski; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in St. Mary's-Stony Hill Mausoleum, Watchung.

Donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

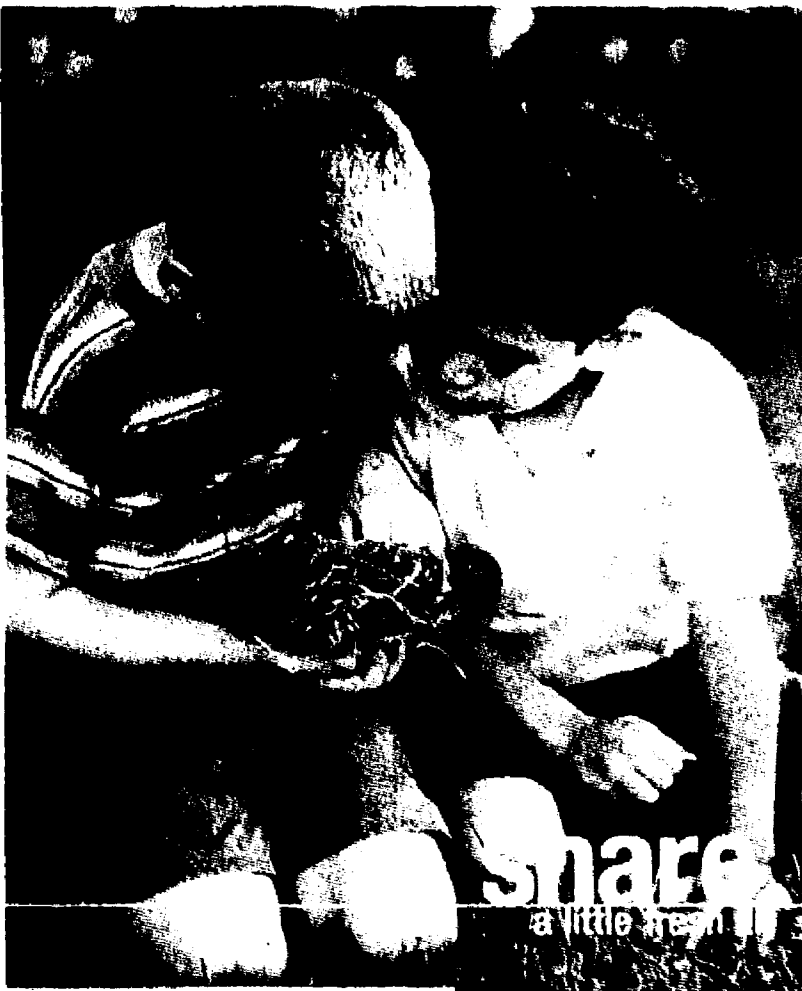
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## John Stavish

SCOTCH PLAINS — John Stavish, 48, died June 27, 2002 at Community Medical Center in Toms River. He graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and worked at the Super Foodtown supermarket in Toms River.

Mr. Stavish was born in Scotch Plains and lived in the township before moving to Toms River in 1984. He was a fan of the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Devils and the Indian Marching Band at Toms River High School South.

His father, Thomas S., and two brothers-in-law, A. Michael

Franco and William H. Gazi, are deceased.

Surviving are his mother, Ann Maletz Stavish; a brother, Thomas and wife Veronica; five sisters, Helen Scavuzzo and husband Paul, Kathryn Santoro and husband John, Mary Ann Gazi, Margaret Franco and Joan; 15 nieces and nephews; and 11 grandchildren and grandnephews.

Mass was offered Tuesday at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, South Plainfield, following services at McCricken Home for Funerals in South Plainfield. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

## Wilmore Williams Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Services have been held for Wilmore Williams Sr., 86, who died June 30, 2002 at Riverside Convalescent Center in West Point, Va. He loved golf, baseball, football, music, dancing and Cadillac automobiles.

A native of Williamsburg, Va., he lived in Scotch Plains and Plainfield before moving to West Point in 1999.

Mr. Williams was the bridegroom in "The Million-Dollar Wedding Fund-Raiser," a major event of St. John's Baptist

Church. He also sang in the Men's Choir of the Morse Avenue church.

Deceased are two sons, Wayne H. and Wilmore Jr.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of more than 50 years, Emma L.; three daughters, Dolores Williams-Stewart, Barbara A. Williams-Johnson and Vanessa; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Donations may be sent to the American Stroke Association.

## Re-enactment makes history come alive

By GARY COVELTIZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

EDISON — A dragon stood at attention as the warm summer's breeze caused the feathers in his plumed hat to wave gently in wind.

With his carbine rifle, shiny black boots and tight pants, he looked every inch the 18th century cavalier. A lecturer standing off to the side described in detail the tactics used by dragoons in battle. The same was done for musketeers, grenadiers, drummers and artillery.

Over the weekend, John Adams Middle School was turned into a Revolutionary War battle field as the Metuchen/Edison Historical Society sponsored the 225th Anniversary Reenactment and Encampment commemorating the 1777 Battle of Short Hills. Row after row of tents filled the fields with hundreds of people in period dress mingling with residents in modern dress.

Helping with the day's events was The Brigade of the American Revolution, an umbrella organization of re-enactors. Founded in 1962, the 3,000 members of the brigade are making a special effort to be at the 225th anniversary of each of the major battles of the Revolution. Next year they will be at the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth which will have more than 3,000 re-enactors participating in the battle.

Like many in the brigade, Tom Hallada of Westfield joined because his child joined. In his case it was his daughter, Fran, who is the history buff. Now the two of them man a brass cannon in the brigade in Mott's Artillery in the Continental Army.

"This is a three pounder in that it fired a three-pound ball," said Tom as he stood next to the cannon in his black uniform with red trim. "During the war

both we and the British had artillery men that dressed alike in black with red trim. Sometimes I am asked to switch sides to help out the British if they are short.

Over the years he has become familiar with both the cannon and the men who manned them.

"In the 17th century field guns fired solid shot, either a three pound ball or 21 smaller balls called grape shot. The howitzers and mortars fired exploding shells."

All of the re-enactors are happy to speak on the details of their uniforms and of the units they serve in. During the course of a day the visitors could learn that the British soldiers had a daily portion of grog, watered down rum, because the water was generally unsafe to drink or that brass was preferred to iron when making a cannon in that in case of a misfire the brass would expand while the iron would explode.

All of the re-enactors pay for their own uniforms and equipment.

"All in all, it costs about \$4,000 to be properly outfitted," said Andrew Wunkowski of Hillside. "My musket and bayonets alone cost \$1,000."

A member of the 22nd Regular Foot Infantry of the British Army, he also joined because his 14 year old son was fascinated by the drill and uniforms of the British and wanted to become a drummer.

"Congratulations to Walter Stochel," said Councilman Charles Tomaro. "This is great for the community and for our young people so that they can learn about the battle and our history."

Near the end of the day the two sides drew up and once again the sounds of musketry and drummers filled the air of Edison and smoke drifted across the fields as the re-enactors fired volley after volley at each other.

## Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

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## BEST BETS

### Village Green concerts begin

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee is hosting its 23rd annual summer concert series on the Village Green including many new performances.

On July 11 see Bingo the Clown and The B-Street Band; July 18, the high school band 94% followed by The Wisemen; July 25, Funtastic Kid Show followed by Teddy Halek with a tribute to Frank Sinatra; Aug. 1, Bingo the Clown and Jim Barone as Elvis; Aug. 6, The Nerds; Aug. 15, high school group Crystal Noose followed by Renaldo Taglia; Aug. 22, high school group Ether Red followed by Beatlemania; and Aug. 29, Funtastic for Kids followed by Parrotville.

Call the Recreation Department for start times.

### Planetarium show at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE — The planetarium show at Trailside Nature and Science Center will be held July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

The show will feature the summer skies and Cygnus, Lyria and Aquilla, which form the summer triangle. The show will also feature the center of the Milky Way galaxy, which is visible during the summer.

Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.80 for seniors. The show is for children aged 6 and up. For information call (908) 789-3670.

### Open auditions for family comedy

WESTFIELD — Director Joann Scanlon of Westfield Community Players (WCP) has announced open auditions for Joe DePietro's family comedy "Over the River and Through the Woods" will be held at the theater on Monday July 8 and Tuesday July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Located at 1000 North Avenue, West in Westfield, those wishing to audition who cannot make these dates, are requested to call the director at (973) 635-6043 for further information.

"Over the River and Through the Woods" is the family comedy that seeks to answer the question of how can a nice Italian boy continue to have dinner at his grandparents in New Jersey on Sundays, when he is thinking of taking a job in Seattle?

Cast requirements are as follows:

Male Lead - 30s  
Woman - late 20's  
2 men - 70s (Italian accents desired)  
2 women - 70s (Italian accents desired)

The show opens on Saturday Oct. 12 and continues Friday and Saturday evenings until Nov. 2 with all tickets priced at \$12.

Funding has been made possible in part, by a grant from the NJ Department of State, administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

### Adult cast for 'Charlie Brown'

CRANFORD — The Cranford Dramatic Club has chosen a slightly unusual show to open its 2002-03 season: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" — with an adult cast.

Auditions at the club's Cranford theater are 1 p.m. Sunday, July 21 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23. Charlie Brown, Linus, Schroeder and Snoopy are baritone/tenors; Lucy and Sally are mezzo-sopranos.

All actors must be at least 16 years old. Prepare a song from the show or another show tune. Bring sheet music in the appropriate key and dress for a small dance audition. Readings will be from the script.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 18 with weekend shows scheduled Oct. 11-26. For more information, phone (908) 276-7611.

## Events

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
North Branch Park  
Branchburg  
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• Independence Day event with live music (Kenny Vance & The Planotones, Mission Dance), 5 p.m. July 4. Fireworks follow 9 p.m. Free admission.

## Theater

### NOW PLAYING

**FORUM THEATRE**  
314 Main St., Metuchen  
(732) 548-0582;  
www.akidsforum.com  
• "Cinderella," local production of ballet/stage musical. To July 20. Admission \$12; group rates available. Call for show-times.

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE**  
Brookside Dr., Millburn  
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• "My Fair Lady," local production of Broadway/movie musical. To July 21. Admission \$59-\$29; discounts available. Call for show schedule.

**PLAYS IN THE PARK**  
Roosevelt Park, Edison  
(732) 548-2884;  
www.playsinthepark.com  
• "Jekyll and Hyde," local production of Broadway musical. 8:30 p.m. July 5, 6, 8-13. Adults \$3; under 12 free. Bring low-backed chairs for seating (no blankets or chaise longues).

### COMING SOON

**BROOK ARTS CENTER**  
10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook  
(732) 469-7700;  
www.brookarts.org  
• "The Real Inspector Hound," comedy by Tom Stoppard. 8 p.m. July 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, Aug. 2, 3; 2 p.m. July 28. Admission \$15.  
**OFF-BROADSTREET THEATRE**  
5 S. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell  
(609) 466-2766  
• "Hotel d'Amour," musical farce. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12-Aug. 24. Admission \$24 Saturday, \$22.50 other days; discounts available.

**Spoken Word**  
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Barron Arts Center  
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**Star Shows**  
**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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• "Summer Skies," 7:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$4.50.

• "Laser America" concert. 8:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23; 3 p.m. July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28. Admission \$5.

• "The Little Star That Could," 2 p.m. July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28. Admission \$4.50.

**TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER**  
452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside  
(908) 789-3670  
• "Summer Skies," 2 and 3:30 p.m. July 7, 14, 21, 28. Adults and children \$3.25; seniors \$2.80. Children under 6 not admitted.

## Concerts

**BLACK POTATOE MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
July 12-14; Red Mill Museum  
56 Main St., Clinton  
(908) 735-6429;  
www.blackpotatoe.com

• Live outdoor "independent music" event. Admission \$28.50 July 14, \$25 July 13, \$22 July 12; \$3 surcharge per day for tickets bought after July 5. Visit website or call for full lineup.

**DAVID CEDAÑO**  
7 p.m. Sunday, July 7  
Duke Island Park  
Old York Rd., Bridgewater  
(908) 722-1200, Ext. 351;  
www.park.co.somerset.nj.us  
• Salsa bandleader doing it live and out of doors. Free admission.

## CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Borough Hall  
Route 28, Somerville  
(908) 541-1600  
Shows 7 p.m. Friday (weather permitting). Free admission.  
• John Harrity (jazz), July 5.  
• Annie Bauerlein/Chip Mergott (folk), July 12.

**HANOVER WIND SYMPHONY**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10  
Liberty Park, Peapack  
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• 60-piece concert orchestra. Rain site: Peapack-Gladstone Municipal Building. Free admission.

**DICK HYMAN**

8 p.m. Saturday, July 13  
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**JOHNSON PARK CONCERTS**  
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Shows in the bandstand 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.  
• Danny Mecca (Dixieland), July 7.

• Nick Novicky & The Verstyles (polka), July 14.  
**RICHARD MATHISEN**  
7 p.m. Friday, July 12; St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
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Shows in the gazebo 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

• Billion Dollar Sound (big band), July 7.

• George Krauss Memorial Concert Band, July 14.

**THE VOODOOES**  
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## WARREN PARK CONCERTS

Florida Grove Rd., Woodbridge  
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Shows in the mini-theater 6 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

• Pete Korey (big band), July 7.

• Just Us (w/Ed Szymborski), July 14.

## For Kids

**FOLK TALES FOR KIDS**  
1 and 3 p.m. July 6  
Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook  
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**JUST SO STORIES**  
1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10; Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside  
(908) 789-3670

• Three tales from Rudyard Kipling, told live with puppets. Admission \$4; children under 4 not admitted.

**RUMPLESTILTSKIN**  
1 and 3 p.m. July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3; Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook  
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• Works of Efim Ladyzhensky, to July 31.

• "By All Means: Materials and Mood in Picture Book Illustrations," to July 31.

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## Galleries

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• "Artist to Artist: Berlin to New Jersey," to July 20.

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• "The Great Escape: The Rural Landscape," July 11-Aug. 8. Reception 6-8 p.m. July 11.

## WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190;  
www.watchungarts.org

Open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 3-7:30 p.m. Thursday.

• "Transformation" from Dinn Hsu Kung, to July 20. Reception 1-4 p.m. July 7.

## Westfield Community Band will present patriotic concert

The Westfield Community Band will join the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution in celebration of the nation's birth on Thursday, July 11 after rain forced the cancellation of an earlier celebration.

Colonial times and a rich heritage are common themes that run through the town of Westfield and the Westfield Community Band, will it celebrates its 90th birthday. While the Westfield Community Band celebrates the band's birthday, they too will be celebrating Independence Day.

Sam McCaulley will re-enact

the role of the Town Crier bringing community news to the public as it was done in colonial days. Members of the SAR and town government are expected to address the crowd during the intermission.

Colonial times will be a running theme throughout the evening as "The Hagerstown Fifers" feature our flute and piccolo section in music relying on colonial themes. "Westfield Bicentennial" highlights many patriotic favorites in a composition especially arranged for the Westfield Community Band.

A featured selection for the evening includes Rondo for Clarinet by Mozart.

Concertmaster George Toenes, a music educator, will take the audience on a musical interlude celebrating his 40th year participating with the Westfield Community Band. Toenes, a long time Westfield resident, has studied with the first clarinetists with four major U.S. orchestras and was a substitute clarinetist for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

An additional featured per-

former for the evening will be Sam Callolo performing a saxophone solo on Ashoken Farewell. Additional favorites include In the Miller Mood, Second American Folk Rhapsody and On the Mall.

The Westfield Community Band will continue its summer concert series on Thursday, July 18 and 25 in Mindowaskin Park, Westfield. All events are free to the public and it is suggested that the audience bring

lawn chairs or blankets.

The Westfield Community Band's Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Bruce Kaufman, Director. For more information, please contact (908) 789-4080. This arts program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

## Free concerts to begin July 9

CRANFORD — Cranford Summer Concerts will begin July 9 with Latin jazz with band leader Vincent Calabrese.

The concerts are held at the Alden Street parking lot 11 next to St. Michael's Church, from 7:15-9:15 p.m., rain or shine.

On July 16 enjoy Big Band sounds with Harvey James; July 23, hear a variety with Joe Brisick; on July 30, enjoy Big Band with Curt Covert.

Audience members should bring a lawn chair. In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Cranford Fire House.

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### SUNDAY JULY 7

**30 YEARS** — anniversary for Osborn Cannonball House museum, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 889-4137.

### MONDAY JULY 8

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### WEDNESDAY

**JULY 10**

**LATIN MUSIC** — Dave Cedeño Orchestra (salsa), Tango & Tango. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

### THURSDAY

**JULY 11**

**BRASS OFF?** — Westfield Community Band plays in

Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 7 p.m. July 11, 18, 25. (908) 789-4090.

## COMING UP

**BY WAY OF JAZZ** — Verdict, New Jersey-based reggae band. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. July 17. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

**SAFE BOATING** — personal watercraft course. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 6-9 p.m. July 23, 25. Registration: (908) 709-7601.

**R&B IN THE PARK** — New Power Soul. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. July 24. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

**OLD GOLD** — The Sensational Soul Cruisers, Motown tribute act. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. July 31. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

**DOUBLE SHOT** — The Mahoney Brothers; Jobanno & The Godsons of Soul. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

**BIG BAND** — Brass Tacks, 40's-style orchestra. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

**OLD GOLD** — The Party Dolls, "girl group" tribute act. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

**BARACHOIS** — Acadian song and dance. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28. Free. Rain update: (908) 352-8410.

## Campus notes

**Anna Dujnic** of Westfield has graduated from Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. She received a bachelor's degree in marketing and management at the 62nd commencement exercises May 19.

**Cassandra B. McCulley** of 102 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, has graduated from Furman University in Greenville, S.C. The daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Douglas McCulley received a bachelor's degree at the 176th commencement exercises June 1.

Three area students have graduated from the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. Receiving their degrees in the undergraduate commencement held June 26 at First Union Arena in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

**Colin P. McGee** of 114 Hazel Ave., Westfield, bachelor's degree in liberal studies.

**Andrew M. Palumbo** of 204 S. Euclid Ave., Westfield, bachelor's degree in communication.

**Katherine E. Tway** of 8 Essex Road, Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in communication.

Two area students received degrees from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I., at commencement exercises

May 19. **Phillip A. Orsini** of 411 Wells St., Westfield, received a bachelor's degree in psychology. **Stefanie Ring** of 614 Lawrence Ave., Westfield, received a bachelor's degree in communication studies.

Orsini and Ring also were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester along with **Kristen G. Ostrega** of 1605 Grandview Ave., Westfield.

**Frank Bruni** has graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He received a master of business administration degree from the Goizueta Business School at the 157th Emory commencement exercises May 13.

Bruni, who lives in Atlanta, is the son of Lena Bruni of Westfield and Eugene Bruni of Englewood Cliffs.

Separately, **Mitchell Schwartz** of Morganville and **Jamie Zimak** of Westfield were named to the Emory University dean's list for the spring 2002 semester. Schwartz is the son of Bernard and Rita Schwartz of Westfield. Zimak is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raphael Joseph Zimak.

**Catherine Burns** has received a webmaster certificate, with honors, from Warren County Community College in Washington. She also was named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester and inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Burns lives in Forks Township, Pa., and is scheduled to study for an associate's degree in computer information technology at Northampton Community College. A 2000 alumna of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, she is the

daughter of Denis and Gerry Burns of Forks Township.

Four area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark. They are **Vinh Dang** of Westfield, majoring in electrical engineering technology; **Caryn Elsie** of Scotch Plains, majoring in management; **Paul Kroszczynski** of Scotch Plains, majoring in computer science; and **Aleksander Petersen** of Westfield, majoring in industrial engineering.


**Jason Thomas Meehan** of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 quarter at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. The son of William and Kathleen Meehan is majoring in photography.

**Elise Vera Daniledes** of Scotch Plains achieved dean's high honors in the spring 2002 semester at Connecticut College in New London, Conn. A junior majoring in music with certification in music education, she earned a grade point average of 3.7-4.0 for the term.

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. They are **Katherine M. Dobson** of Westfield, a freshman majoring in political science, and **Shanna L. Eisner** of Westfield, a sophomore majoring in zoology.

**Adena Plesmid** of 2068 Mountain Ave., Scotch Plains, has been inducted into Mu Iota Sigma honor society in management information systems. She attends the University of Delaware in Newark, Del., and was recognized at its annual Honors Day on May 3.

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# Sports

## Pitching, defense has Scotch Plains on a roll

### Legion squad wins seven of eight after slow start

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

After a slow start the pieces of the puzzle are coming together for the Scotch Plains Senior American Legion squad. Scotch Plains opened the summer season 1-3 but has since won seven of its last eight games to improve to 8-4 before Wednesday's meeting with Linden. No games were scheduled for this weekend but Scotch Plains Head Coach Bob Guy was looking into rescheduling a pair of rainouts for either today or tomorrow.

Scotch Plains has registered impressive wins over Union, Westfield, Berkeley Heights, Union Catholic and Clark and are hoping to make a run for the county playoffs later in the summer.

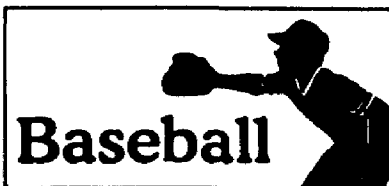
"They're playing good," said Guy. "We started out slow, but since then they've been playing real well. All the games have been pretty close, the whole league is real competitive."

While Scotch Plains has been able to pound out close to 10 runs per game, the pitching and defense has been the key

factor in its recent surge. Scotch Plains is holding its opponents to just under five runs per game and has found depth in the pitching staff.

Dave Senatore and Steve Pietrucha handled the majority of the pitching duties early on, but when they left for baseball camp Josh Wexler and Steve Horn were able to step in and pick up where they left off.

Horn pitched a complete game in a 7-5 win over Union Catholic Saturday after Wexler had led Scotch Plains to a 6-3 win over Clark earlier in the



week. Senatore and Pietrucha are now back, giving Scotch Plains a formidable four-man rotation.

"The strength of the team has been the pitching," said Guy. "It's been very good. Our starters are getting us deep into the game, nobody's getting shelled early. We've had good pitching and defense."

Defense was the focus early on for Guy and the onus of the

presession practices. The hard work is paying off and making life much easier for the pitching staff. Kevin Urban has taken over behind the plate for Andrew Pavoni and performed extremely well, gunning down a pair of base runners in Saturday's win over Union Catholic. Chris D'Annunzio (second base) and Jeff Hensal (shortstop) have held down the middle of the infield and Kyle Adams has performed well in centerfield.

"We're trying to become solid defensively," said Guy. "Before the season we spent a good number of practices working on defense and stressing playing as a team."

"If you don't give runs away you'll win games and that's what they're doing."

Horn, Kyle Baker and Kyle Adams have led the way offensively, with Urban wielding the most powerful bat, having smacked three home runs already this season, including a three-run shot Saturday. Adams also blasted a two-run homer in the game.

"Overall it's been a solid team effort," said Guy. "We've done a lot of work in the batting cage. Nobody's been a superstar, but every game somebody else picks it up. We're putting runs up and it's different kids every night."

## Cook headed to Montclair St.

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

The decision didn't come easy, but Jay Cook finally knows where he's headed in the fall.

After nearly a year of fielding phone calls from college coaches and making visits to different campuses Cook decided on the day of his graduation from Westfield High to play baseball at Division III Montclair State University in the fall.

Many colleges came and went in the chase to land the Blue Devils pitcher/outfielder, with the decision coming down to a choice between Montclair State, the College of New Jersey and Kean University. After CNJ dropped out of the picture Cook had the opportunity to speak with a handful of Montclair recruits at the state all-star

game June 22 in Princeton, NJ, and finally decided on Montclair because he felt comfortable with the coaches, program, players and most importantly the school itself.

"I had to look beyond baseball," said Cook. "With baseball, both schools (Kean and Montclair) had so much to offer. I had to look at which school I felt most comfortable with and where I could get the best education and be successful as a person as opposed to successful as a player. I wanted something that was challenging and I felt Montclair State would challenge me."

"I got to know Coach (Norm) Schoenig on a personal level. His program is a lot like Rutgers' program which I was really interested in right out of the gate. They said I'll get some playing time as a freshman, and get some experi-

ence. Hopefully I can help them win a few championships."

Schoenig has been the coach at Montclair State for 15 years with a .694 winning percentage and has guided the Red Hawks to two NCAA Division III national championships, in 1993 and 2000, and a third-place finish in 2001.

This past year Montclair went 22-15, 10-8 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and saw two players selected on the first day of the Major League Baseball player draft.

Cook is still undecided whether he'll try to play football in the fall as well. As promising punter he has spoken to the coaches about playing football in the fall, and trying to make as many fall baseball practices as possible. But he also sees the potential difficulty in continuing

his passion for football while playing two sports in his first semester at college.

"Part of me wants to do it," said Cook. "And part of me wants to make sure I concentrate on grades and seeing how good I can be at baseball. I don't know if I want to jump into it right away, maybe my junior or senior I'll try both. I do love to play football and punting is something I could go far in."

Cook was one of the top punters in the area for Westfield's football team this past fall, as well as a top defensive back and wide receiver. He starred on the basketball team as well before leading Westfield's baseball squad to a Union County Tournament championship with a 6-0 season as a pitcher and ended his career with a 40 game-hitting streak.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS  
After leading Westfield to a Union County championship Jay Cook is hoping to help Montclair State win a few championships.

## Thornton earns all-conference honors at Bloomfield

### WHS grad ready to step up to Division I level

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

Being named first team all conference is a career achievement for some. For Courtney Thornton it's just the first step.

Thornton, a 2001 graduate of Westfield High, was named to the All-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference First Team after her freshman season at Division II Bloomfield College. She batted .403 for the Lady Deacons and led the team in home runs (three), triples (five), stolen bases (35) and hits (43).

Thornton was named CACC Player of the Week for the week of April 22 when she hit .536 with two home runs, three triples five stolen bases and an on-base percentage of .610. Bloomfield finished the season a disappointing 14-24.

Not only was she a star on the field, but she also made Dean's List at Bloomfield. She entered the season with high expectations of herself, and while she was proud to surpass those goals the team's struggles soured some of the season.

"I did pretty well, but I expected to do well going in,"

said Thornton. "The competition was a lot harder than in high school. I expected to do a good job so I'm glad I was able to do a good job. It was my first year playing college-level ball and I got good experience. I did pretty well and better than I expected so I'm happy about that."

"The year didn't go as well as I thought it would. We had a lot of talented players on the team, but we didn't get the job done when we had to."

"This is quite an honor, especially for a freshman, although I can't say I'm surprised," said head coach Anthony Nesto in a



Courtney Thornton

press release. "Courtney is an incredibly gifted and smart

player who has made an immediate impact on our team."

But Thornton isn't hanging around Bloomfield to rack up further CACC honors. She plans on transferring to a larger university, already being accepted to Drexel University where she was awarded a partial academic scholarship and awaiting word from Temple University — both located in Philadelphia. She said the decision to transfer wasn't based on athletics, but rather a desire to attend a larger university.

"(Bloomfield) is a little too small for me," said Thornton. "I want to go to a bigger campus and have a little more fun. I like the city-type atmosphere. I didn't

feel like I was getting the full college experience (at Bloomfield). Bloomfield was a stepping stone for me."

Thornton hasn't been in contact with coaches at either school, though she has left many messages with Drexel's head coach and is awaiting acceptance at Temple before contacting its coaching staff. While she'll need to walk on to the team, and will have to redshirt a season due to NCAA transfer eligibility rules, she's fully confident she can continue her softball career on the next level.

"I think I can rise up to that level of play," she said. "I'm pretty confident I can make the team."

## Patriots slip out of first place with loss to Bears

Three Newark pitchers limited the Somerset Patriots to six hits Monday night as the Bears prevailed 4-1 to again take over sole possession of first place in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball's South Division. The teams had both entered the contest at Bridgewater's Commerce Bank Ballpark with 31-24 records. Somerset scored in the second inning when Mike Glavine raced

home from first base on Jason Fennell's double after the Bears had gone in front with back-to-back solo home runs in the opening stanza.

Fennell went 2 for 3, Desi Wilson 2 for 4 and Billy Hall singled and swiped his 37th base of the season. Robert Dodd (6-2) took the pitching loss, going eight innings and allowing five hits and four earned runs.

Somerset hosts Nashua 7:05

tonight (Friday) and also will be home for three games against Pennsylvania tomorrow through Monday before the All-Star break.

**Patriots 5, Newark 4** — Emiliano Escandon's two-out single drove in the winning run in the ninth inning Sunday as the Pats won a thriller in front of 5253 fans at CBB.

Newark had scored three runs in the top of the ninth to pull even but Will Pennyfeather led off the home half of the stanza with an infield hit and eventually came in on Escandon's hit, which sailed over the left-fielder's head.

Jimmy Hurst's first-pitch line-drive single to left leading off the ninth broke up the no-hit bid of Pats' lefthander Justin Jensen, who walked three, struck out five and permitted an unearned run in the second.

Darrin Winston then relieved him and gave up three hits as the Bears tied it up 4-4, and then Kirk Griffin came in to get the final out and earned the victory when the Pats pulled it out in their next at-bat.

Escandon finished the day 3 for 4 with three runs batted in, Fennell had a pair of doubles and scored twice, Wilson singled in a run and Hall doubled in a run and stole a base.

**Patriots 12, Atlantic City 5** — Sean Mulligan went 3 for 5, including his fifth home run of the year, and Wilson and Hall



(two steals) also had three hits apiece Saturday to help Somerset finish off a three-game series sweep of the Surf at The Sandcastle in front of 3380 fans.

AC also committed six errors, including two in the opening inning which paved the way for four Patriot runs. Wilson had a two-run single in the eighth, Pennyfeather singled and tripled for three RBI and Glavine had two hits and an RBI.

Starting pitcher Ray Davis (5-4) earned the victory, permitting four hits and three runs (two earned) in five innings.

**Patriots 6, Atlantic City 5** — Pennyfeather, who played four seasons with AC prior to this year, went 3 for 4 including a pair of solo home runs and had three RBI Friday night when the Pats edged the Surf in front of 1580 fans at The Sandcastle.

Hall had two hits and three steals and DaRond Stovall's pinch-hit solo homer in the eighth staked Somerset to a 6-4 lead. Ricardo Jordan (5-5) pitched the first 5 2/3 innings to earn the victory, allowing eight hits and three runs (all earned),

before being relieved by Griffin. **Patriots 7, Atlantic City 5** — Facing a 5-4 deficit going into the top of the ninth Thursday, the Pats rallied for three runs as 1578 fans looked on at The Sandcastle.

Escandon led off the ninth with a bloop double to right-center and moved to third on Jeff Berblinger's hit. Wilson smacked an RBI single to left and, after T.J. Staton (3 for 4) was walked intentionally, Pennyfeather drilled the first pitch for a two-run single to center.

Escandon went 3 for 5 in the game, Glavine had two hits and Mulligan connected for a solo home run. Winston (2-0), who gave up one run in the final 2 1/3 innings, was the winning pitcher.

**Patriots 8, Bridgeport 0** — Dodd pitched a complete game, allowing two hits and two walks while fanning six, as the Pats coasted June 26 at CBB.

Staton led the Pats' 13-hit attack by going 3 for 4, Escandon, Pennyfeather and Fennell had two hits each and Glavine drilled his 10th home run, a two-run shot in the sixth which increased the margin to 6-0. Berblinger's first-inning double drove in the Pats' first run and Mulligan contributed a double to drive in the final two runs in the seventh.

**ALL-STAR PATRIOTS**  
Eight Patriots have been

selected to play in the ALPB All-Star Game, which will be held Wednesday, July 10 at CitiBank Park, home of the Long Island Ducks.

Position players chosen to represent the Pats on the South Division squad are second baseman Emiliano Escandon, outfielder-shortstop Billy Hall and outfielders Will Pennyfeather and T.J. Staton. Patriot pitchers Robert Dodd, Justin Jensen, Kirk Griffin and Ray Davis also have been selected.

Dodd will be the starting pitcher for the South and Hall will start in the outfield. Dodd, who also was on last year's team, led all ALPB hurlers in votes from league officials to make the squad. He entered the week as the league's leading pitcher with a 6-1 record, a 2.09 earned run average and 59 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings.

Hall, making his third All-Star appearance, once again leads the ALPB in stolen bases with 35 and is second in hits with 69. He has a .304 batting average and has played in every game this season.

Pennyfeather, named to his second All-Star team, leads Somerset with a .313 average and has swatted 12 doubles in 45 games played. Escandon is among the Patriot leaders in runs batted in, doubles and walks and will be making his second straight All-Star appearance.

## Blue win three more

The Westfield Blue 9-year-old baseball team is riding a three game winning streak to improve to 7-4 overall.

A weekend win over a tough Middlesex squad has propelled Blue another round in the annual Roselle Park tournament. Westfield will try to continue its advance in another game at Roselle Park on this evening.

Early in the week, C.J. Meyer, Evan Heroux, Zach Archambault, and Daniel Kerr combined for a strong pitching performance in an 11-2 victory for Blue against Mountainside. Kerr also starred at the plate with a double, triple and four runs batted in. Ryan Heine reached base safely in each of four trips to the plate, scoring three runs.

Westfield moved on in the Roselle Park tournament with a hard fought 4-2 victory over Middlesex. Ben Kraus, Archambault, and Kerr held Middlesex in check with fine efforts on the mound. Westfield was bolstered by fine defensive plays from Heroux, Taylor Brand and Dan Eliades. Matt Rivera scored the final run with some excellent base running to seal the victory for Westfield.

Westfield concluded the week with a sharp 9-3 win over New Providence. Ryan Heine, C.J. Meyer, and Steven Forgash paced Blue with long run scoring extra base hits. Eliades chipped in three hits and Zach Cornwell and Matt Glover each added a pair. A big defensive effort was capped by an electrifying throw from short left field by Brand to Kerr to nail a New Providence base runner at the plate and squelch a third inning rally.

## MEN'S SOFTBALL

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SOFTBALL

(JUNE 28th RESULTS)  
**Comcast Cablevision 20,**  
**Antones Pub & Grill 6** — Comcast banged out 24 hits led by Angelo Corio, Steve Ferro and Tom Lombardy with three apiece. Frank Bender bashed 2 home runs and had six RBI as Comcast extended their first place lead.

**Nilsen Detective Agency 26,**  
**Union Center National Bank 11** — Bruce Bilotti, Bob Debellis, Phil Spinelli, Brian McDermott and Lou Kruk sparked Nilsen with three hits each.

**The Office 20, North Western Mutual 1** — Tony Zarbos had a grand slam, Lou Koehler four hits, Jerry Halfpenny, Bill Hinkle, Jerry Peroulie, Dennis Kosowicz and Ken Dunbar three hits each for the Office.

**Nilsen Detective Agency 16,**  
**Marion Jacobson Roofing 15** — Ron Ivory hit a three-run home run, Bruce Bilotti and Jim Venezia three hits each as Nilsen wins in eight innings.

**Nilsen Detective Agency 13,**  
**North Western Mutual 7** — Lenny Yenish, Al Theresa, Jorge Barker and Jerry Barrett had three

hits each for Nilsen.

**Irish Pub 19, Crest Refrigeration 2**

**Haven Savings Bank 19, II Giardino Ristorante 9** — Pete Ierino and Lionel Genello had 3 hits each for Giardino.

**LA Law 16, II Giardino Ristorante 7** — David Levine, Bob Bierman and Tom Price had multiple hits for Giardino.

**Creative Industries 17, LA Law 9** — Creative pounded out 26 hits including 3 each for Don Robertson, Allan Schulman and Ray Cozzarelli.

**Creative Industries 12,**

**Haven Savings Bank 0** — Don Robertson, Ray Cozzarelli and George Merlo had 3 hits each for Creative.

Standings	
Division I	
Comcast Cablevision	12-2
Nilsen Detective Agency	10-2
Antones Pub & Grill	8-4
Division II	
Legg Mason	6-6
Marion Jacobson Roofing	5-6
Division III	
Irish Pub	8-3
The Office	7-5
Union Center National Bank	4-9
Northwestern Mutual	1-12
Crest Refrigeration	1-12

ST. BART'S SOFTBALL  
(JUNE 28 RESULTS)

**St. Blaise 12, St. Paul 6** — Kevin Lonergan, Stan Lesenewski, Stan Grausso and Eric Baum led St. Blaise with three hits each as they opened the week in sole possession of first place in the Angels Division. Jeff Friedlander added a home run and three RBI in the winning cause. John Gordon, Pete Glock and Floyd Roberts led the St. Paul offense with two hits each.

**St. Michael 14, St. James 7** — Gerry Reipe knocked in four runs and Mike Jonny had four hits to lead St. Michael by the James gang. Tony Gianneci led off the sixth with a hit and scored on Pat Enright's triple in the decisive six-run sixth inning. Billy Hicks blanked St. James in the seventh

to preserve the win. Lee DiDonato, Fran Celardo and Tony Perconte knocked in two runs for St. James.

**St. Joseph 11, St. Anne 6** — Pete Vanderheyden held down St. Anne and knocked in two runs while Bob Perfilio, Rick Wusterfeld, Harry Semple and Larry Shaub led the offense. Glen Walz ws 3 for 3 with a home run and three RBI and Ben LoBrace added three hits for St. Anne.

**St. Anne 14, St. Joseph 7** — Bob Veek homered and drove in three to support Al Betau's fine mound effort as St. Anne gained some revenge against St. Joe. Tony Williams tripled in two runs as Joe McEvoy and Bill Reinhardt had two hits each. Bill Mirto led St. Joe's with three hits and three RBI, while Larry Shaub had three hits including a triple.

**St. Louis 9, St. Thomas 8** — Marv Sherb hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh to lead St. Louis back from a four-run deficit. Steve Pirella started the seventh with a single, his third of the game, followed by consecutive doubles by Marty Marks, Keith Gibbons and Ed Marchelitis. Ken Blaes tripled before Sherb ended the game with his blast. Pat Nigro, Gerry Rites and Tim Deegan led the St. Thomas offense.

**St. Louis 18, St. Michael 9** — Jim Steger, Joe Metzger, Marv Sherb and Emmitt O'Hara each

supplied two hits and Jim Sheehan tripled with the bases full to complete a 2-0 week for St. Louis as they moved into first place in the Saints division. Jack Lynch, Tom Uloichny and Pete Chemidlin paced the St. Mike's attack with two hits apiece.

**St. Joseph 14, St. Blaise 8** — Randy Grizzard knocked in four runs and Ed Belford drove in three to lead St. Joe's. Larry Shaub and Harry Semple had key hits in the nine-run fifth inning that slammed the door on St. Blaise. Stan Grausso and Tom Straniero had three hits each and Joe Cocuzza drove in three runs.

**St. Paul 12, St. Jude 11** — Howard Bialos doubled and tripled in three runs while Joe Shea had three hits, making St. Paul a winner for the first time this season. John DeVito and Paul Nadolny knocked in tow each. Nick Dinizo and Dave Rothenberg each hit home runs for St. Jude. Mark Romaine and Al Rezza had two RBI apiece.

Standings	
Angels Division	
St. Blaise	7-4
St. Joseph	5-4
St. Jude	4-6
St. Anne	2-7
St. Paul	1-9
Saints Division	
St. Louis	9-1
St. Patrick	8-1
St. Thomas	7-3
St. Michael	4-5
St. James	1-8

## SPORTSCENE

## RAIDER SOCCER

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

## BASEBALL CAMP

"Baseball Like it Ought to Be" under the

direction of Westfield varsity coach Bob Brewster, has expanded it's 2002 camp schedule to include sessions for teenagers on the 90-foot diamond and a weekend session for parents and children together. Two sessions for boys and girls entering grades 4-9 remain, as does a session for boys and girls entering grades 1-3. The schedule is June 24-28 9 a.m.-Noon, boys and girls entering grades 4-9. June 29-30, 9 a.m.-Noon for parent and child to work together. July 1-3 9 a.m.-Noon, for boys and girls entering grades 1-3. July 1-3 12:30-3:30 p.m. for older players entering or already

playing on the 90-foot diamond. July 8-12 9 a.m.-Noon for boys and girls entering grades 4-9. For more information contact Larry Cohen at (908) 889-0097.

## SOCCER CAMP

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

The tuition for concentrated training is \$110 per camper, and the complete experience is \$155 per camper. Attend both weeks (full or half day) and save \$30 on the total. Bring a team of six or more players and save \$20 per camper.

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

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**By GREG MARX**  
THE RECORD PRESS

Township officials said this week developer First States Properties, which owns the site pending transfer to Kushner Companies, has received permission from the Department of Environmental Protection to drill three groundwater monitoring wells on the site. Once the wells are drilled, the water must settle for two weeks before any reliable samples can be taken, said Commissioner Phil Morin.

Prior to the discovery of contamination, the township and developer hoped for a July or August start date.

The developer has already removed a "significant amount of contaminated soil," Morin said.

The contamination was uncovered last month when a construc-

Township officials said last month responsibility for the cost of the cleanup will be subject to negotiations between Cranford and First States. The township has hired an environmental lawyer to assist with that process.



**Phillip Uhlig of Westfield helps his sister Kirsten remove the 7-inch fish that she caught in Echo Lake, Mountainside, during the county's Fishing Derby for People with Disabilities. Phillip had already caught his own 9-inch fish. Josh Mussenfeld of Fanwood, center, was still waiting for his bite.**

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## Westfield counselors get national Y award

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Two school assistant counselors were honored for "sticking their necks out for kids."

Marie Koch, Edison and Roosevelt schools, and Maureen Mazzarese, Westfield High School, received the Giraffe Award from the YMCA of America. The award is presented annually for those who make strides to assist children. This is the first year Westfield staff members were presented with the award.

Thirty-six students from Edison and Roosevelt schools were honored for winning American Youth Character Awards by PANDA, Preventing Alcohol Narcotic and Drug Abuse, the town's municipal alliance to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

The award was presented by the Josephson Institute for Ethics in California to students who embody the "Six Pillars of Character" — respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness and citizenship. The students' names will be inscribed at the institute and at the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

## Knife-wielding robber demands jewelry

### FANWOOD

An attempted theft of a bike from an open garage on the 70 block of North Avenue was reported on June 25. The house owner witnessed a male trying to steal the bike, threatened to call the police and the individual fled.

A bike was stolen from the 100 block of Hunter Ave. on June 26. A male in a red shirt and dark shorts stole the bike and fled west on Midway Avenue toward Plainfield and then south on Farley Avenue.

Two seat cushions from lawn furniture were reported removed from a resident's back yard on June 27 on the 80 block of Farley Avenue.

Dawn L. Williams, 19, of Plainfield and two juvenile boys were charged with criminal mischief for breaking a window at a Coastal gas station on June 28.

### SCOTCH PLAINS

A vehicle reportedly left Gulf Station on Route 22 without paying for \$24 worth of gas at about 1 p.m. on June 25.

A 17-year-old male from Hillside is alleged to have taken tickets from the Bowercraft Amusement Park and tried to sell them for profit. Investigation was conducted about 7:20 p.m. The juvenile, who was a worker at the park, will face theft

## Police Log

charges in Union County Juvenile Court.

A Rolling Peaks resident reported June 25 that money was stolen from the home over the course of the past two weeks. There were no signs of forced entry and nothing else was taken.

Lawn decorations were taken sometime overnight from Lyde Place June 26.

A North Plainfield resident reported an unauthorized withdrawal on her ATM card made about 2 p.m. June 26 at a Park Avenue bank.

On June 26, a Kamapo Way resident reported scratches on her vehicle which was parked for the past few days in front of the house.

A bicycle was reported taken from Farley Park about 6:20 p.m. on June 26. The bike was found near Terrill Road, but was missing the seat.

A Westfield Road resident reported a theft of his checkbook from his locked vehicle inside his garage. The theft occurred either June 27 and June 28.

A resident was robbed at knifepoint for several pieces jew-

elry while at the 7-Eleven parking lot at 1:30 p.m. on June 28. The victim reported that a young male asked for directions and then pulled a knife out and demanded all her jewelry. The suspect ran away.

Between 11 p.m. on June 28 and 6:30 p.m. on June 29, someone smashed the driver's side window of a Paff Place resident's vehicle and removed a NJ State PBA shield.

Roger F. Desmond III of 37 Harrison Ave., North Plainfield, was charged with receiving stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia on June 29. Desmond, 23, was observed riding a bicycle that matched the description of one that had just been reported as stolen.

Nike sneakers and a pair of earrings were reported stolen from a bedroom on John Street on June 29.

### WESTFIELD

A Linden woman reported the theft of \$63 from her wallet while at Consulting Radiology on 275 Orchard St. on June 25.

A windshield of one of the

vehicles of Party Stop on 932 South Ave. West was reported broken by a thrown rock on June 25.

On June 25, a cell phone was reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked on the 100 block of Quimby Street.

Identify theft and the fraudulent use of a credit card was reported on June 25.

A window was smashed in with an unknown object at Krauzers on 727 Central Ave. on June 25.

The unauthorized use of a credit card and unlawful purchase of \$499 in computer software was reported on June 27.

Wanda Anderson of Newark was charged with third-degree shoplifting and picked up on warrants on 609 North Ave. West on June 27.

A theft valued at \$1,450 was reported from Eye to Eye on 214 E. Broad St. on June 27.

A purse, cell phone and other personal property was reported stolen at St. Paul's Church on 414 E. Broad St. on June 28.

Barbara Rollins of 274 New York Ave., Newark, was picked up on a warrant out of Westhampton Township on June 29.

Bobby Rollins of 274 New York Ave., Newark, was picked up on a warrant for contempt of court on June 29.

Criminal mischief to a motor vehicle at a residence of 85 Fair Hill Drive was reported on June 30. An unknown person walked on the hood, causing dents to a 1991 Honda.

## UCC Alumni elect new officers

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County College Alumni Association has elected its officers for 2002-03.

They are Gail Ann Denman, president; Catherine M. Meyers, first vice president; Brian K. Reilly, second vice president; Gina Cavano, treasurer; Diane Krajenski, corresponding secretary; and Nancy Benz, recording secretary.

In addition, Alberta Machese has been elected a trustee of the Alumni Association. She joins Suzanne Covine of Westfield, Marion Curkin, Mary Lou Gray, Harry Kreis, Patrick LaQuaglia, Marion Menzer of Fanwood, Naomi Mirlocca and Anthony Paglia as trustees.

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# Real Estate

## Moisture is the key to remove wallpaper

BY GENE GARY  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. We are renovating an older home, which has wallpapered walls in floral designs and patterns that are outdated and unattractive. I would like to remove the paper and paint the walls. The problem is that when I went to remove some of the paper in a bedroom, the underlying drywall peeled off right along with the wallpaper. How can I remove this paper without damaging the wallboard underneath? If this isn't feasible, can I paint right over the existing paper? Any advice you have would be greatly appreciated.

A. When wallpaper is applied to wallboard (drywall) without a proper primer/sealer the paper becomes laminated to the wallboard and is almost impossible to remove without major damage to the wallboard.

It's a difficult procedure to remove the existing paper, but this is still your best bet for a quality re-do of the walls — preferable to painting over wallpaper. So give the following procedure a try, before investigating other options.

The key to removal is moisture. Repeated soaking and steaming of the papered surfaces is the only way to break the bond of the old adhesive holding the layers of wall coverings to the wall. The most popular way is steaming, using a rented machine designed specifically for this purpose. The machine has a perforated plate, similar to an iron, which is held next to the wall to literally steam the paper until the adhesion breaks the paper and loosens.

Another method is to use hot water with a sponge or garden sprayer. Instead of plain water, you can use a commercial wallpaper remover. This is a liquid-enzyme remover that actually attacks the glue and breaks down its molecular structure making the job much easier.

The Wm. Zinsser & Co. Inc. makes a number of products that can be recommended for projects like yours. One such product is "DIF", available in most paint and wallpaper stores, available in either a gel, applied with a roller, or a liquid concentrate mixed with warm water.

A key to removal is to soak the paper long enough so that the moisture penetrates through to the adhesive. The manufacturer claims that steaming with this product is unnecessary. If you don't wait long enough for the paper to loosen, there's too much resistance and you can end up gouging the wall. However, on drywall you do not want to soak more than necessary. It's a tricky procedure of soaking the top layer just enough so it starts to turn loose so it can be removed without damaging the underlying face of the wallboard.

Depending on the type of paper, you may need to abrade the surface to get the water to penetrate. One method is to

use rough sandpaper. There's also a tool designed to perforate wallpaper, call the "Paper Tiger", manufactured by the Zinsser Co. The secret to using this tool is developing a light touch. Use just enough pressure to get through the top layer, but not so much that you perforate the wallboard.

To help the removal process, go strip by strip, using a dull removal tool, such as a stiff broad knife. If you use a sharp putty knife or a broad knife that flexes easily, it will tend to tear the wallboard underneath. You want to push the paper off, rather than slice it off. The worst possible tool to use in this situation is a professional removal tool (3-inch wide razor blade). This type of tool will tend to slice into the drywall and damage the surface. If possible, it is best if the wall can be hand-stripped without using any type of scraper.

When using a wallpaper remover, wait until the paper is turning dark in color and starting to bubble before attempting removal. For any remaining stubborn spots, use Zinsser's Paper Tiger Wallpaper Remover with the Paper Tiger Scraper to remove fragments of remaining paper. Follow the procedure by removing glue residue. This may require the reapplication of DIF wallpaper stripper and use of the Paper Tiger Scraper.

When all the paper has been removed, you find that you have some gouges and an imperfect surface, the wall must be repaired before you can paint or re-paper. Zinsser's Gardz Damage Drywall Sealer is specifically designed to seal torn, damaged drywall and prepare the surface to accept any type of skim-coat repair. You will need to use spackle or joint compound to skim the wall, creating an even surface for new paint or wallpaper.

Make sure the wall is thoroughly dry after wallpaper removal and between any repair steps prior to painting. Prime before painting and use a primer-sealer prior to painting or hanging new wallpaper. Zinsser's Shieldz White or Shieldz Oil-

Base primers are good choices. Apply two coats and allow ample drying time. It will be a time-consuming project to restore your walls in this manner, but the procedure will give you the best results. If the existing paper is firmly bonded you can consider other options such as skimming the wall with spackle or covering the existing wallpaper with a cover paper that can be painted. One such product, Patent Decor II marketed by Astek Wallcovering, comes in a variety of different textures and is recommended for use on drywall or plaster walls (contact Astek Wallcovering Inc., 800-432-7939 for information). It is relatively easy to apply and the seams are nearly invisible after painting. Another more costly repair would be to install new drywall over the existing wallpapered drywall.



Even a little house can have big house style.

## Use creativity fill unique spaces

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. We spend a lot of time all year long on the little sun porch off the kitchen, so I've decided to finally do something about the television setup. It's been balanced on top of an old table with wires (from the VCR and speakers) going everywhere.

My aunt has offered an old cupboard that could hold everything, but the trouble is there's no wall space to put it against. The sofa already sits at a right angle to the inside wall because there are windows on three sides. Where could I put the cupboard with the TV? Won't it look ugly with its back to the windows?

A. Not as ugly as your present setup sounds. Much depends on whether the backside of the cupboard is presentable or a total eyesore. In the latter case, paint the back of the piece, staple on a fabric covering, or plan a window treatment such as wooden shutters or a blind you can lower behind the cupboard to block the view into the room.

In the photo we show here (borrowed from a smart little book called "Small House/Big Style," Meredith Books, publishers), a cabinet backs up to a window on a small porch that, like yours, is woefully shy on wall space. The window's blinds roll down to anchor the cupboard as effectively as any wall. But they can also be pulled up, as they are here, to let in the light and air that makes this little room far more cheerful than its mere floor space. Wall-to-wall sisal carpeting and lightweight-looking white-painted furniture aid and abet the spacious illusion.

Q. We want to do something unusual and fun in our twin sons' room. They are rambunctious 4-year-olds who love horseplay, stuffed animals, and everything colorful. We already have a bright red enamel bunk bed, but everything else will be bought or made-to-order. Where should we go for ideas?

A. For openers, look into a wild new offering from Wilsonart International, the people who've been bringing inexpensive, long-lived luminates into the American home since the middle of the 20th century. Wilsonart's new Gallery Collection is off-the-wall, both design-wise and literally. It's all about fun graphics in great colors that can be used on any surface, including furniture for kids.

Would your boys love a desk covered in chocolate chip cookies or popcorn? How about monster-sized trucks or basketballs? Allover handprints or footprints? Teddy bears or gum-balls or blades of grass? There's even a close-up of a chain-link fence (tempting with twinst). There is also a more subdued blue denim pattern. But the real news lies in the really daring. Your boys could be the first in their preschool to do homework at desks covered in laminated jelly beans! Check out all the patterns at [www.wilsonart.com](http://www.wilsonart.com).

Q. My girlfriend told me you can still find old tin ceilings, you know, the kind you sometimes see in old bars and stores. I'd love them for our family room — we have an old-fashioned theme. The wallpaper is Victorian advertisement in black-and-sepia, and we even found an old barber's chair my husband watches TV in. I'll be so excited if you tell me tin ceilings are available.

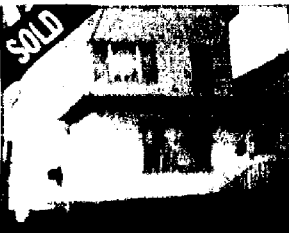
A. Start celebrating! A number of companies are still stamp-

ing out the old designs. In fact, I know of at least one, in Brooklyn, N.Y., that uses the same molds harkening back to those advertised on your wallpaper.

In addition to traditional steel designs, you have a choice of white, brass, copper, and chrome, plus stainless steel panels that make great decorative and practical sense on kitchen backsplashes.

Here are two sources worth checking out: an-abbington affiliates inc., Brooklyn, NY, [www.abbington.com](http://www.abbington.com); Chelsea Decorative Metal Co., Houston, [www.thetinman.com](http://www.thetinman.com) (which promises products "you can look up to").

*Thank you*  
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Staikopoulos resides in Middlesex with her husband and two children. Contact her today at (732)968-6565 Ext. 320.

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## Yamaha's FZ-1 not just another souped-up cycle

BY JERRY GARRETT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Eddie Lawson rides a Yamaha FZ-1 on TV, but you probably won't find him riding one on the street. The combination of his skill level and the capabilities of the bike are too much for any place but the racetrack.

In fact, the capabilities of the FZ-1 are probably beyond the skill levels of all but a few professional riders like the legendary Lawson. But that doesn't mean us children of a lesser god can't enjoy riding the FZ-1. Just hold on tight.

"There's absolutely just a handful of people in the world who could ride this bike to its maximum ability," says Lawson, the 17-time world champion. "But even if you were just a beginner, you could get on this bike and do well on it."

In his position as professor emeritus of motorcycle virtuosity, the now-retired Lawson is often asked to ride and evaluate new bikes. The FZ-1 got his attention.

"Usually, it's just, 'Eh ... another street bike, huh?'" he says, with a chuckle. "And I just ride it and go, 'OK, thanks. Bye.' BOR-ING."

Not this bike, Lawson says. "I told the people at the test we did it in Spain, 'I could see me owning a bike like this.'"

That's a high compliment, because Lawson only owns one street bike — a Yamaha Venture tourer (but it is seldom used).

"It's the perfect bike for the type of riding I like to do best: canyon roads," he says. Oddly, Lawson includes himself in that class of riders he says wouldn't be able to enjoy everything the FZ-1 has to offer. "To me, I don't care



What could be more fun than riding the new Yamaha?

how good you are — a professional or not — on a canyon road, can you get the maximum out of it? Are you brave enough? I'm not."

Yamaha positions the FZ-1 as "an R1 for the Real World."

The YZF-R1, for the record, is the Tuning Fork company's super-trick, double-throw-down, lightning-fast, street-legal superbike. Motorcycle editors, viewing the FZ-1 for the first time, deemed the FZ-1 "an R1 for people who are scared of the R1."

"I can see where some people might think that," Lawson said. "The R1 is a bike that commands respect, and not everyone could — or should — ride it. I prefer the FZ-1 to the R1, personally. It's not just because I'm getting old — although I am — it's just a better bike for what I do. In the mid-'80s, Lawson says the FZ-1 would have been something on the grand prix circuit.

Lawson said he would pick the \$8,499 FZ-1 over the two-grand-more-expensive R1, even

if their prices were the same.

"I just think it's a better bike," he said.

Lawson said the real strength of the FZ-1, besides its mind-boggling power-to-weight ratio — 141-horsepower motor, 480-pound bike — is its riding position.

"It's really comfortable," he said. "You feel like you sit in it, not on top of it, like the R1. It's got a low seat height, high bars and you sit well. On the R1, your head's right on the gas tank.

"The FZ's real well-balanced for aggressive handling. The weight's back, so it's a real easy bike to do wheelies on," he says.

The butter-smooth shifter and six-speed transmission also perform better for a rider, because of the riding position. "Your left hand is comfortable on the clutch lever. Your feet are in the right position to get your boot under the shift peg," Lawson says. "It all goes back to riding position. When you're sitting all cramped up, the shifting effort is a lot more notchy-feeling."

Lawson was also impressed with the FZ-1's double-cradle steel frame.

"We were trying to back it in, for the photographers, in a superbike kind of slider," Lawson says about an ad shoot. "You know, where you kind of hang it out and try to slide it around. You could feel the rigidity of the frame, like in the R1; it was pretty impressive."

The FZ-1 has an impressive amount of power, too. Its 998 cubic centimeter, liquid-cooled, 20-valve, in-line 4 is a virtual clone of the R1's mighty power plant, though with seven less ponies and four fewer foot-pounds of torque. The FZ also carries 74 more pounds than the R1. Other tuning tweaks — such as a heavier crankshaft mass — make the FZ's power delivery a little more user-friendly. The raw snap of the R1's acceleration is gone, but the FZ-1 rider is more likely to stay on his seat, and his transmission gears are more likely to stay in their case.

Lawson laughs when told after-market manufacturers are already selling "hop-up kits" for the FZ-1. "The thought of it is kind of silly to me," he said. "To hop up a street bike that already goes

175. It'll probably go 150 from the front of the house, down to the corner. Why do you need more than that?"

Not for the twisties, that's for sure. The FZ-1 can get into corners deeper, lower and come out quicker than any of the parts-draggers masquerading as repli-racers currently on the market. Although the suspension is fully adjustable front and rear for spring-preload, and compression and rebound damping, Lawson was satisfied with the factory settings.

"Normally the stock settings are so soft, for a plush ride, that it can get a little mushy with some of these bikes," he says. "But (the FZ-1) felt pretty firm to me."

When asked about brake balance and feel, Lawson answered, "From full throttle, I could lightly pull on the front brake lever with two fingers, and bring it back down."

What about the back brake? "Never touch it," he says.

Sigh. That's the difference between the gods of motorcycling and us mere mortals.

### SPECS BOX

2002 Yamaha FZ-1  
Engine: Liquid-cooled, 998 cc, 20-valve in-line 4  
Horsepower: 141 at crankshaft and 78 foot-pounds of torque  
Transmission: 6-speed with multiple clutch  
Suspension: Front, 43 mm inverted telescoping fork; Rear, swing-arm, mono-shock  
Fuel capacity: 5.6 gallons  
Fuel mileage: n/a  
Brakes: Front, dual 298 mm floating discs; Rear, 267 mm disc  
Wheels and tires: Cast aluminum, 120/70-ZR17 front, 180/55-ZR17 rear  
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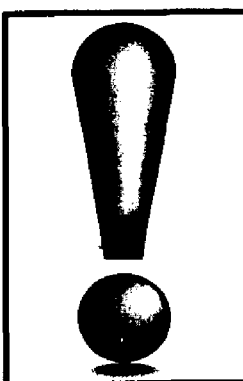
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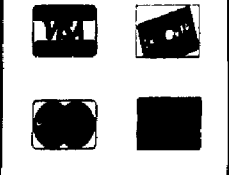
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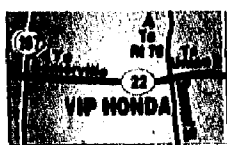
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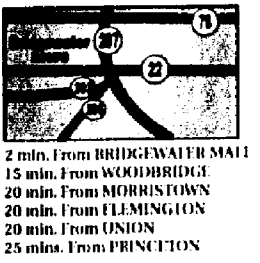
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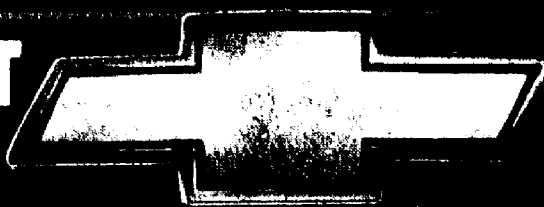
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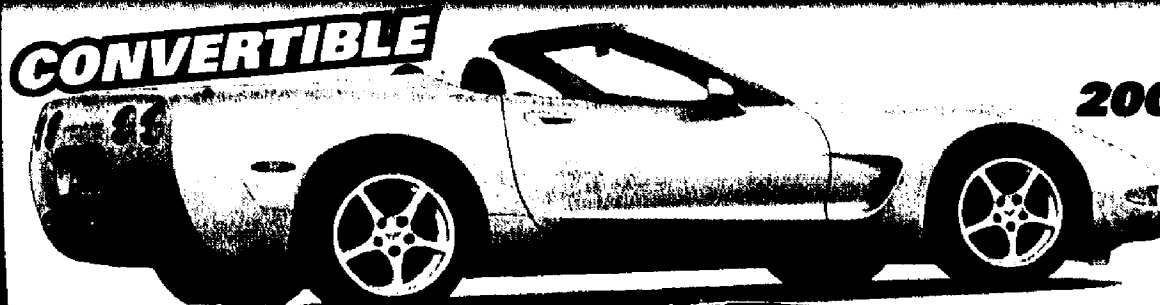
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