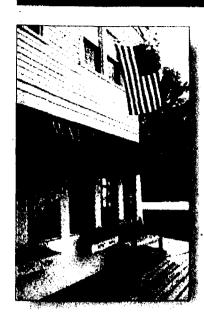
INSIDE



For 25 years, the Watchung Arts Center has provided art and entertainment through a variety of exhibits, music, comedy, theatrical performances and educational programs. See story on Page B-2.



Echo Lake shines

A crowd gathers at the large scoreboard to watch the results in the National U.S. Girls Junior Golf Championship at Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, last week. A story on the volunteer effort to run a national event appears on Page B-1; results of the tournament are on Page C-1.



Reaching out

Armond Ansari, 4, reaches out to pet a kitten in a cage at the pet adoption day at Nomahegan Park in Cranford Saturday. See another photo on Page A-5.

Rawindar

A blood drive will be held at the Westfield Red Cross, 321 Elm St.. from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD - The second part of the Planning Board's Verizon Wireless hearing has been pushed back to Aug. 28 at Verizon's request.

The hearing on Verizon's proposal to put antennas on a tower in a residential area has caused a stir among borough residents. The previous hearing on June 26 was packed with residents opposing the company's proposal. Residents showed their disapproval at the meeting as well as

through letters to newspapers. Members of the Planning Board questioned Verizon representatives' efforts to find a suitable site outside a residential

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

sive prescription drugs.

Lipyanek is more fortunate than

some senior citizens. He has a

supplemental insurance plan

along with Medicare that covers

health-care costs, such as expen-

primary topic at a recent senior

seminar held by Rep. Mike Ferguson at the Westfield

Municipal Building. Seniors from

throughout the area filled the

community room as Ferguson

and Tom Scully, administrator for

the Center for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, addressed

"Making prescription drugs

affordable is an issue that affects

all of us," Ferguson told the audi-

ence. He represents District 7

which includes Cranford, Kenilworth, Garwood, Westfield,

Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Bound Brook, South Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Green Brook, Manville, North Plainfield,

Warren, Watchung and parts of Edison and South Plainfield.

from the audience were about the

cost of prescription drugs. Scully

agreed, saying seniors should

The majority of the complaints

local seniors about Medicare.

Prescription drug cost was the

WESTFIELD

Senior citizens give

congressman earful

on high drug costs

area. They suggested other locations that the company could use and failed to investigate.

"Our policy is to pursue the best option that's out there," said Kim Ancin, a Verizon spokesperson. "We are still requesting the site and until we learn otherwise we will continue to pursue it."

Verizon proposes to put antennas on a PSE&G tower located at North and Elm avenues. Verizon Engineer David Stern, who was a witness at the hearing, said that Verizon Wireless customers experience a significant gap in coverage in the Fanwood area. In order to eliminate the gap, Stern said that antennas must be placed at the location.

Verizon attempted to utilize 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

organize into purchasing pools. He explained that people under

65 have companies such as Blue

Cross to negotiate lower prescrip-

tion drug costs, but seniors have

nobody negotiating on their

Ferguson suggested that all parties involved in Medicare

work together to alleviate the

top drug companies located in New Jersey. We need to work

with companies to bring costs

down ...We need to make prod-

ucts more affordable and more

accessible without hindering research," Ferguson said.

burden of expensive prescription

drugs would have been lifted if

the Senate had passed the pre-

scription drug bill that the House

approved. Ferguson was on the

House's prescription drug task force and helped push the Medicate Modernization and

Prescription Drug Act that would

have meant an immediate reduc-

tion in prescription drug costs for

The act requested approximately \$350 billion for Medicare.

It would have provided relief

See Drug Cost, page A-2

seniors.

Ferguson believes much of the

"We're fortunate to have the

an existing structure in Scotch Plains that already has wireless antennas on it, however, they were denied access by PSE&G, who also owns that tower. Planning Board Chairman Gregory Cummings suggested the Chelsea Assisted Living building on South Avenue as potential site because of its height and location in a commercial district, however, according to Ancin, Verizon will stick with their proposed site, which they feel is the best option for its customers.

According to Stern, the antennas will meet all Federal Communications Commission regulations. The next Planning Board meeting will be Aug. 28 at



NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This PSE&G tower on North Avenue in Fanwood is a potential site for Verizon Wireless cell phone antennas.

Jefferson principal moving to Howell

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — No matter where he goes in his education career, Jorden Schiff just wants to have a positive influence on kids. As the principal of Jefferson Elementary School, he had the opportunity to do so, overseeing approximately 500 children. Now Schiff is moving on to an opportunity to influence a larger mass.

Schiff resigned from his position at Jefferson on June 25 in order to become the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Personnel in **Howell** Township. Schiff will be responsible for recruitment and hiring, staff development, overseeing

"I loved working at Jefferson the last six vears. Westfield is a tremendous district. I'm leaving a place I love dearly...This is a special community."

-Jorden Schiff

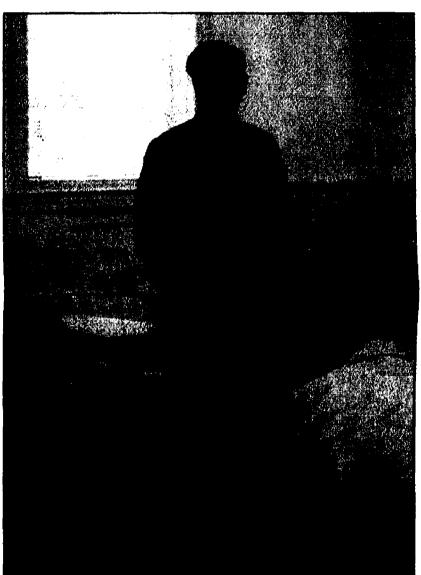
new curriculum and working with the Board of Education to develop policies.

"I have mixed feelings," Schiff said about leaving the school district. "I loved working at Jefferson the last six years. Westfield is a tremendous district. I'm leaving a place I love dearly...This is a special community."

In his tenure at Jefferson, Schiff was instrumental in implementing technology into teaching. He says he's most proud of helping to create a arm, supportive, family-related climate at the school.

Before coming to Jefferson, Schiff was the principal at High Bridge Elementary School. He has also worked as an assistant principal, affirmative action officer, supervisor of fine arts and special education teacher.

Schiff holds a doctorate in administration and supervision from Rutgers University and is a resident of Readington. Wednesday was his final day at Jefferson.



KEVIN B. HOWELL/THE RECORD-PRESS Rep. Mike Ferguson conducts a town meeting in Westfield Monday to discuss the high cost of prescription drugs with senior citizens.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Classic wheels

This 1938 Ford Coupe was one of the vintage autos on display at the Westfield Classic Car Show Tuesday night.

New police chief is up to the task

Inside

Chief Robert Carboy was

the borough's fourth top

cop. See story on Page

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD - When Police Chief Robert Carboy retired last month, then-Capt. Donald Domanoski was prepared to step up and take his place. Domanoski came up through the ranks of the department and was groomed by his predecessors to command the force.

"Under the past two chiefs, Chief Carboy and (Anthony) Parenti, worked as lieutenant and cap-

tain. They were helpful in preparing me and delegating things to me to make the transition possible," Domanoski

The transition actually started several months ago for Domanoski. Chief Carboy took a leave of absence in February and Domanoski acted as chief in his stead. So when Carboy retired, Domanoski kept in stride with his promotion on July 1, becoming the fifth chief of police in the borough's history.

"When you join a police force, the ultimate goal is to reach the

top rank, becoming the CEO of a police agency — being the chief," Domanoski said. "It's difficult. It's something not everyone can enjoy, but it's really fulfilling."

Reaching the top position was a process for Domanoski, as he served in different divisions and held various ranks in his police career. A native of South Brunswick, Domanoski graduat-

ed from the Middlesex County Police Academy 1976. He was appointed to the Rutgers Police Department, only serving there shortly

before moving on to Fanwood in

In 1984, he was assigned to the Traffic Bureau and was promoted to corporal of the bureau in 1987. Two years later, he was promoted to sergeant. In 1994, he became a lieutenant in the Operations Bureau and in 1998 took over as captain of patrol.

Because Domanoski has served in various departments. he says he has a good rapport with his 21-man department and

See Chief, page A-2

Briefs

Woman's Club plans excursion

FANWOOD - The Woman's Club of Fanwood sponsors a theater trip this month for "America's Song" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.

Carpools leave the borough 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Cost of \$47 includes dinner and a dessert buffet; \$5 of the cost goes toward Woman's Club pro-

For reservations and carpools, phone Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892 or Marge Palmer at (908) 322-4772.

Mothers' group to discuss phobias

WESTFIELD - Mothers & More is a nonprofit organiza-Lion for stay-at-home mothers. The group's Union County Chapter meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, "Children's Fears and Phobias" is the program with clinical psychologist Karen Steinfeld of Westfield.

New members are always welcome.

For more information, phone Patty at (908) 497-1286 or Heidi at (908) 810-7165.

County 4-H Club trains aspiring artists

WESTFIELD - The 4-H Fine Art and Performing Arts Club is open to all boys and girls in Union County who attend Grades 4-6.

If your son or daughter is interested in drawing, painting, dance, writing or acting, this is the club. Meetings are the second Saturday morning of the month in Westfield during the

school year. For more information, e-mail nichnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.ed u or phone (908) 654-9854, 4-H is affiliated with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Jewish holy day cards available

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Learn about trees in 4-H program

WESTFIELD - Union County 4-H sponsors its ninth annual "Master Tree Steward" program for adults.

There are no examinations or quizzes. Training is free; in exchange, you'll be asked to volunteer 30 hours of time to teach children about trees. All materials are supplied.

Instruction is every Wednesday afternoon from Sept. 11-Dec. 18 with field trips included once a month.

For a complete schedule, email nichnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.edu or phone (908) 654-

4-H is affiliated with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Prosecutor drops charges

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Union County Prosecutor's Office has drug-distribution dropped charges against the manager of a borough tavern, Police Chief William Dowd said.

The prosecutor recently dropped charges against Union resident Darren Fantasia, who was arrested Nov. 8 in a raid of Melody's Bar & Grill on South Michigan Avenue, Fantasia was charged with dealing marijuana and possession of a stun gun.

Following the arrest, bar owner Melody Damiano filed a tort claim against the borough. Through her lawyer, Damiano claimed the marijuana had been planted in the bar to implicate Fantasia, and that borough police had reason to know the drugs were a plant.

Damiano also accused police of continued harassment resulting in lost business.

Also, Joseph Martino, who lives with Damiano in Union, filed a \$100,000 tort claim alleging police used excessive force when they searched him at the residence.

Carboy is Fanwood's fourth police chief

FANWOOD - Chief Robert J. Carboy was fourth police chief in the history of Fanwood. He started his police career in 1959 after graduating from the Union County Police Chiefs Training

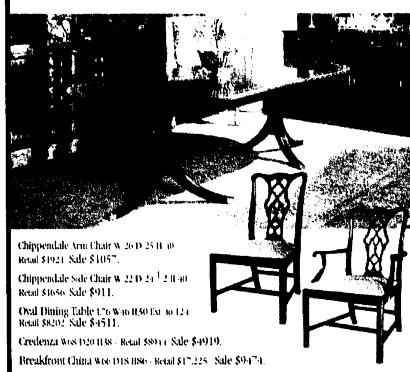
He served the department for 10 years as a patrolman until resigning in 1969 to enter private employment. In 1974, he returned to the department as a Special Police Officer because he was over the age for regular appointment under the existing law. However, in 1980 the state passed a bill that allowed for credit against the age of any person who had prior police service. The Borough Council made his appointment permanent in

Over the next 18 years, he worked his way up the ladder, becoming chief in 1998 after then-Chief Anthony Parenti retired. He was also Fanwood's Emergency Management Coordinator from 1998-2001. Carboy served as chief for four and half years before retiring on June 30.

Throughout his career he was honored by the Borough Council, Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Knights of Columbus, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Optimist Club and Resolve Community Counseling Service.



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Chief Donald Domanoski ...ready for the challenge

New chief is up to task

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they know what to expect from him. However, due to retirements the past few years. Domanoski leads a young department.

"We have a young and hungry department," he said. "We focus on getting them involved with the youth and the community...As times change, needs change. As the community changes, we change with them.

"The biggest goal I have is to prepare all men for their future and the community's future. I'm an advocate of training and preparation. There will come a day when these men will step up and be promoted." Domanoski's focus on the

community is emphasized in his willingness to reach out and be flexible. He wants the department to be in tune with the community. One way of doing that is through the department's www.fanwoodpolice.com, where residents can get information on the department and tip police on crime. Domanoski

borhoods. 'We want to hear about what they want," he said...

percentage for seniors with a

The bill has been voted down

also plans for his staff to go out

and solicit needs of the neigh-

High drug costs

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from high drug costs with a Rx Drug Discount card and assistance for low-income beneficiaries. It supplied front-end coverage by the government, which would have paid 80 percent of the first \$1,000 in prescription drug costs for lowincome seniors and a lesser

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twice in the Senate. Ferguson asserts that the act is a good solution and he will continue to push the concerns of seniors.

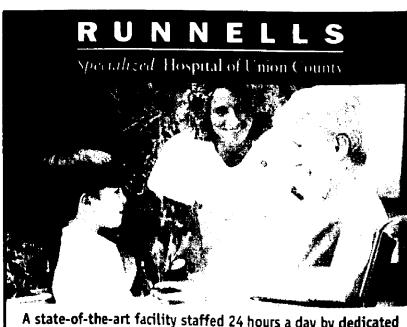
higher income.

"We're working on it. We're committed to it. We passed a good plan in the House...We need to get on the phone, call our senators and tell them to pass it," Ferguson **said**.

"He seems very devoted," said Fords resident Tony Romano of Ferguson. "I just want him to make sure that in the new law if seniors drop their private (insurance) plans they can pick them up again if they drop prescription drugs from the program in the

future. Springfield resident Catherine Poridman was less resident

impressed. "I think he's full of bologna," Poridman said. "Not one of these people is going to profit from it. It's all below the line. Where's the money coming



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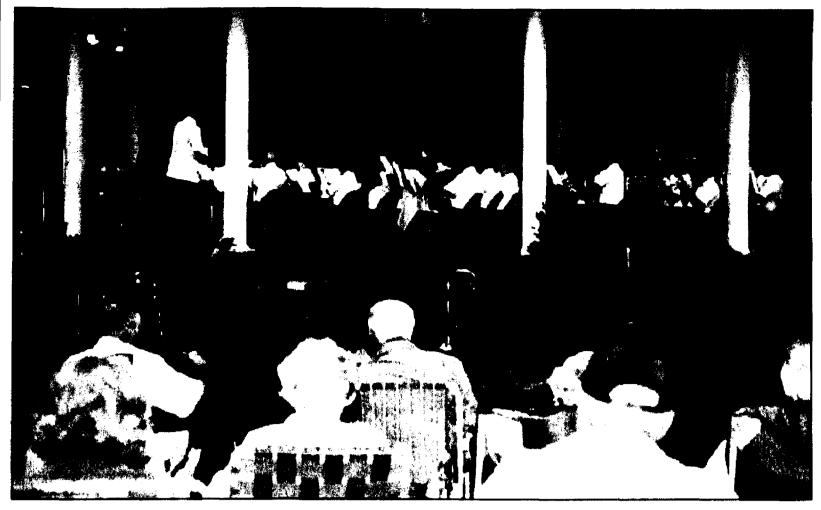
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Can autumn be far away?

The Westfield Community Concert Band performs July 25 in its final summer concert at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

Flood project permitting expected

By OREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Township Committee could begin the permitting process for Cranford's controversial and often-delayed flood control project this month, officials said.

Commissioner Aschenbach, who has become the leading proponent of the project, said he hopes the committee will authorize Engineer Jeff Sias to begin preparing permits at its Aug. 16 meeting.

That move would be the biggest step in the project since the committee passed a \$9.2 million bond ordinance to pay for the work earlier this year. The next step after permits are obtained would be to award contracts for construction.

Commissioner Phil Morin said before seeking the permits, the committee must know more about the heated July 17 meeting Aschenbach and Mayor Barbara Bilger held with residents who would be affected by the project.

But, said Morin, "subject to what comes up as a result of that discussion, I see that we could probably move ahead with the permitting ... I feel it's important to get that process started.

The project has drawn stiff opposition from residents who live in the area of a proposed swale behind Herning Avenue, as well as Riverside Drive residents whose properties may be dug up for a large express storm

Aschenbach said this week "a decision hasn't been made" about the precise route of the express sewer, but the decision will be based on "sound engineering recommendations.'

Though the sewer has created much controversy, he said, there will be no special vote on its location. But the decision, as well as the final design of the swale, will be reflected in the township's permit applications.

Meanwhile, township officials welcomed last week's news of an Army Corps of Engineers study of the Rahway River watershed, but said it would probably not have a large effect on Cranford's project.

If the Army Corps study leads to additional flood control work, Aschenbach said, "it would bring you closer to foolproofing the

But "I don't think it's one (project) or the other," he said. "(Cranford's) project is really

"My first blush is, I don't see it having a major impact," Morin agreed.

The funding for the projects is also "entirely separate," he said. The state Department of Environmental Protection will contribute \$3.2 million to the Army Corps study; earlier this

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year, a nearly identical contribu-

Morin and Aschenbach have been working to get that money restored, to little avail. Morin said Gov. James E. McGreevey has not responded to a February letter asking him to reconsider.

tion to Cranford's project was withdrawn.

Assemblywoman Linda Stender, chairman of the Fanwood Committee, announced the selection of Donna M. Dolce as the candidate for a seat on the Fanwood Borough Council to fill the oneyear unexpired term left vacant by the death of Councilwoman Dolce is the director of the Volunteer Center for the United Way of Essex and West Hudson County in Newark. She has more than 20 years of experience in management of nonprofit organizations. Previously, she worked

Fanwood Dems

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Carol Wood.

with the YWCĂ.

as an organizational planning specialist with the Girl Scouts and as a management consultant

Dolce has served on a number of Fanwood committees, including the Fanwood Strategic

Planning Committee and the

Fanwood Strategic Assessment Committee, chairing both com-

mittees, and the Fanwood Sign

Ordinance Task Force. She has

been an Earth Day volunteer

since 1996 and served on the

1993 Fanwood-Scotch Plains

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tion on the Borough Council is a

culmination of my belief in com-

munity service and my desire to

continue to keep Fanwood a great

place to live," Dolce said. "Through my past and current

volunteer experience I want to

ensure that projects and plans

started are seen to a conclusion

that is in the best interest of the

'My interest in seeking a posi-

tap Donna Dolce

Donna Dolce ...running for council

citizens of Fanwood."

Dolce holds a master's degree in human resource management from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor's degree from Bethany College in West Virginia.

A borough resident for 14 years, Dolce lives on Carsam Street with her partner Lynn Sorf.

She will be campaigning along with two other Fanwood Democrats, Tom Plante and Jack Molenaar, both of whom are seeking three-year seats on the Borough Council.

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Commentary

Unraveling the state bureaucracy

With the crisis in the state budget finally resolved, Gov. James E. McGreevey can now set his sights on fixing state

The governor took a positive step Monday when he used the power of an executive order to reform the state's School Construction Program.

"For too long, this historic initiative to build and renovate schools throughout New Jersey has been an unfulfilled promise. From the day of its enactment, the School Construction Program was mired in bureaucracy, delays and mismanagement," said McGreevey. "This Executive Order provides for the critical attention that is needed to build and renovate New Jersey's public schools. Today's action will allow us to continue streamlining the school construction process and require state and local governments to act cooperatively to ensure swift completion of much needed school projects.'

McGreevey also named a business executive, Alfred T. McNeill, to head the newly created The Schools Corporation, which will oversee the program. The Schools Corporation will be a subsidiary branch of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), charged with carrying out the guidelines of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act.

McNeill previously served as CEO and chairman for The Turner Corporation, the largest building construction organization in the country. He will bring a welcome objective and outside-of-Trenton perspective to the ambitious program

The Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2000 committed \$8.6 billion in State and local resources to build new school facilities and rehabilitate existing structures in urban and suburban school districts throughout New Jersey. It is the largest and most ambitious school construction program in New Jersey's history.

But yet, like many state programs, it has become tied up in the bureaucratic red tape that paves the streets of Trenton. The governor's executive order and the appointment of an "outsider" to oversee the program should get the program into high gear and the money flowing to the school districts where it is most needed.

With the state also considering what to do with the Inotorious Division of Motor Vehicles, it's good to see *McGreevey tackling those parts of the state government which haven traditionally been the most frustrating to residents and municipalities. With budgets tight at all lev-Iels of state government, now is the time to remove the red **Stape** from the state bureaucracy and streamline the gov-Zernment process.

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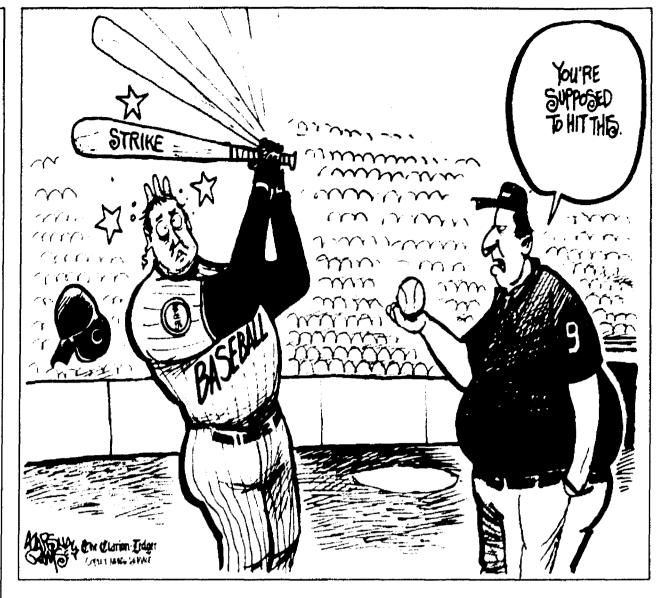
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Letters to the editor

Resident doctors need federal law

To The Record-Press:

Deaths linked to sleep-deprived resident doctors are growing at an alarming rate.

When a patient checks into a hospital, that patient expects the best possible care. But because of the stressful requirements placed on recent medical school graduates, patients are often placed in the care of doctors who are so fatigued they fall asleep while caring for a putient.

Resident doctors often are required to work 24 to 36-hour shifts in a day, and as many as 100 to 120 hours per week to fulfill the requirements placed on them by their medical universities and the hospitals in which they work. Such requirements are overzealous and place patients, as well as young doctors, in an unsafe position.

Requiring residents to work days on end without suitable rest lacks common sense. Studies show that a lack of sleep can result in cognitive impairment greater than that resulting from alcohol intoxication, leaving people to wonder why resident physicians are placed under such stressful

That is why federal legislation to mandate how many hours a medical resident can work is needed. I have introduced legislation - the Patient and Physician Safety and Protection Act of 2002 to limit the number of hours a resident physician can work.

Under my measure, a medical resident cannot work more than 80 hours per week and no more than 24 hours consecutively. Only in times of emergency can a resident work more than 24 hours straight.

Moreover, my legislation would provide addi tional federal funding to hospitals that increase staffing levels, so as to ensure less hours for overworked, sleep-deprived doctors.

When it comes to health care, a patient's safety and well-being should be of the utmost importance. The only surefire way to ensure hospital safety is by keeping physicians alert and wellrested.

JON S. CORZINE **United States Senator**

It's important to donate blood

To The Record-Press:

Thank you for your June 28 editernal regarding blood donations. As a longtime donor at blood drives and a blood drive volunteer for years, I have learned the importance of donations and the critical situation facing us each summer when donors

For local area donations and where drives are scheduled, the Red Cross can be reached at (908)

New locations for drives are always welcome Any organization interested in setting up blood drives can contact Marie Forrestal at (732) 220-7184.

Again, my personal thanks for your commentary. Incidentally, I am not in any way an employee of New Jersey Blood Services, simply a man who is strongly convinced about the importance of donat-

ROBERT H. SOMMERICH

License plates help animals

To The Record-Press:

The new "Animal Friendly" license plate is now on sale at New Jersey DMV offices. This adorable plate was designed by syndicated "Mutts" cartoonist Patrick McDonnell, a New Jersey native.

Forty dollars from the sale of each license plate goes to the state's dedicated Animal Population Control Fund, to spay and neuter dogs and cats of people receiving some forms of public assistance, as well as animals adopted from humane societies,

shelters, and municipal pounds. The annual renewal fee of \$10 is also used for this purpose.

The Governor's Domestic Companion Animal Council urges every animal lover to purchase this attractive plate. It tells others you are 'Animal Friendly' while helping countless animals that would otherwise be unable to find loving, permanent homes.

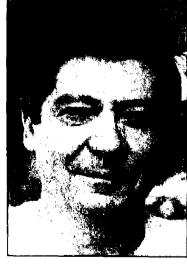
NINA AUSTENBERG Chairwoman

Do you think priest should be allowed to wed?



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Marvin Smith



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Scotch Plains



"I'm Catholic, and I've never really thought there would be anything wrong with a priest being married."

Barbara Pastrof Cranford

Jersey Bo Mike Deak

You know you've been working too hard too long

Because I do not want to be suspended or fired, I freely acknowledge the items in this column were given to me via email from my friend Mark

Email is the way long-distance friends communicate these days. Cheaper than a telephone call, email has revived the ancient and honorable art of the epistle, which many feared was killed by the telephone Email has been responsible for reviving old friendships and sustaining new friendships, because of the frantio schedule most of my friends and I have, it's easier to send email than to play telephone tag or leave vague messages on answering machines. You can also save email messages if they're special just by printing them, I don't know anyone who has saved the answering machine cassette that contained an endearing message. You can think and contemplate by writing sending email, there are no hesitant uhs and you knows that punctuate voice messages.

Mark and I have been good friends since college more than two decades ago. Though we may see each other only about once a year (when he inevitably has the best golf round of his life, we communicate by email at least two or three times a month. Most of the time we just exchange small talk about our golf games. baseball etc the usual guy stuff. But Mark also sends me lots of jokes, which is one of the most popular email subjects. Where Mark gets his jokes I do not know, but I suspect be calls them from the Internet And then he sends them out to about a dozen friends. in an electronic mass memo-This is the latest email from

Signs of working too hard

20. Cleaning up the dining

area means getting the food bags out of the back seat of your car. 19. Your reason for not staying

in touch with family is that they do not have cmail addresses 18 Keeping up with sports

entails adding ESPN's homepage to your Internet bookmarks. 17 You have a "to do list" that

includes entries for lunch and bathroom breaks and they are usually the ones that never get crossed off

16 You have actually faxed your holiday gift list to your par-

15. Pickup lines now include a reference to liquid assets and capital gains 14. You consider second day

delivery painfully slow. 13. You assume the question

to valet park or not is rhetorical. 12. You refer to your dining room table as the flat filing cabi-

11. Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-It 10 Your grocery list has been

on the refrigerator so long some of the problems don't exist anymore.

9. You lecture the neighborhood kids selling lemonade on ways to improve their profits.

8. You get all excited when it's Saturday and you wear sweats to

7. You refer to the tomatoes grown in your garden as deliver-

6 You find you really need Power Point to explain what you do for a living.

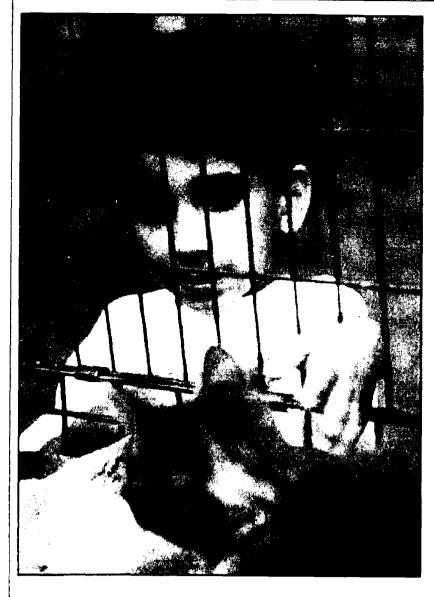
You normally eat out of vending machines and at the most expensive restaurant in town within the same week.

4. You think that "progressing an action plan," "socializing an issue" and "calendarinzing a project" are acceptable English phrases.

3. You think Einstein would

have been more effective had he put his ideas into a matrix. 2. You think a "half-day" means leaving at 5 p.m.

1. You get most of your jokes via email, instead of in person.





Animal lovers play matchmaker

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Armond Ansari, 4, reaches out to pet a kitten in a cage at the pet adoption day at Nomahegan Park in Cranford Saturday. Above, Jack Leonard of People for Animals, the event's sponsor, walks Crissy, who

Kenilworth development plan wins

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KENILWORTH -- The Planning Board last week gave final approval to an application for a subdivision to Street, a narrow road that connects: North 22nd, 23rd and 24th streets just south of Boyd Terrace.

The move angered residents who said the houses, to be built on irregularly shaped lots, will lower neighborhood property values and create parking problems. But a board offical said the developer, Paparatto Construction, had made numerous concessions and the approved project represents a compromise.

The approvals, granted by a 5-2 vote in June and memorialized July 25, mark the end of a process. that began in 2000, when the board gave approval for one home at the west end of Center Street.

The three new homes will be built on lots that easily exceed the 5,000 sq. ft. minimum for the zone. the right-of-way for a local railroad the developer needed substantial

While the zone requires 25-foot build three new houses on Center front yards and 20-foot rear yards. each home will have 12-foot yards. in front and back. The side yards will also be unusually large.

front and rear yard variances.

Because of the property's unusual shape each lot is only 50 feet deep - it was "self-evident" variances would be required to permit construction on the site, the

developer wrote in its application. Board vice-president Greg Westbrook said the board insisted the homes be single-family, ranch style homes, so their impact on the neighborhood would be minimized. "We put a lot of pressure on the applicant," he said. "We're trying to keep the borough as nice

as it is now But several residents said the project would hurt the neighborhood. The street is much too small.

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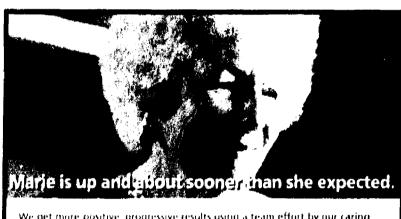
But because of the long, narrow. It's much to narrow for cars to park. don't care about the people." shape of the property once part of on," said Steven Hrynkiewicz of North 23rd Street, "It's a piece of all" the case, "Mr. Paparatto was property that's much too small to put through a very, very vigorous build any houses on.

appears anxious to explore on her own.

24th Street accused the board of sensitive to the community's needs. giving special consideration to they're a builder," he said. "They that's scary, Hrynkiewicz said.

Westbrook said that was "not at (review)," he said. "This board is a And Scott Ruerup of North community-oriented board. We are

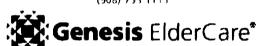
Despite the dissatisfaction one of the borough's prominent with the decision, none of the resdevelopers, "The Planning Board idents said they planned an seems to believe (Paparatto) can appeal to Superior Court, "If it do anything they want because requires lawyers, lawyer fees,



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A year later, Garwood kills townhouse plan

By MICHAEL REILLY

CORRESPONDENT

GARWOOD After more than a year of debate and several alterations, development company Giapiedi. Inc's application to the development potential held build a 16 townhouse develop—by the two lots in question—lots ment on a 65,000 square foot owned by area residents Sandy tract off Fourth Avenue was Hidi and Pat Liquore they are denied by the borough's zoning currently zoned for single family board last week.

the borough to approve (the appli - requesting a use variance from cation), but apparently they are the zoning board, as well as site resistant to change," said Mario Gurrieri, a senior partner at the board's decision in Umon County be approved. Superior Court soon

Before voting on the application, the board heard testimony, resident comments, and the closing arguments of Gurrieri at last week's meeting. Residents criticized the housing plan's density added that he felt the decision and the impact the townhouse complex's increased traffic would - interests of the town. have on both local congestion and traffic safety.

"I feel traffic experts are opments)," said Bruce Paterson, a sion was defensible on appeal. 10-year borough resident who agreed with the board's decision, the board, said he felt the deci-Paterson added that he would be that it had been a difficult one.

more willing to support an application that called for fewer townhouses - 10 or 12, rather than the proposed 16.

Although the borough's master plan has called for examination of occupancies To construct the "I felt it would be beneficial to townhouses. Giapiedi, Inc. was plan approval.

-Upon the conclusion of Cranford law firm of Dughi, Hewitt Gurrier's closing statement, the and Pacatucci, who is representing board decided to vote first on Giapiedi, Inc. Gurrieri added that Giapiedi's request for a use variwhile his clients would decide the ance, and then vote on site-specifnext step, he expected to appeal the $^{\circ}$ ic details should the use variance

> But the use variance failed by a 2.5 vote.

"I believe that the board's decision was consistent with the evidence before it," said Donald Fraser, the board attorney. He that was made served the best

"I think that development on the subject property is appropriate, but that the applicant did not snake oil salesmen. Look around submit sufficient evidence to jusyou, there's nothing but traffic, tify the grant of the application," and they all say there will be no said Fraser, who also noted that (traffic) impact (from new devel - he was confident the board's deci-

Richard Polidore, chairman of to deny the Giapiedi application. sion was appropriate, but noted

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Prosecutor names chief of detectives

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

In one of the first acts of his new tenure, County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow appointed Robert T. Buccino the Chief of Detectives of the Prosecutor's Office.

Buccino will head up an investigative staff of 70 detectives that work in 14 different units such as narcotics, child abuse, computer crimes, white collar fraud, juvenile delinquency and preparation.

Buccino has 38 years of law enforcement experience in the state. He was the former deputy chief investigator with the Statewide Organized Crime and Racketeering Bureau in the state's Division of Criminal Justice. He managed over 60 state investigations that involved

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organized crime, corruption. racketeering, casino violations and drug diversion. He also founded and chaired the Committee for Professional Conduct.

In 1984-85, Buccino was a Special Agent with the State Commission of Investigation. He worked for the state police for 22 years as an undercover detective. He supervised regional intelligence offices that investigated solid-waste violators, labor racketeering, organized crime and large-scale cargo theft. He also served as a personal bodyguard for Martin Luther King.

Buccino will work on new initiatives aimed at curbing increases in gang activity in the county as well as coordinating with the state Attorney General's Office in counter-terrorism.

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Obituaries

Catherine Wojcio

July 28, 2002 at Community and West Palm Beach, Fla.; five Medical Center in Toms River. grandchildren; and 17 nieces

A native of Newark, she lived in Garwood before moving to Forked River in 1982. Mrs. Wojcio was a homemak-

Her first husband, Peter A. Zimmer, died in 1945. Her second husband, Frank, died in

Surviving are two sons,

Catherine S. Wojcio, 78, died Matilda Eckert of Forked River and nephews.

Services were held yesterday at Layton's Home for Funerals, in Forked River. Entombment was in the Ocean County Memorial Park mausoleum, Toms River.

Memorial donations may be sent to Popcorn Park Zoo, 1 Humane Way, P.O. Box 43, Thomas and wife Sandra of Forked River, NJ 08731 or St. Clark and James and wife Jude Children's Research, P.O. Elizabeth of Fanwood; a sister, Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101.

Lois M. Ross

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lois M. Ross, 81, died July 28, 2002 at the Glenside Nursing Center in New Providence.

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She was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains for most of her life.

Miss Ross worked for New York Life Insurance Co. for 43 years prior to her retirement. She was a volunteer at the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Health Care Center in Plainfield and Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

A 1939 alumna of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Miss Ross was affiliated with the Brethren.

Surviving are a sister, Esther Holmes of Scotch Plains; two brothers, James of Scotch Plains and Arthur of Wheaton, Ill.; three nephews; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Monday at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood, where services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be sent to Moments with the Book, P.O. Box 322, Bedford, PA 15522.

More **Obituaries**

On A-7

Charles G. Schrope

WESTFIELD - Charles G. Schrope, 71, died July 28, 2002 at

He was born in Elizabeth and lived in Westfield for most of his life.

Mr. Schrope was a former vice president of Eli Barry Co., manufacturers of corkscrews, and worked for the Parke-Davis Co. He was in sales and management with Automated Data Processing in Roseland when he retired in 1985.

He received a bachelor's degree from Springfield College and studied graduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania, where Mr. Schrope was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He spent two years as an intern at New York Hospital in Manhattan.

Mr. Schrope was a Marine Corps captain in the Korean War and coached youth sports in Westfield.

His first wife, Joan Hoffman Schrope, died in 1976.

Surviving are two sons, Charles G. Jr. and Steven; a daughter, Stacey Szklut; two stepsons, Reid Jajko and Dean Jajko; a stepdaughter, Erica Nanne; a sister, Doreen Hoffman; his for-

mer wife, Judy Jajko; and eight grandchildren. Services were held yesterday at Gray Funeral Home. Burial vas in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to your favorite charity.

Daniel Randolph

SCOTCH PLAINS — Daniel Randolph, 78, died July 22, 2002 at Henrico Doctors' Hospital in Richmond, Va.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Glen Allen, Va.

Mr. Randolph retired in 1988 from Chubb & Son, with which he was a senior vice president and worldwide manager of the surety department. For many years he was a volunteer at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

During World War II, Mr. Randolph held the rank of captain as an Army Air Corps pilot with the 365th Bomb Squadron. A son, Daniel F. III, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Jeanne S.; a sister, Barbara of North Plainfield: two granddaughters, Paige Randolph Albert of Seattle and Lindsay Randolph Doyle of Concord, N.C.; and four greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday in Glen Allen. Memorial donations may be sent to the American Heart Association.

Walter Paltz Jr.

FANWOOD — Walter J. Paltz Jr., 65, died July 18, 2002 at Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla, Calif.

A native of Richmond, Va., he lived in Fanwood before moving to San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Paltz was a civil engineer with the California Department of Transportation for 38 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego and the Cortez Association Racing California.

His parents, Walter J. Paltz and Grace Quilgan Paltz, are

Surviving are a sister, Mary Grace Van Nest; and a brother, Christopher J. Mass was offered Saturday

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Scotch Plains, following services at Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Teresa's Cemetery, Summit.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Walter J. Paltz Jr. Memorial Fund at the Southwestern Yacht Club, Attn: Junior Program Director, 2706 Qualtrough St., San Diego, CA

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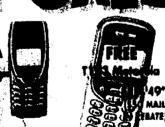


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Rita D'Arconte

FANWOOD -- Rita V. D'Arconte, 88, died July 30, 2002 1976. at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville,

She was born in Brooklyn, the daughter of the late Paolo and Filippa Lorito. Mrs. D'Arconte lived in Fanwood before moving to Clinton in 1978.

She was appointed to an advisory council within the Hunterdon County Office on Aging. Mrs. D'Arconte was a volunteer with the Women's Club of Clinton, the American Red Cross, the Hunterdon Medical Center auxiliary in Flemington, the Hagedorn Center and the Red Mill Museum in Clinton.

ioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Health and Supportive Services of Roman Catholic Church in Hunterdon County, 2100 Wescott Whitehouse Station.

Her husband, Lucius, died in

Surviving are two sons. Richard of Herndon, Va., and Paul of Decatur, Ga.; a daughter, Julie Coddington of Clinton; a brother, Frank Lorito of Ridge, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

Mass will be offered 9:30 a.m. today at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Route 523, Whitehouse Station. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements are by Kearns Funeral Home in Whitehouse. Memorial donations may be sent to Women's Club of Clinton, Nursing Scholarship Fund, c/o June Wene, 15 Lower Kingtown Road, Mrs. D'Arconte was a parish- Pittstown, NJ 08867 or Visiting Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Frank M. Donatelli

SCOTCH PLAINS - Frank son, William John Kielburgh Jr. Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach, of

before moving to Vero Beach in dren.

Elks lodge in Manasquan and the Donatelli was a parishioner. Italian-American Club in Vero Beach.

years, E. Judith; a son, Frank, to VNA Hospice of Indian River and a daughter, Linda Powell, County, 1111 36th St., Vero both of Lakeland, Fla.; a step- Beach, FL 32960.

M. "Jersey Joe" Donatelli, 68, died of Clarksville, Md.; two step-July 22, 2002 at Indian River daughters, Theresa Yoselevich of Union and Kathryn Attington of Morrisburg, Tenn.; He was born in Scotch Plains a sister, Mary Pirlozzi of Scotch and lived in Point Pleasant Beach Plains; and eight grandchil-

Mass was offered Saturday at A bartender for 45 years, Mr. St. Helen Roman Catholic Donatelli was a member of the Church, Vero Beach, of which Mr.

Arrangements were by Strunk Funeral Home in Vero Beach. Surviving are his wife of 20 Memorial donations may be sent

Jean Dutcher

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jean E. Barnabas nursing school and was 2002 at Thomas Jefferson Woman's Club. University Hospital Philadelphia.

A native of Plainfield, she lived in North Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Lavallette in 1985.

Mrs. Dutcher retired in 1982 as the charge nurse of the Westfield Convalescent Center. She began her career as a registered nurse at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

She graduated from the St. Arnytown.

Hartley Dutcher, 82, died July 25, a former member of the Plainfield

Her husband, Charles Jr., died in May.

Surviving are two sons, Charles III and wife Ilona of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Timothy of Blackwood; and four grandchil-

Services were held Monday at McCriskin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Burial was in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery,

John J. Sullivan

Sullivan, 73, died July 28, 2002 at Catholic Church. his home.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Queens before moving to McCarthy Sullivan; a son, John Scotch Plains in 1965.

for more than 35 years, retiring in grandchild. 1987 from the firm of Sullivan & Heights and a law degree from in Hillside Cemetery. the Fordham University law

school.

SCOTCH PLAINS - John J. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman

A son, Martin F., died in 1992. Surviving are his wife, Eileen J.; two daughters, Teresa and Mr. Sullivan was an attorney Carol; a brother, Charles F.; and a

Mass was offered Wednesday Kuter. He received a bachelor's at St. Bartholomew the Apostle degree in economics from St. Church, following services at Francis College in Brooklyn Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was

Donations may be sent to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. He was a parishioner of St. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Obituaries

Rev. James J. Driscoll

James J. Driscoll, 85, a retired Catholic priest and Air Force chaplain, died July 25 at the Meridian Health Hospice in Red Bank.

Father Driscoll was born in Bayonne and lived in Westfield before entering Immaculate and right-to-life movement.

Conception Seminary in As a University of Notre Conception Darlington. The Seton Hall University alumnus was ordained in 1943 and assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Bloomfield, where he remained until he joined the Air Force in 1952.

France, Turkey, Korea and Japan. Father Driscoll held the rank of lieutenant colonel on his retirement from the military in 1972.

Salle Hall, on the Christian grandnephews. Brothers Academy campus in in Sea Girt; St. Denis parish in Catherine Cemetery, Sea Girt.

WESTFIELD - The Rev. Sea Girt following his retirement. Father Driscoll was a longtime benefactor for Immaculate Seminary Conception Conception, Mo., and the Poor Clare Sisters of Kokomo, Ind. He was active in the Knights of Columbus

> As a University of Notre Dame football fan he attended many home games in South Bend, Ind. He was a member of the Deal Country Club and shot four holesin-one in golf.

One brother, the Rev. John, As a chaplain, he was stationed was a priest in the Southwest on Air Force bases in Alaska, until his death in 1957. Another brother, Daniel, died in 1962.

Surviving are a sister, Dorothy H. of Matawan; two nephews, Michael D. of Ocean After leaving the Air Force he and Eugene T. of Lancaster, Pa.; became an associate at De La and several grandnieces and

Services were held Monday at Lincroft; St. Catherine parish in O'Brien Funeral Home, Wall, fol-Spring Lake; St. Margaret parish lowed by a Mass at St. Mark in Spring Lake; St. Mark parish Church. Burial was in St.

Manasquan; and Immaculate Memorial donations may be Conception Korean Catholic sent to Immaculate Conception parish in Eatontown. He lived in Seminary, Conception, MO 64433.



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Dorothy McKoy

daughter, Roberta of Fort Washington, Md.

Easton, Md., and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1958.

She was a past president of the Plainfield-Scotch Plains Section, National Council of Negro women. County government for 20 years before retiring as a child supervi-child. sor at the county children's shelter in Berkeley Heights.

Isaac Copper, and three sisters, Fannie Copper, Mary Copper and Bertha Copper, are deceased.

Also surviving are five sons, John of Scotch Plains, George and wife Valerie of Moncks Corner, Section, NCNW, P.O. Box 716, S.C., Roland and wife Barbara of Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

SCOTCH PLAINS - Dorothy Portland, Ore., Patrick and wife Virginia Copper McKoy, 84, died Diane of Mays Landing and July 24, 2002 at the home of a Walter and wife Connie of Lithia Springs, Ga.; another daughter Dorothy Riley and husband Mrs. McKoy was born in Patrick of Linden; a brother, Charles Copper of East Orange, two sisters, Edna Copper of Plainfield and Betty Copper of East Orange; a sister-in-law, Ann Copper of Youngstown, Ohio; 17 Mrs. McKoy worked for the Union grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grand-

Services were held Saturday at . Mark's Episcopal Church, Her husband, John Wilford Plainfield, where Mrs. McKoy McKoy, died in 1986. A brother, was active in the Altar Guild. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

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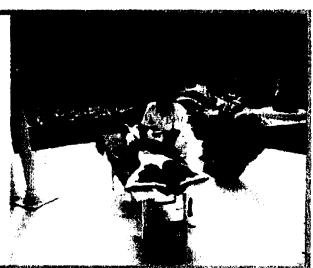
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Bagger named top legislator

State Senator Richard Bagger (R-Dist. 21) has been named 2002 Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislators Association. One of two state legislators in the nation to receive the award, Bagger was honored Friday in Denver at the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislators.

"I am honored to be selected for the honor by my national Republican colleagues," Bagger said. "The NLRA works hard with our legislators to provide solutions to some of the most difficult challenges lawmakers face today."

A veteran of 10 years in the Assembly before he was elected to the state Senate last November, Bagger is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and deputy whip. His district includes Cranford, Garwood and Westfield.

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Volunteers work hard so athletes can play

By TINA LESHER

CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD - Aided by the volunteer efforts of scores of people, Echo Lake Country Club proved a perfect host last week for a highly-touted national golf championship.

The Westfield club was the venue for the 2002 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, a United States Golf Association (USGA) competition that drew 156 participants to the 6,353-yard, par-73 course. The golfers, ranging in age from 11 to 17, played the challenging course in a fashion that drew raves from the hundreds of fans who lined the tree-lined fair-

"It's great," said Louise Hamilton, a volunteer, about the supportive atmosphere that pervaded the club. Like many of her fellow Echo Lake members, she spent hours following the golfers as they progressed through two rounds of stroke play and into a series of match play rounds that determined the outcome.

For the Echo Lake membership, more than a year's worth of preparation resulted in an event that won the praises of spectators, USGA officials, the participants and their families.

Brittany Lang, a McKinney, Texas, resident who is ranked number one by the American Junior Golf Association, marveled at the "great" treatment given to the players by the Echo Lake members. She and her father, Jeff, were hosted by a club member, as were many other participants and family members.

A hospitality committee of about 35 people handled a myriad of tasks, including greeting players at Newark International Airport.

"Everyone was met inside," said committee head Mary Beth deBrueys, and "we didn't lose any-



TINA LESHER/CORRESPONDENT

A crowd gathers at the large scoreboard to watch the results in the National U.S. Girls Junior Golf Championship at Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, last week.

because a powerful rainstorm bers. delayed incoming flights. Echo Lake volunteers, some of whom had problems getting to the airport when local roads closed, manned the three Newark terminals and communicated by cell phone. With the weather delays, some players arrived at 5 a.m., but Echo Lake stalwarts were waiting to greet the flights.

The hospitality committee also distributed presents. Among the items were donations from major sports and perfume companies

That translated to some feat, and gifts donated by club mem- is better for our having had it a corps of members serving as

members drove vans to bring championship peak with the men's locker room into one the girls and their families to host homes or to local hotels, and continued to transport them greens. to varied places throughout the course of the championship. In addition, shuttle carts brought spectators from parking lots to the course. Jack Clifford, head of the committee, spent endless hours overseeing the transportation operation.

"I am totally exhausted," he said as the weeklong event was nearing its end, "but I am having a blast.

Throughout the week, Vice Chairman Linda Rose spotters on the course. A large were visible throughout the cadre of companies and individclub. At an awards ceremony uals provided money and ser- action became an hours-long following the final match, the vices to help finance the under- obsession. USGA saluted the pair for their taking. Scoring committee mem-

best thing about the event was real-time website. "the knowledge that the course

here." Under his direction, the marshals. Transportation committee Echo Lake course reached demanding rough and beauti- that was more feminine-oriented, fully manicured fairways and

> "They (the participants) said Carson, whose workers had a 4 a.m. start on the third day of play after threatening storms halted play the previous day and players needed to tee off early to finish grounds offered sandwiches and the rounds.

Golf pro Mike Preston and Chairman Rick Danser and members served as volunteer operation.

Crowd control was assigned to golf.

A committee even transformed since the players were assigned to use the men's facility.

Echo Lake staffers worked it's tough but they love it," said heavy overtime hours to keep the crowds well-fed.

Hundreds of buffet breakfasts and lunches were served to those in attendance, and a tent on the other informal foods. The result: when the staff members were caddymaster Marty Crown had introduced at the awards ceremoprepared scores of caddies to ny, the largest applause came for handle their duties in champi- club manager John Gomez, who onship fashion. Children of club supervised the expansive food

> For many club members, watching the young golfers in

"I loved every minute of it," \$ -said Joan Laezza. For Echo Lake greens super- scoring updates that went up on not assigned as a volunteer to the intendent Chris Carson, the a large board as well as on a scoring area, she spent "about 12 hours every day" watching the



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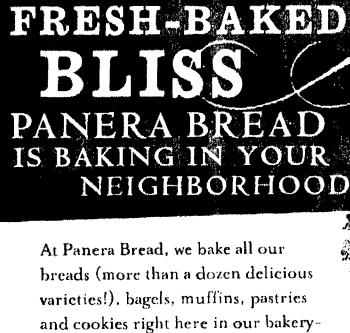
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Center is marking 25 years of culture

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS

WATCHUNG - For 25 years, the Arts Center has provided art and entertainment through a variety of exhibits, music, comedy, theatrical performances and educational programs.

To celebrate the center's silver anniversary, there will be an art exhibit in Sentember chronicling the Arts Center's history and past events. In November, a fundraising dinner will be held. The event, "A Sterling Evening in Celebration," will be held Nov. 1, and will honor three members of the arts center for their dedication. A silent auction, art displays, music and other entertainment are other highlights

planned for the evening.

"This is very special for the Arts Center," said Director Sheila Duyckinck. "We've had a wonderful 25 years and we plan to celebrate our success in a big way. We hope everyone can join us.

Duyckinck said board members Al Ellis, Heinz Otto and Joan Plasner will be honored that evening.

"We have so many dedicated volunteers who make this Arts Center what it is and this year we plan to recognize Mr. Ellis, Mr. Otto and Mrs. Plasner for all they have done all these years," Duyckinck said.

Otto was a member of the Village Players, a local theater group. The group worked to create the Arts Center, which opened its doors in 1977. Ellis was one of the original board members of the arts center, Plasner continues to serve on the

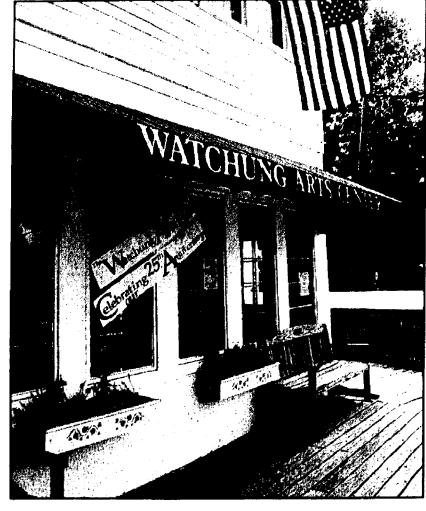
During a recent Borough Council meeting, council president Ellis said it has been his pleasure to work with the Arts Center.

"We done a lot of wonderful things at the Arts Center and I have enjoyed being a part of it," Ellis said.

Councilwoman Catherine Ilchert said she is amazed at all the board members have accompushed.

"The Arts Center has thrived and been so successful for 25 years," Hichert said. "It's a great credit to its dedicated volunteers, like Mr. Ellis, Mr. Otto and Mrs. Plasner, I think they've done a wonderful job in bringing in a wide variety of programs.

Duyckinek said the Arts Center tries to offer arts programs for everyone. There are children's programs, such as painting drawing and crafts classes. There is also a children's art exhibit and summer camps.



NICOLE DIMELLA/PRIME TIME The Watchung Arts Center is celebrating a quarter century of bring entertainment and art to Central Jersey.

For the adults, there a photography classes and life drawing

"We used to offer art classes, but I don't think there was enough participation so it just kind of fizzled out," Duyckinck

Art gallery exhibits change monthly, displaying the works of artists who submit works to the Arts Center.

Duyckinck said some of the longest running programs at the center are the art displays, jazz and folk performances. Newer programs such as comedy and Improv night have been very successful. Duyckinck said the Young Artist Series, which high-lights the talents of local youths, has been a "great new addition."

"You never know whose career can start right here," Duyckinck

As the Arts Center looks toward the future, Duyckinck said programs like a dance and theater series and chamber music performances are being considered. Duyckinck said the Arts Center used to do in-home the program. The first chamber performance at the Arts Center is scheduled for Oct. 20.

Duyckinck said the Arts Center is also "dabbling" in offsite performances.

"The Arts Center has grown in audience over the years," Duyckinck said. "As we hire more well known performers and add new programs, we want to make these activities accessible to as many people as possible. By moving to a larger facility, we can reach a larger audience.'

The Arts Center can seat about 150 people. Duyckinck said the Arts Center held a performance at the Fisher Fellowship Hall, which seats about 350 people and sold out the show.

"Based on that experience, we're hoping to be able to do that again," Duyckinck said.

By increasing the number of people who attend the show, the Arts Center is also increasing its revenue. The Arts Center operates on a budget funded by ticket sales, membership fees and "small" grants, Duyckinck said. The budget pays for performers and building maintenance and other expenses, Duyckinck said.

Duyckinck said the Arts Center leases the building from the borough and pays for the building's maintenance. The restoration of the upper gallery, building the front and rear decks and rebuilding the front lobby were the greatest expenses for the Arts Center in the past 25 Duyckinck Duyckinck said the Arts Center Board of Trustees plans to talk about the future of the center

"We're limited in what we can do to the building because we can lease the building, but we'd like to explore our options," Duyckinck said. "We're looking to the future. We have a lot of history here, but we're not looking back, we're looking forward."

The Arts Center building was built in 1898 as a school. The original wooden building was raised and a lower floor with masonry walls constructed beneath it. The upper floor, now the larger gallery, was once the two classrooms of the original building. A double stairway was

Events GREENBERG'S TRAIN SHOW

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Route 514, Hillsborough (908) 369-7469;

www.svptheatre.org • "Steel Magnolias," local production of stage play/movie, 8 p.m. Aug. 2, 3; 3 p.m. Aug. 4. Admission \$11; discounts available.

TRILOGY REPERTORY Pleasant Valley Park

Route 512, Lyons (908) 204-3003 · "Romeo and Juliet," local pro-

duction of Shakespeare tragedy. 8 p.m. Aug. 1-3. Admission free; bring lawn chairs or blankets for VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

(732) 873-2710 • "Footloose," local version (with

teen cast) of movie/Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Aug. 2, 3, 9, 10; 2 p.m. Aug. 4, 11. Admission \$14.

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7, 14, 21, 28. Admission \$5. · "The Little Star That Could," 2 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28. Admission \$4.50.

p.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23; 3 p.m. Aug.

 Pink Floyd laser concert, Aug. 10: "The Wall" 7:30 p.m., "The Dark Side of the Moon" 9 p.m. Admission \$5 for one, \$9 for both.

Concerts COMEDY TONITE

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 St. John's Episcopal Church 158 W. High St., Somerville (908) 526-7150

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Dave Wilson (jazz), Aug. 4. • Bill Holcomb (saxophone), Aug. 11.

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Campus notes

Colleen Mary Donovan of Westfield has graduated from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. She received a bachelor's degree in biology, magna cum laude at commencement exercises in Harvard Yard on June 6.

Co-captain of the Harvard equestrian team, Donovan was the librarian for the Harvard Raddliffe Collegium Musicum as well as a soloist. She also was vice president of community development for the Harvard Catholic Students Association and conducted its choir.

The daughter of Jim and Mary Donovan attended Westfield High

Seven area students have graduated from Rider University in Lawrenceville. Receiving their degrees at the 137th commencement exercises May 17:

Jodi Baker of Westfield, bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology.

Andrea Busch of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in journal-

Marc Jacobs of Scotch Plains, bachelor of science in business administration degree with emphasis in finance.

Rinna Liss of Scotch Plains, bachelor of science in business administration degree with emphasis in marketing and business.

Nicole McDuffie of Scotch Plains, bachelor of science in business administration degree with emphasis in management.

Melanie Mele of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in elementary education and communications.

Melissa Parisi of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in communica-

Six area students have graduated from the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. Receiving their degrees at the 153rd commencement exercises in Delaware

Stadium on campus May 25: Lauren Marie Castaldo of 617 Fairmont Ave., Westfield, bachelor

of arts degree. Laura Kathryn Dvorak of 740 Scotch Plains Ave., Westfield, honors bachelor of arts degree. Allison Ann Faulkner of 873

arts degree. Lauren Audrine Gruman of 866 Village Green, Westfield, bachelor of science in business adminis-

tration degree. Christopher Hughes of 2065 Hilltop Road, Scotch Plains, bachelor of arts degree.

Jason Stephen Lemberg of 312 Orenda Circle, Westfield, bachelor of arts degree.

Ro-Chia Sun of 14 Country Club Lane, Scotch Plains, received a bachelor's degree in May from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Nine people in The Record-Press area graduated from the Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University over the past

year. The graduates and their Dudley Ave., Westfield, a sopho- in biology. degrees:

Michael Bertha of Fanwood, master's degree in accounting. Hope Brand of Scotch Plains,

master of arts in teaching degree. John Collette of Scotch Plains, master's degree in taxation.

Tice Place, Westfield, bachelor of Yana Epstein of Scotch Plains, master of business administration degree in marketing.

Jennifer Folkart of Fanwood, master of business administration degree in marketing. Liliya Gotliboym of Scotch

Plains, master of business administration degree in accounting. Matthew Hanas of Westfield, bachelor's degree in mathematics.

magna cum laude. Paul Hayes of Westfield, bachelor's degree in business manage-

Michael Rinaldo of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in economics.

Seven area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. They are:

Miriam Habeeb of 102 E.

Elizabeth McKeon of 1700 Boulevard, Westfield, a junior. Matthew Metzger of 16 Russell Road, Fanwood, a fresh-

Michael Milberger of 2051 Maple View Court, Scotch Plains,

who graduated in May. **Robyn Novick** of 153 Hamilton Ave., Westfield, a junior. Julie Phelan of 257 Kimball

Ave., Westfield, a freshman. Lauren Schwartz of 1439 Graymill Drive, Scotch Plains, a junior.

Three area women were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa. They

Katherine E. Fromtling of 523 Hort St., Westfield, a senior majoring in environmental science. Joanna E. Garibaldi of 1320

Cushing Road, Scotch Plains, a junior majoring in early childhood education.

Deirdre K. Lynn of 669 Dorian Road, Westfield, a senior majoring

Seven area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Providence College in Providence,

R.I. They are:

Melissa Francz of 507

Wychwood Road, Westfield, who

graduated in May. Christine Genova of 808 New England Drive, Westfield, a sopho-

Erin Gibbons of 672 Boulevard, Westfield, a freshman. Natalic Orsini of 411 Wells St.,

Westfield, a sophomore.

Jessica Rodino of 2384 Bryant Ave., Scotch Plains, who graduated in May.

Eric Schoenberg of 1130 Wychwood Road, Westfield, who graduated in May.

Thomas Werner of 2251 Old Farm Road, Scotch Plains, a junior.

Elizabeth Bucciarelli of Westfield and Kenneth Horwitz of Scotch Plains were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

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Westfield resident reports theft of \$30,000 in jewelry

SCOTCH PLAINS

A Tiernay Avenue resident reported being assaulted a week ago during a dispute with a land-

The owner of a Park Avenue business reported unauthorized charges were made to a company credit card for approximately \$350.

Milton H. Chrisp, 40, of 556 A W. Fourth St. in Plainfield was charged with criminal trespass and obstructing the administration of the law on July 17. Chrisp was seen coming out of a garage in the 500 block of Farley Avenue and ran from the area after being confronted by the resident and police. Chrisp was taken into custody in the rear of a residence in the 400 block of Grant Avenue at approximately 3:20 p.m.

A bicycle was stolen from the rear of an East Second Street residence sometime overnight on July

A Plainfield resident reported that his vehicle was parked in the 300 block of Myrtle Avenue at approximately 1:30 a.m. on July 19 and someone removed a hubcap and lug nuts from the tire.

Jose Morales, 25, of 6 Willow Ave., North Plainfield, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 at 3 a.m. on July 20.

A vehicle was scratched during

the day on July 20 while parked at the Scotchwood Diner.

A 14-year old male from Scotch Plains was taken into custody for allegedly placing fireworks in a port-a-john located at the baseball field on Valley Avenue.

Elizabeth Myler, 24, of 9 A Hill St. Bernardsville, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 East at 1:45 a.m. July 21.

A 1987 Mazda left for sale at the Amoco station on South Avenue was taken overnight on July 21.

A house was hit with eggs on Channing Avenue at night on July

WESTFIELD

Barry Dixon of 1226 Essex Ave., Linden, was picked up on a war-rant on July 22.

A Nancy Way resident reported someone threw a rock which broke a rear window of the house.

A resident of the 1000 block of Prospect Street reported having an egg thrown at her house on July 22.

A Bridgewater resident reported being the victim of a theft by deception on July 22. The theft was valued at \$250.

Christopher Burger was picked up on a warrant out of Wall Township on July 22.

Police Log

A business of Lawrenceville reported being the victim of a theft valued at \$41,620.42.

The theft of an Orange Pacific Mountain Bike from the southside Train Station was reported on July

A Connecticut Street resident eported someone stole his 2001 Dodge Ram from in front of his house on July 23. The vehicle was found parked in Newark.

A Florida resident residing on

a license plate on July 23.

A Plainfield resident reported his car keys were taken while on Cacciola Place on July 23.

Johnathan J. Singhbawa of 309 N. Scotch Plains Ave., was charged with contempt of court and possession of marijuana under 50 grams and selling a false driver's license.

Tyesha R. Cromwell of 62 Orchard St., Summit, was charged with theft on July 24.

A burglary and theft to a resi-North Avenue reported the theft of dence on Burgess Court was

reported on July 24. \$30 was miss-

A bike was stolen from the Memorial Pool area on July 24. The bike was described as an orange and blue Ground Zero, valued at

A Michigan resident reported a stolen license plate while his vehicle was parked on North Avenue on

Lawrence Loguidice of 147 Midway Ave., Fanwood, was charged with DUI and released to a responsible adult on July 26. After his release, Loguidice was picked up by police after fighting at 7-Eleven on West South Avenue and charged with assaulting officers.

A Newark resident's 1996 Toyota was burglarized while parked in the 200 block of Northgate on July 26. Personal property and \$700 were stolen.

A resident of Hampton reported a theft by deception concerning furniture she ordered from Windsor furniture store and did not receive merchandise or full reimburse-

A St. Mark's Avenue resident reported on July 26 the fraudulent use of her personal identification in order to establish a Voicestream account. About \$2,800 was charged to the account.

\$30,000 worth of jewelry was reported stolen from a Carol Road residence on July 26.

This week

SATURDAY

FLEA MARKET -Community Access Unlimited, 80 W. Grand St., Elizabeth, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Spaces: (908) 354-3040, Ext.

TRAILWORK --- maintain trails in Watchung Reservation. Meet at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, 9:30 a.m. Bring shovel, pickax, gloves if you have them. Registration required: (908) 789-

MONDAY AUG. 5

PET FIRST AID - human help for cats and dogs. Red Cross office, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 7-10 p.m. \$35. Pre-registration required: (908) 232-7090.

WEDNESDAY **AUG. 7**

CRIKEY! - "The Strange World of Reptiles" with Bill Boesenberg. Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New

Providence Rd., Mountainside, 1:30 p.m. \$4; under 4 not admitted. (908) 789-3670.

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MOTHERS & MORE meeting with Karen Steinfeld (Westfield) on children's fears and phobias. Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. (908) 497-1286 or (908) 810-7165.

DOUBLE SHOT - The Mahoney Brothers; Joboanno & The Godsons of Soul. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Rain update: (908) 352-

SUNDAY AUG. 11

RUMMAGE SALE - benefiting Sisterhood of Temple Shalom, 78 Springfield Ave., Springfield, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 11, 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 12. (973) 379-5387.

'IT'S THE WOLF! - puppet

show starring Mr. Furr E. Wolf. Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, 1:30 p.m. Aug. 14. \$4; under 4 not admitted. (908)

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

THEATER TRIP
"America's Song" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, benefit for Woman's Club of Fanwood. Carpools leave Fanwood 10 a.m. Aug. 15. \$47. Reservations/carpools: (908) 322-7892 or (908) 322-4772.

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

GAY MOVIE — "Trembling Before G-d," about gay Orthodox Jews. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22. \$5. (908) 232-6770.

ŠNEAK PREVIEW ---Road Map Through the High Holy Days" with Rabbi Renec Edelman. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Free. (908) 232-6770. BARACHOIS --- Acadian

song and dance. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Rain update: (908) 352-

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Making contact

Blair Richardson takes a cut for the Westfield American Legion baseball team, which concluded its season last week with a loss in the Union County League playoffs.

Park nabs national title at Echo Lake

WESTFIELD - In-Bee Park who missed several key putts in became the second-youngest competitor to claim the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship Saturday at the Echo Lake Country Club golf course, topping Jenny Tangtiphaiboontana 4 and 3 in the final.

Park, who celebrated her 14th birthday just two weeks earlier, won the match after the pair completed play on the long 15th hole. The 17-year-old hole. The 17-year-old Tagtiphaiboontana, a Californian

the final, had emerged as the sentimental favorite during the week. In November, her parents were killed in a car crash in which she was slightly injured.

A resident of Eustis, Fla. and a Korean native, Park had been the front-runner from the outset of the tourney after taking medalist honors for the stroke play portion of the USGA event. She was the lone golfer of 156 girls to shoot under par -- her 5under total for two rounds was considered extraordinary for the Donald Ross-designed 6353-yard

The field was then cut in half for match play, and Park progressed through five rounds of the one-on-one competitions to reach the final. About 500 spectators walked the course Saturday, when Park shot a oneunder through 15 holes with consistent, powerful strokes that paved the way for her title.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

ST. BART'S OLD-TIMERS LEAGUE

St. Blaise 13, St. Paul 12 -- Pete Glock homered and had three hits and Paulie Nadolny, Joe Shea and Howard Balos had three hits each to help St. Paul's build an 11-1 fourth inning load Then St Blaise came alive and scored eight runs in the last three innings behind the hitting of Torn Straneiro, Jeff Freidlander and Stan Grausso.

St. Louis 18, St. Anne 17 - Marty Marks. Steve Pirella and Kerth Gibbons (5 HBI) homered for St. Louis and Mike Camfield had 3 hits against an eight-man St. Anne team, which was led by Tom Kucin's 5 hits and 4 apiece from Steve Ferro, Ben LoBrace and Gien Watz

St. Michael 13. St. Louis 10 - Mike Camfield and Jim Sleger each had RBI triples to help St. Michael rally from 6 runs down to be the game in the sorth. Ed. Marchelitis had 3 RBI and Gary. Cardinale 2 hits for St Louis St Mille's answered with 3 runs in the top of the seventh to win behind hits from John Esposito, Pete Chemediin and Karl Grossman

St. James 8, St. Biaise 2 - Lee DiDorsato. Bob Elmi, Steve Pietrucha and Emni, Marrere had 3 hits each for the winners while pricher Tony Blasi gave up 5 hits, including a two run humer to form. Maher

St. Jude 15, St. Thomas 9 - Phil Velluco had 3 hits including a triple and Frank Samuelian homered for St Jude Mark flomaine, Mark DiFrancesco and Nick Dinizio had 2 hits each Lou-Balestnere, Gerry Rites and Rob Stratton led the St. Thomas offense

9t. Joseph 26, \$t. Thomas 11 — Ed Bellord and Ranty Grizzard each homered twice and Tom Litteno, Larry Shaub and Harry Semple had Decoun homered for St. Thomas

St. Patrick 11, St. James 7 — Hon DelPrete hit a 2-run triple and Terry Gallagher, Kevin Woodring, Dave Hawkii and Tom Heado had 2 hits each for St. Pat's Bob Elmi and Steve Magnotta had 2 hits each for St James

St. Michael 17, St. Anne 6 — John Esposito's homer and Cluck Mattson's triple helped St. Michael build an early 13-3 lead. Gerry Reipe wunt 4-4 while Bob Guy and Glen Walz had. 2 hits each for St. Anne. St. Patrick 12, St. Paul 3 — Gerry Spitzer

had 4 hits including 2 doubles and 2 RBI for St Pat's Kevin Woodring, Karl Mende, Torn Reade and Matt Hoeizel had 3 hits each .loe Shee, Pete Glock and Matt Fuggett led St. Paul with an FIBI

Westfield 11s fall short in **Babe Ruth state tourney**

By DAVE ALLENA

RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Although they gave it their best shot, there will be no miracle for Westfield's 11-year-old baseball all-stars this summer.

One year after running the table as 10-year-olds in the North Jersey State Babe Ruth Tournament after losing its first game in the double-elimination event, Westfield looked to repeat that feat this year but the return trip through the losers' bracket in state play ended Tuesday night.

After dropping a 9-8 decision to host Edison Saturday, Westfield thumped North Edison 17-2 Sunday and trimmed Bayonne 5-2 Monday, but dropped a 7-3 decision to Manalapan to be eliminated.

"We knew it would be tough to do it two years in a row," Head Coach Jeff Kent said, "The odss are against you in that situation. It's tough for kids to keep getting up for every game playing every day. The kids took it well. They took it hard for five minutes. It

took the adults a little longer."

After consecutive strong pitching performances, Westfield had a problem with control against Manalapan as it issued eight walks. Offensively, the team got off to a great start with a three-run first but could not continue to produce.

Westfield collected half of its six hits and scored all of its runs in the opening inning. Michael Forgash, who finished with a pair of hits, opened the game with a walk and Danny Sullivan followed by reaching on a bunt single.

Brandon Burgdorf singled home Forgash and Todd Saunders followed with a runscoring single. After Tim-McManus drew a walk to load the bases, Matt Reiss hit into a fielder's choice to plate the third

In the 5-2 victory over Bayonne, Burgdorf threw a complete-game six-hitter, fanning six and walking only one. He got a big defensive hand in the fifth from rightfielder James Hughes, who made an over-the-shoulder catch at the fence with two run-

ners aboard.

Forgash singled and later scored on Burgdorf's ground ball in the first, and Westfield scored three times in the top of the third for a 4-0 cushion. Sullivan doubled, Burgdorf singled him to third, Michael Kent singled in a run and Saunders followed with a two-run double. Steve Angelone singled and scored on Michael Carpetto's fielder's

game's final run. Westfield 17, North Edison 2 -- Westfield needed only lour innings to rip North Edison as Dylan Clark allowed three hits and a run while stoking out two and walking one for the victory. Kent pitched the fourth, allowing a run on two

choice in the fourth for the

The first seven balters reached during f six run first when Hungdorf and McManus both delivered two-run doubles, while Carpette and Kont singled in a run apiece.

Buildoit added a two-run homer in the second and finished with five RBI. Forgash went 3 for 4 with three runs scored. Carpatto, who scored four times, and Sullivan added two hits apiece and Matt Reiss had a two-run sin-

Edison 9, Westfield 8 - In the lourney opener Sullivan had two hits, scored three nes and drove in a run, while Carpetto (2 RBI) and Forgasti (2 runs) added two hits apiece. McManus chipped in with a two-run

YOUTH SPORTS

WILLOW GROVE SWIM CLUB (Scotch Plains)

Willow Grove capped an unbeaten season by tying the Highland Sharks 265-265 and in the process snapped Highland's 23 year summer winning streak. Willow Grove's Barracudas are coached by Chris Swenson and assistants Christino Foury and Slevo Swanson

Yuen broke a 1978 pool record by winning e age 13-14 individual medley in 1-13-26 and Marino broke a 1998 pool mark with a 1 11 27 triumph in 11-12. Balike took first in the 9-10 fM and Swenson won in 13-14.

Swenson and Swenson finished 1-2 in the 15-18 IM and laking seconds were Dunn (9-10), Johnson (11-12), Miller (13-14) and Marino (15-18) Other IM swimmers were Kosenick Middleton and Sebolae

Freestyle -- Yuen won the age-7 free with a record-setting 20 05 effort. Dunn and Baliko (8), Gousman and Kosenick (13-14) and Miller Penella had 1-2 fmishes, and also winning in the free were Sebolao (6), Dunn (9-10) and Cartner Also placing in the free were Greaney, Hambleton, Ross, Bebout, Cavallere, Manino, Kech, Johnson, Smith and Shetheld. Also swim ming the free were Appezzate, Boyle, Coughlan Leisbkow, Leistikow, Lonoff, Levine, McAindin. McGovern, McGovern, Neuhauser, Sacca, Sebolao, Sebolao, Suraconnd the Walldons

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Backstroke -- Gousman-Kesonick (13-14) and Flauphnan Gartner (15-18) snagged 1-2 finishes for the 'Cudas, and Swenson also won. Finishing second were Dunis, Baliko, Johnson, Smith and Marine And taking thirds were Cavaltere, Baliko, Gartner and Koch.

Also in the back races were Albanese DeMair, Hoyle, Carew, Comacchia, Denman Denman, Favroau, Hoerrner, Kline, Mulligan,

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Also winning wore Youn and Dunn (8), Duan (9.10) and Miller (13.14) while Hauptman was second in 15-18 and Kech (9-10) and Garmer (11-12) had third-place performances. Also swimining the 'lly were Gousman Obstwirth, Milter, Shelfield, Shelfield Yergalonis, Hauptman

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After years of trying to emulate the competition with rebadged Nissans, the G35 is special to Infiniti - the luxury division of Nissan. And so will every new model to come after it.

'We're not going to have rebadged Nissans anymore," a spokesman says, "and that's a good thing for

Under the nicely sculpted body and race-inspired chassis, Infiniti goes after what it does best: tenderly stitched leather, jewel-tone brightwork and flaring horsepower.

And the company admits targeting the top German sedans in styling and road manners. Competitors include most sport sedans, such as the BMW 3-Series, Audi A4, Lincoln LS, Chrysler 300M and plenty more.

The G35 is just slightly smaller but roomier than the midsize I35 sedan. And while it shares the 3.5liter V-6 engine, the comparisons end there. Prices start at \$27,645 for the base model and move up to \$29.494 for the "Leather" model, today's test car. Add a sunroof, 200-watt Bose stereo and the sport suspension with 17-inch high-performance tires and the total comes to \$31,820.

Compare that to the 330i with a base suggested retail price of \$34,635, which quickly rises to more than \$38,000 with an automatic transmission, sport package and moon roof.

Using the upcoming Z350 sports car as a starting foundation, Infiniti called in its former chassis engineer from the Le Mans racing program. Kazutoshi Mizuno rewrote the Infiniti/Nissan passenger car platform and designed this so-called "FM" platform for flat handling and stability.

The FM chassis has "front-midship" engine placement, which puts it behind the front axle — not over it. Moving the engine back allows for a low hood and sleek silhouette for aerodynamics and balance.

The 3,369-pound curb weight has an intentional 52/48 weight distribution from front to rear, which balances out to 50/50 when powering out of a corner.

Like a good German car, the G35 tucks its tail to lower the mass and hold to the road, which makes this car the first Infiniti that corners without body roll. There is no lift when pulling through a corner and very little dive when squeezing the brakes.

The exterior design is aggressive but not overdone, though the rear end looks a little squinty. And what's that notch in the deck lid? Infiniti says it's to access the lock mechanism, but why not do that from inside and get rid of the cutlines in the metal?

The streamlined exterior that has a very slick 0.27 coefficient of drag. And the rear wing that comes with the Aero package drops the airflow to 0.26.

Smooth outside is also smooth inside. Push it hard through the S-turns and nobody gets tossed around, and the driver goes home feeling more competent than he or she really is. This engineering could become a benchmark — and one that will be applied to all future models.

The 260-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 is a well-honed mill and its power is well-distributed by the 5-speed auto-stick transmission. The engine revs to 6,550 revolutions per minute and sounds fit and powerful right to the limit. Braking is equally impressive with big 11.7-inch, vented discs front and rear - and they might even seem grabby until you adapt to the brak-

The interior is well-soundproofed and snug. About the only noticeable noise is the wind whipping around the mirrors.

True to Infiniti style, the interior has nicely contrasted colors and textures. The sport package adds titanium trim accents that are tasteful. It's a classy cabin that won't be dated by gimmicky experimental graphics or faux features. And unlike the Q45 it's not an encyclopedia of electronics that may or may not get

Everything inside is simple and intuitive. The gauge pod is hooded and shielded by glare-resistant plastic. The gauges are illuminated and visible without glare in all shades of light.

The steering column and gauges are built into a binnacle that adjusts up or down for comfort or visibility. It's a good design for safety, but some drivers would appreciate a telescoping feature to get the wheel and air bag farther away from the face.

The height-adjustable driver's seat and low hoodline give a panoramic view out the front. Sightlines are open over the shoulder, despite what might seem to be high shoulders. Head room without the sunroof is a spacious 40 inches.

Push the front seat all the way back and there's still leg room in back - unless there's somebody in the middle seat whose feet are straddling the transmission tunnel. Tall drivers may not like the nearness of the grab handle to their head and the seat belts feel tight across the chest after the driver has been strapped in awhile.

The door handles are large — inside and out -for easy grip, and the doors open and hold at almost any angle, not springing open and banging into the car next to you. And audio-vent-AC adjustments are made by large flat buttons with large graphics.



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Open Road BMW's Certified Pre-Owned Showroom was No. 1 in the nation in sales in May, marking the fourth time the showroom took the national sales lead since it began operations at the end of August, owner Rod Ryan has announced. The showroom reported an unprecedented 94 sales in May, setting a onemonth sales record for BMW nationally.

"This fourth win in such a short time speaks extraordinarily well of the attractive showroom and the hard work, talent and dedication of all the individuals at Open Road BMW," Ryan said. "Under the direction of General Manager Bob Forcini, Sales Manager Bill Craig and CPO Sales Manager Frank Costa, Open Road BMW clearly has the showroom of choice for a public that seeks to buy preowned BMWs that have been factory reconditioned and warran-

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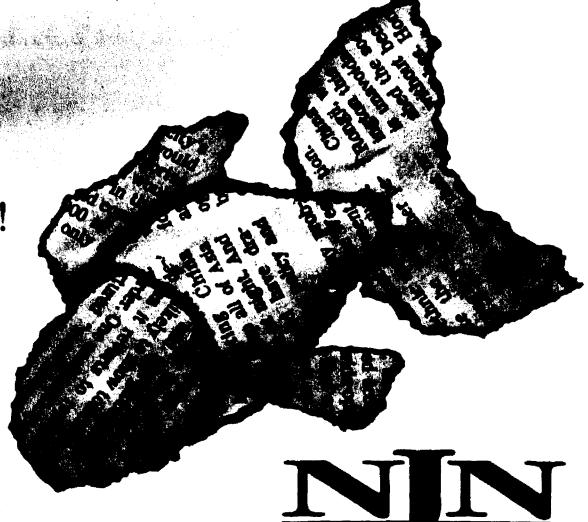
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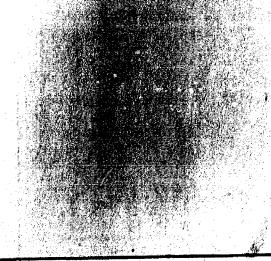
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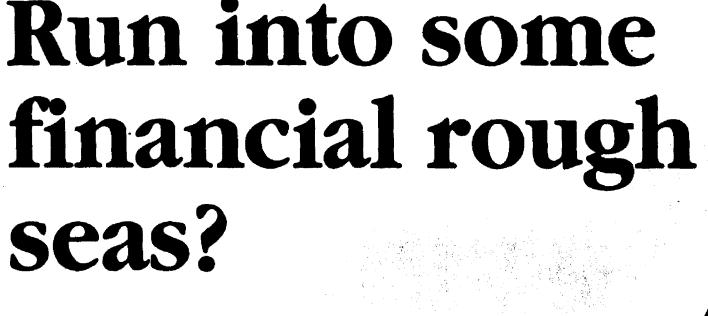
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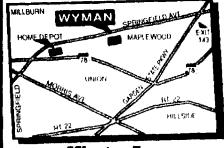
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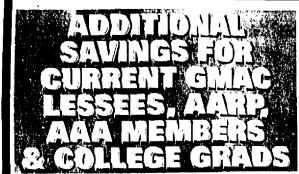
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