

World Cup fever

Junior Jaime Mannino of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raiders is one of the team members who is traveling to Brazil for several away games. See story on Page C-1.



in stitches

Scotch Plains resident Brian Shaw is celebrating the 10th anniversary of his Martinsville store, Needle and Eye. See story on Page A-5.



Bargains galore

Siblings Maria, 6, Cathy, 9, and Kevin Schwartz, 2, look through the books at Cindi's Book Store on Alden Street during Cranford's Sidewalk Sale Days, which ended Saturday, Scotch Plains will have its sidewalk sale Thursday through Aug. 17 in the Towne Centre. Picture on Page A-5.

REMINDER

All that jazz

The sixth annual "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corp. and WBGO/Jazz 88, wraps up its season with several performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday downtown.

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SET LEGIOUS STAKE PROJECT TO the streets officers are upset

ss of contract talks

By KEVIN B. HOWELL and GREG MARX

Police in Garwood have settled their contract and officers are in Cranford and Kenilworth, but in neighboring Westfield negotiations are not going well.

Led by a bagpiper and an officer bearing the U.S. flag, more than Westfield officers and members of families marched through downtown Westfield in a PBA demonstra-Tuesday evening express-

ing their frustration with contract negotiations with the town. Members of several other Union County police departments, including Garwood and

Kenilworth, were on hand to offer The town's police officers have been without a contract since the end of 2001. Attorneys for the PBA and the town have met four times to negotiate; however, they

terms, even with an arbitrator. The PBA is seeking a pay increase for officers to put them on par with other police in Union County municipalities. According to Scott Rodger, former PBA pres-

have been unable to agree on

ident, Westfield police are paid 5 to 10 percent less than surrounding communities' police. He added that Westfield's Police Department ranked 11th in pay among county departments, yet the town is the second wealthiest in the county.

Rodger has been active in the negotiation process

helped organize Tuesday's demonstration. "Officers can't strike, He says he has but we're allowed to done research peaceably demonstrate." on surrounding communities Scott Rodger PBA contracts former PBA president and created a spreadsheet to show the council the disparities.

"I felt that from an arguing standpoint if I presented them with the facts that they would recognize (that we deserve a raise), but that hasn't happened yet," Rodger said.

Rodger said that the purpose of the demonstration was not to break the council, but rather gather support.

"Officers can't strike, but we're allowed to peaceably demonstrate," Rodger said. "We're trying to bring our message to the citizens of Westfield in hopes that they will recognize what's going on and contact their councilmen."

After marching through the streets, the officers assembled at the Town-Council meeting, where



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield policeman, their families and supporters stage a peaceful protest of their stalled contract negotiations before the Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

the room was filled to capacity. Rodger addressed the council on behalf of the PBA, emphasizing the accomplishments and efforts

of the department. Rodger supported his arguments with statistics such as Westfield having fewer officers per thousand citizens at 1.91 than Fanwood, 2.78, Scotch Plains, 2.02, and Cranford, 2.2. He said that the town has fewer officers serving a larger population for less money.

He also pointed out that recently town librarians and some non-union municipal employees received 7 percent and 6 percent raises respectively from the town.

"The message it says to (officers) is they're worth less to this town than a librarian or a clerk in an office," Rodger said.

"(Officers) are going out risking their lives every day in defense of the population of this community and it's kind of frustrating to not be recognized for a sacrifice

you're making every day.' Rodger also warned that Westfield might begin to lose officers to other municipalities with better pay.

Meeting the voters

Gov. James E. McGreevey walks around and chats with music lovers at the Summer Arts Festival in Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/Mountainside border July 31. Another picture appears on Page B-1.

Property tax reform called too narrow for convention

By DAVID LAZARUS

CORRESPONDENT

FANWOOD - Some Borough Council members believe property taxes aren't the only thing a proposed constitutional convention should explore.

Council President Joel Whitaker said the constitutional convention "will accomplish nothing, just shifting expenses from one pocket to another." He offered to draw up a resolution that would call for an expanded agenda for the convention, property tax and expenditures review as well as a reform in the structure of government.

"We need a constitutional convention, but not just on property taxes," Whitaker said at the Borough Council meeting Tuesday night. "It's throwing out false hope.

Councilman Thomas P Ryan Jr. concurred. "The real convention needed is to discuss how to reform our government," Ryan

The council also debated the pros and cons of supporting a

shuttle bus service to the train station. Councilman Stuart S. Kline presented a financial analysis that showed even with the most pessimistic projections the service should be near the break-even point in its first year.

"Scotch Plains is committed to it and I think it is worth trying for at least a year," said Mayor Louis C. Jung who then appointed a committee led by Kline to meet with Scotch Plains officials to iron out details.

We need to fish or cut bait on this," said Ryan noting the amount of time the proposal has been active.

"I'm willing to do it as a municipal service as long as it doesn't lose money," said Kline, who admitted the jury is still out on whether the borough's commuters would support the ser-

Borough Attorney Mark Peck pointed out that Fanwood has a buyout clause in the contract with NJ Transit as long as it

gives 90 days notice.

The three-hour plus meeting began with a presentation by Robert J Lynes of Killam Associates, who showed three different blueprints for the Field of Dreams project to upgrade the athletic fields at Park Middle School. The project is jointly funded by Scotch Plains, Fanwood and the combined Board of Education which each contributed \$100,000 along with matching grants from Union County.

The first of the three blueprints, which featured three baseball fields had the support of a majority of council members.

"The cost is similar for all three. The differences are for the extra infields and fencing," said

In another matter the council heard some impassioned pleas from homeowners whose houses adjoin a residence on Farley

See Property Tax, page A-2

Westfield residents want town to broaden, pave Madison Ave.

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - Residents of Madison Avenue have expressed frustration about their narrow road being traveled by public works trucks.

Under a shared-services agreement between Westfield and Scotch Plains, the municipalities dump their leaves at each other's dump sites. According to Town Engineer Ken Marsh, it is more convenient and saves money for the communities to share these services, as waste sites are at each municipalities' border - Scotch Plains on the north and Westfield to the south.

The Scotch Plains Conservation Center is close to Madison Avenue and trucks frequently travel that route to make dumps.

"Those big trucks take up the entire road and we can't pass by when they come down," said Robert Buccino, a Madison Avenue resident who complained to the Town Council Tuesday

Buccino explained that the road has been naturally made wide by cars driving on the grass on the side of the road to pass the trucks. He said there is a now a dirt lane on which drivers maneuver. He requested the town pave the road to make it easier to travel.

Marsh said that the town did work on the street about five years ago by repairing the shoulder. However, he said the improvements were temporary and the road needs to be addressed again. He added that the town requested state aid to improve the street, however, it was denied.

The Department of Public Works discusses road improvements at its meetings and Marsh said that Madison Avenue will be evaluated.

He also added that the problem may be alleviated in a year when Scotch Plains' conservation center will no longer be used to

Scotch Plains police want council to act

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The police have asked the Township Council to act on three proposals that have been before them for up to a year. At a conference meeting Tuesday, they agreed to act on one and discuss the other two further.

In an ordinance proposed almost a year ago, then-Chief Thomas O'Brien asked that crosswalks on Park Avenue, in front of the Municipal Building, post office and Episcopal church, be declared legal crosswalks, requiring drivers to yield to pedestrians. Though brick crosswalks are already in place, the mid-block crosswalks do not have the same legal restrictions as intersec-

tion crosswalks. The council agreed to act on the proposal.

Another proposal concerned parking on Woodland Avenue. A Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall has a capacity of 500 people, but parking spaces for only 108 cars. Police are concerned that those parking on Woodland Avenue would have to cross a busy street. The police suggested no parking on the east side of Woodland Avenue, from the southern side of Short Hills Lane to the town-

The final proposal set rates for vehicles towed and stored by the township.

Cops take protest to the streets

Cops Continued from page A-1 Because the issue is still in negotiations and being handled by Town Labor Attorney Frederick Danser, Mayor Greg McDermott said the council would not answer questions about the PBA contract. However he did say that mediation had been set for Sept. 13 for the two parties.

Many residents voiced their support for the PBA at the meeting, and condemned the council for partisan bickering that occurred at last week's conference session. Democratic Councilmen Lawrence Goldman and Kevin Walsh allegedly met privately with current PBA Rodger and President Bob Weiss about the contract. McDermott Republican Councilman Rafael Betancourt as well as other members were displeased with the meeting, saying that private meetings compromise negotiations.

One resident from the fourth ward condemned Goldman and Walsh as unethical and suggested that they resign from their positions. Though the resident had left, Goldman responded saying that the gentleman was on the

campaign team of his opponent in the upcoming elections and questioned his motives of his statement. In addition, he said that the only reason he and Walsh met with officers was to dispel the rumor that Democrats on the council were delaying the negotia-

"Not once in the past five years has there been dissension among members of the council with contract negotiations," Goldman said. "Politics (in the negotiations) are not being driven by Democrats, but they're being driven by Republicans."

Walsh chose not to bring up party dissension, but said that accusations that he tampered with the negotiation process are false.

Councilwoman Susan Jacobsen was determined to put the issue behind the council, saying that everyone wants a contract for the police and the arguing at last week's conference meeting was not the way the council usually oper-

"The problem occurred when people started to listen to rumors," McDermott said. "I don't believe that any of us would want to damage contract negotiations.

In Cranford and Kenilworth police officers have been working for the last seven months without a contract. But in both municipalities, local officials or police said negotiations are going smoothly, and there are no signs of labor strife.

"We have a good, open channel and we're hammering it out," said Officer Bob Peters, head of the Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association. "We don't foresee any big problems.... We anticipate a contract (soon).

In Kenilworth, the borough and PBA have agreed to terms, are simply waiting for lawyers to approve of draft contracts, officials said. "We're just awaiting the final contract," said Mayor Michael Tripodi. "To my knowledge, it's all

Tripodi and PBA President Fred Soos Jr. both said they expect a contract to be ratified next month.

In both municipalities, police are operating under the terms of contracts that expired Dec. 31, 2001. For police, as for many other public-sector jobs, it is not unusual for negotiations to go on months after a contract has expired.

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Kevin O'Keefe, of the Westfield Police Department, carries the flag and town fireman Peter Claybauer plays the bagpipe at a peaceful PBA demonstration Tuesday evening. The police have been working without a new contract since Jan. 1.

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Property tax reform

Property Tax Continued from page A-1 Avenue, where a large vertical addition has been built. The home, which previously was 1,400 square feet has grown to 3,800 square feet, "has ruined the feel of the neighborhood," said the woman, a longtime resident of Midway Avenue. "It

Peck said there was nothing the borough could do since all of the changes were within the building code. He said the experience could precipitate changes in future zoning laws.

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We just don't want this to happen to future homeowners, said the woman who preferred to remain anonymous.

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Police want teeth in garden waste law

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - In Township September, the Council plans to introduce an amendment to an ordinance that will give police the authority to issue summonses to residents who leave lawn and garden waste outside their homes for an extended period of time.

In response to complaints from residents, police counted the number of homes with vegetative waste on the curb between Mountain and North avenues. In four hours of counting, officers found 206 residences that violated the ordinance. In a later evaluation of a different area, officers counted 150 residences with waste at the curb.

The proposed amendment, suggested by Police Chief Marshall Nelson, will restrict residents from leaving waste on the curb in front of their homes to no more than two weeks prior to the scheduled pickup. Marshall proposed that the penalty be the same as violations of the existing ordinance; \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for subsequent violations.

According to Nelson, the current ordinance prohibits residents from placing anything at the curb, regardless of scheduled pickups. However, the township sponsors curbside pickups throughout the year.

Aggravating the problem, residents along Mountain Avenue, between William and Henry streets, as well as residents of Front Street, between Vallyscent Avenue and Terrill Road, have complained about debris left on streets from bus commuters. The two streets are county-owned and street sweepers are unable to clean them due to commuters' cars parked along the road.

Jim Hinint of the county road department said that street cleaners are in the area the second Wednesday of every month and suggested parking restrictions on those days. Therefore, Marshall has recommended a proposed ordinance prohibiting parking in those areas from 6 to 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday each month.

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United Fund transition

Mary Brautigam, the outgoing president of the United Fund of Westfield, receives an engraved cup from the new president, Matt Forstenhausier, at the organization's annual meeting. Forstenhausier headed the United Fund committee assisting the local families of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Westfield teacher uses summer to enhance skill

middle school teachers participated in the Schering-Plough Corp.'s Summer Institute for Teachers

The participants are Lisa Maccagno of Union City and Jennifer Jack of Westfield.

Maccagno, an eighth-grade teacher of physical science at Hillside Avenue School in Cranford, believes in constant reinforcement.

"I see this as a reinvigoration," said Maccagno. "I think it's important that teachers do these things to stay current.

Jack teaches sixth-graders at Harding School in Kenilworth. She said a colleague had told her the program would be challenging. "He

KENILWORTH — Two local said I would get a lot of good science background and see science in the real world. It has been a challenge and an exciting experience.

Each teacher received a \$2,500 stipend from Schering-Plough along with an additional \$1,000 combined contribution from the Schering-Plough Research Institute and Fisher Scientific International, a scientific product supplier, for the purchase of classroom supplies. In addition, each teacher can receive three credits toward a master's degree from Kean University and a certificate for professional development hours from the State of New

Westfield board seeks applicants

WESTFIELD — The Board of the seat vacated by Lisa Alter.

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Contact We Care is hosting 5k race

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — For the past seven years, runners have gathered at LaGrande Park for a mid-August 3.1-mile run. The Contact We Care 5k is an annual race to raise funds for the Contact We Care crisis prevention telephone hotline. This year's race will start at 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 17.

The event includes music by a DJ, refreshments, prizes and games. This year, Children's Specialized Hospital Mountainside, one of the event's sponsors, will debut a two-mile wheelchair race by handicapped athletes.

"Race participants aren't just from our local area; they come from as far away as New York and Pennsylvania," said Mary Kelly, co-chair of the race. "It continues inclusion of the wheelchair event this year, we expect Aug. 17 to be a very exciting day."

Last year's event raised \$5,000 with 385 adults and 175 children participating. The event is a U.S. Track and Field sanctioned race.

Thus far, there are about 100 registered runners, though the organization expects many more by race day, according to Nancy Levine, a Contact We Care representative. Pre-registration costs \$15 and on-site registration is \$18 starting at 4 p.m. the day of

the race. There is also a kids sprint open to children ages 2-12, which was started three years ago due to the growing number of children eager to participate.

Children's registration is \$7. The idea for the 5k run was hatched in 1996 when volunteer Jim Conlan suggested a race to raise money for the hotline. He linked up with his friend Mark Zenobia, executive director of On Your Mark Productions, a company that organizes races for promotional and charity purposes. The Contact We Care 5k was the company's first race and has been their client ever since.

Contact We Care is a 24-hour hotline located in the Scotch Plains area serving residents of Union, Essex, Middlesex and Somerset counties. Volunteers also answer calls to 1-800-SUI-CIDE throughout the state. It has to grow in popularity, and with two full-time and three part-time counselors.



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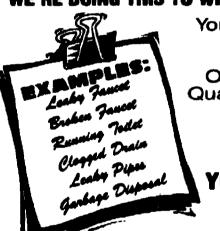
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The organization plans to reg-leter nearly 15,000 customers, more than 10 percent of its daily passenger base, for participation in the survey. Patrons will see recruiters registering customers at rail stations and aboard trains throughout August.

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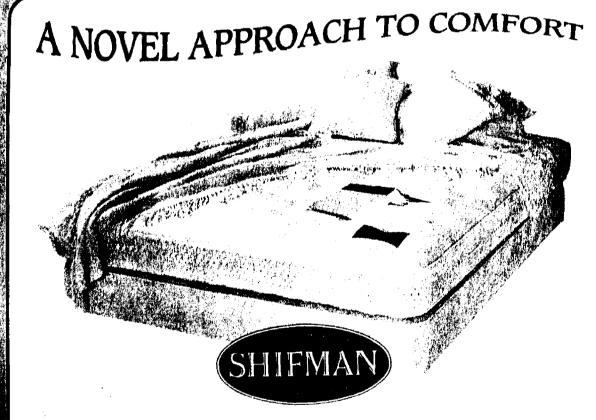
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Commentary

Don't keep us in the dark

For an administration that prides itself on efficiency, the McGreevey administration's handling of the delay in the mailing of Homestead Rebate checks to senior citizens

Homestead Rebate checks are traditionally mailed out in July. But the State Department of Treasury announced last week that the issuance of the rebate checks would be postponed this year.

The Homestead Rebate program is part of that complicated package of "relief" measures the Legislature has adopted to avoid undertaking genuine reform of the state's unfair property tax system. The Homestead rebate program offers payments of up to \$775 for homeowners 65 or older whose incomes are below \$100,000 and for homeowners who are blind or disabled. The program is not small. In fact, this year's state budget includes \$514 million to cover the cost of the rebate.

It's bad enough the checks are delayed. After all, these homeowners are due to pay their next quarterly property tax bills this month. What's worse is that Gov. James McGreevey kept silent about the delay.

"Gov. McGreevey did nothing to prepare our seniors on fixed incomes who were depending on their rebate checks to pay bills and in many cases pay their property taxes," said Union County Assemblyman Eric Munoz. "As legislators were not advised that there would be any delay; we were kept in the dark. The delay is an insult to our older citizens who have done so much for our state."

The McGreevey administration, in just its first six months, has demonstrated over and over difficulty communicating with the press and the people of New Jersey. The relationship between the administration and the Trenton press corps is dismal. And McGreevey's decision to subvert the new Open Public Records Law by issuing an executive order on July 5 — in the middle of the long July 4th weekend — when press attention is minimal, is just another example of his apparent desire to keep Jerseyans

The McGreevey administration needs to take a long and hard look at its relationship with the press and the public. Maintaining an air of secrecy or not releasing bad news does not generate a sense of trust. And if McGreevey wants to accomplish more in the remaining years of his term, he needs to build that trust with the people of the

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"You keep your eye out for terrorists. I'll watch for corrupt CEOs trying to tank our 401(k)."

Letters to the editor

Let's clear the air in New Jersey

To The Record Press:

The Bush administration has announced a plan that would significantly weaken the Clean Air Act, by rolling back NSR (New Source Review).

This is another example of the Bush Administration allowing the polluters to roll back key environmental laws. Primarily it would allow older power plants to pollute even more. We already get approximately onethird of our air pollution from out of state, most of that pollution comes from older power plants.

If this change is allowed to go through New Jersey's air will continue to get more and more polluted.

With the Bush Administration so clearly focused on weakening our national environmental laws it is more important than ever to take positive steps at the state

level to fight air pollution. NJPIRG recently released a report that showed that passing the LEV II (Low Emission Vehicle Program) would reduce air toxins by 23 percent each year by 2020, and smog precursors by 19 percent. This would be the equivalent of taking over 450,000 cars off the road.

A majority of legislators in both the Senate and Assembly have already signed on as co-sponsors to this important bill. We should move forward now. As we continue to move backward on the environment at the national level it is more important than ever to move forward here in New Jersey.

SAM BOYKIN **Field Director** NJPIRG Citizen Lobby

New York shouldn't dump on us

To The Record-Press:

plans for New York City's trash to be shipped by existing railroad tracks that would carry the parto from Staten Island to a \$60 million transfer garbage to a Virginia landfill station to be built on Trembley Point, Linden, NJ, by Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI). The site is owned by a partnership including the son-in-law of Linden Mayor John Gregorio.

After dumping the trash on Union County, BFI plans to load it into rail cars and ship it to a Virginia landfill.

I said last year that New York City should be able to find a site within its city limits to handle its own garbage. Now NJN News has reported that New York City has, indeed, found a suitable site within its own borders."

The NJN News report, aired July 12, said the alternative site is at Howland Hook, Staten Island. A railroad bridge linking that site to New Jersey was renovated last year, and the Port Authority of

New York and New Jersey bought 3 acres earlier Last year, the Democratic freeholders approved this month to link the renovated railroad bridge to

> NJN has established that there's no reason for New York's garbage to be dumped on Union County. The NJN News report also included an interview

> with Bradley M. Campbell, commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, who said: "As far as we're concerned, the Linden Project doesn't exist. They don't have a contract with New York, and there's no proposal before the Administration to consider it at this point.

Union County's all-Democrat Board of Freeholders should formally withdraw approval for New York City to dump its trash in the county.

Joel Whitaker Fanwood

Mr. Whitaker is a Republican candidate for the freeholder board.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?



"Butterfinger" **Andrea McTamanay** Scotch Plains



"Chocolate" **Brad Stanek**

Fanwood



"Vanilla" Ron Ferreira



"Coffee"





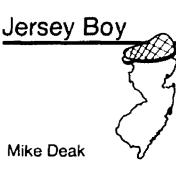
"Mint chip"

Kathy Hailay Fanwood



"Vanilla"

James McKenna Scotch Plains



All we ever do is complain

We are quickly becoming a nation of complainers.

That must be the reason why people are on the telephone so much. People - whether they're in their cars, malls, ballpark call each other to curse the traffic, the crowds and the weather. When they're at work, people call friends at other workplaces to exchange complaints about the boss, salaries, working conditions, unreasonable demands etc. And at home they call each other to complain about lovers, friends and relatives. It's the constant complaining that fuels the market for mobile phones; when something goes wrong, you need a telephone immediately to call somebody.

Think about it- when is the last time you had a phone call from someone that was 100 percent full of good news?

Though I'd like to think I'm a naturally optimistic person, I see myself gradually slipping into the complaining mode more and more these days. I used to think it was a sign of getting older; with maturity, you are allowed to gracefully lose a certain amount of tolerance. But it's worse than that; sometimes I find myself complaining just to make conversation.

As a journalist I know that life is not perfect. After all, if life was perfect, I would be out of a job. Newspapers depend on things going wrong to create news. As an editor I revel in screw-ups, particularly those performed by politicians, and every week I have a legitimate forum to complain on the commentary page. So I can't complain about not being able to complain.

As an editor, however, I also have an obligation to make sure good news is in the newspaper as well. I've also suspected there is a certain physics to news; that for every dad news story there is an equal and opposite good news story. But, if you live in a nation of complainers, finding that good news is becoming increasingly difficult. One of the reasons we're

becoming a nation of complainers is that the baby boomer generation and its offspring expect life to be perfect. The parents of baby boomers learned had to practice sangfroid living through the Great Depression and World War II; but we baby boomers never had to endure that kind of adversity (except for Vietnam). We never learned how to adapt to a world going crazy. When there's hundreds of thousands of troops battling across France, you don't complain about a minor power outage at your house. The baby boomers and their

offspring live in a world where all problems are solved in the length of a television program. At the end of Leave It To Beaver, Ward and June never went to marriage counseling, Wally never snorted coke and the Beaver never exposed himself on the playground at school. With these models of domestic tranquillity to guide our lives, it's no wonder we become frustrated when the problems of our lives defy 30-minute solutions. We fall into the deep gap between reality and an unrealistic ideal. And that's when we start to complain.

We complain when happiness escapes us for a day.

We complain when the boss tries to give us an order or a deadline that will be difficult to meet.

We complain about minor disputes with our lovers, spouses, siblings, friends, co-workers and the kid behind the counter at the fast food joint.

We complain when it's too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer.

We complain when there's too many people in the mall and on the highway (as if we're not responsible for adding to the situ-

We complain about complain-

And sometimes we complain just for the heck of it. It's the new national pasttime.

Scotch Plains man enjoys needling his customers

BRIDGEWATER — Brian ple in stitches for the past 10

Shaw's store, Needle and Eye Martinsville, is celebrating its room. It also becomes a creative America. 10th anniversary of serving those who enjoy the increasingly popular craft of needlework.

Shaw's store has seen many changes over the years. With dozens of new fabrics and classes offered throughout the season, the hobby of needleworking has grown into an elaborate art form.

His own interest began in school for interior design. Shaw took a class at the Royal School of the United States, he began working for Judy's Originals in Warren.

"I've always had a great intergreat opportunity to buy the shop," Shaw said.

Now in his early 40s Shaw established Needle and Eye, one of Central New Jersey's most unique shops. He commutes from his home in Scotch Plains to sell items and teach others how to stitch.

stress, lowers blood pressure and absolutely wonderful. it's very relaxing," Shaw said. "We on Washington Valley Road in when they're sitting in their hotel needlework

> needlepoint, and Scandinavian cut work of um's needlework collection. Hardanger.

outlet for people."

Many of Shaw's customers submit their creations to the annual form. You can make it as simple needlework competition at as you want and as elaborate as Woodlawn Plantation in Virginia. you want. It's how involved people London while he was attending At this year's competition. The Needle and Eye won many ribbons including "Judge's Choice," Needlework; when he returned to two first prizes, three second prizes, one third prize and three honorable mentions.

"We open it up and anybody who wants to submit the piece we est in needlework and I had a bring them down to the shop and. We have one book that has over take them (the pieces) down to Woodlawn," Shaw and put them as a display.

> "For one of the second prize ed. winners this year a women did a picture of a house and it was done. Shaw at (732) 560-0711

"I think the popularity is grow-from a photograph," Shaw said. ing. It's something that relieves "It was mind-boggling, it was

Woodlawn Plantation, given by Shaw has been keeping craftspeo- have both men and women who George Washington to his wife's stitch and a lot of business people granddaughter Eleanor "Nelly" do it particularly when they trav- Custis Lewis, presents the oldest el. It gives them something to do and largest national judged exhibition

> Lewis was an outstanding Classes provided by Needle needlewoman, according to Shaw, and Eye include cross stitching, and her 19th century stitchery the forms the nucleus of the muse-

> > "It's for anybody. It really is a wonderful art, and it is an art want to get into it," Shaw said. "We have a broad range of age groups starting from quit young, in their 20's up to people in their 70's and 80's. It's a wonderful hobby for all age groups.

"It requires practice to get your stitches and your tension even. 300 stitches so you could always said, be learning something. That's "Traditionally we go down and what's exciting about it," Shaw get them and bring them back said. "I find it exciting teaching people and have them get excit-

For more information, contact



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scotch Plains resident Brian Shaw is celebrating the 10th anniversary of his Martinsville store, Needle and

New prosecutor has high praise for county's police

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - Sacrifice, effort, determination and passion: These are the qualities Theodore Romankow said he discovered in some of the 215 employees and 1,800 police officers he oversees as the new county prosecutor. Their dedication has made his transition easier, and has provided added inspiration to his dream

"It never ceases to amaze me how certain people will give up so much of their lives for their work. I mean this sincerely," Romankow said. "The investigators and attorneys sacrifice a considerable amount to do this...They want to be a part of an effort to fight crime. I'm amazed at how much people sacrifice. I'm very excited about the future of this office."



Theodore Romankow ...new prosecutor

driver's seat of the prosecutor's law enforcement ship. One of his force that should be up and running next week.

'A large part of the job is administrative. You have to be prepared to make decisions. They're made minute to minute, hour to hour; it's constant," Romankow said.

Romankow has many ideas to fight crime, but says that he will need more personnel. He explained that crime continues to expand to different areas, so law enforcement must expand to combat it. He pointed out the need for more personnel and equipment to fight Internet crime in the county.

As a veteran trial attorney, Romankow draws from his background to aid in his new position. Prior to his appointment he was a office and attempted to steer the partner in the Westfield law firm of Garrubbo, Romankow, Rinaldo first acts was hiring Robert & Capece, where he worked with In just two weeks on the job, Buccino as chief of detectives. He his son Jonathan, who is now a Romankow has jumped into the has also begun the creation of a partner. He has tried civil and

gang unit and anti-terrorism task criminal cases and practiced in have helped me considerably, though he had to wait for the municipal law, trusts and estates, insurance companies. He also worked as a public defender.

Trial law has always fascinated me because that's where the action is," said Romankow, who been looking forward to this opening and personally rewardhas practiced law since 1966, "All—opportunity. He admits that it has—ing. Overall I'm pleased with the

Running a law practice with a opportunity and watch friends of wills and represented several large staff has helped me manage his be appointed as prosecutors. this office. My experience as a Yet, he said it is well worth the public defender gives me insight wait and feels fortunate to have into the other side.'

Romankow said that he has the years I've been in the law field always been a dream of his, situation," he said.

been appointed.

"I love this job...It's been eye-

Fanwood Library director touts upgraded computer workstations

FANWOOD — The Friends of computers. the Fanwood Library got a little help from the library trustees, the ers in funding the computer upgrade at the library.

fully loaded computers, the library has established a network of machines that share software. Each machine occupies a workstation, or kiosk, and provides Internet access and a suite of office software that processing, work includes spreadsheet and Powerpoint capabilities.

The Friends paid \$725 for a workstation, compared with \$1,000 to \$1,500 for a PC.

Library Director Dan Weiss and Pete Billson ELB Internet Services installed the system. Weiss reports that the upgrade "provides a more stable, dependable and uniform experience for patrons who use the

"Despite the fact that they are in constant heavy use — which is borough and the county freehold- a good thing - there have been bookmarks. In addition, users can very few problems."

Instead of buying a series of one of the seven stations begins mail.

the same way for everyone, users can personalize any individual session, for example, by adding work from their own floppy disks Although each new session at and access their web-based e-

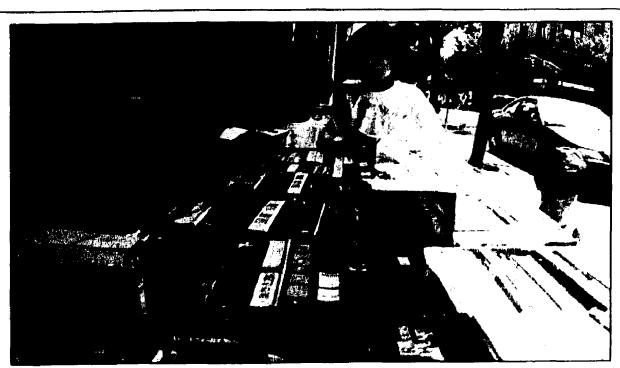
Births

their daughter, Brooke Ashley, on on June 29. She weighed 7 June 27. She weighed 5 pounds, 3 Hospital in Edison. She joins big twin brothers, Noah and Joseph, sister Gabriella, 11 months old, at home. Her maternal grandparents are Patricia and Anthony Williams of Westfield and her merly of Kenilworth; Her paterpaternal grandparents are John nal grandparents are Ed and and Jeanette Russitano of Kathy Ensslin of Springfield. Her Westfield.

Ed and Liz Ensslin of Kenilworth.

Melissa and John Russitano of Westfield announce the birth of Westfield announce the birth of their daughter Emily Catherine pounds and one ounce and meaounces and was born at JFK sured 20 inches. Emily joins her 2, at home.

Her maternal grandmother is Helen Romaine of Tennessee, forpaternal great-grandmother is Leikauskas



Bargains galore

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Siblings Maria, 6, Cathy, 9, and Kevin Schwartz, 2, look through the books at Cindi's Book Store on Alden Street during Cranford's Sidewalk Sale Days, which ended Saturday. Scotch Plains will have its sidewalk sale Thursday through Aug. 17 in the Towne Centre.

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Red Cross chapter wants to give GIs taste of home

make life a little less harsh for the thousands of U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan with a little help from the community.

The troops have no electricity in their tents, have limited showers facilities and lack many basic necessities for day-to-day living.

So the local Red Cross chapter is collecting items to boost the servicemen's morale and remind them that they haven't Service unit.' been forgotten at home.

"After Sept. 11, Americans wanted to help but weren't sure how. This is a great opportunity to show we care. Area residents will be asked to donate basic items

... which we will mark as coming from the Westfield-area people and ship directly from Westfield to designated troops, through the Armed Forces Emergency Service unit," said Red Cross Executive Director Dennis Kinsella.

Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of Mark Kuchn will head the local the American Red Cross hopes to effort with assistance from fellow as shaving cream, razors, tooth-

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> > – Dennis Kinsella Red Cross Executive Director

board member Dan Kelly.

All donated items must be new and in their original packaging. Acceptable donations include: hard candy; gum; store-purchased cookies; peanuts, pretzels, microwave popcorn and other snack foods; wet call Linda Johnson at the Red wipes; sunscreen; small pencil Cross at (908) 232-7090.

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Red Cross Board Member sharpeners; dry drink mixes; blank greeting cards; toiletry items such

> brushes, toothpaste and shower soap/gel; music CDs and cassettes; playing cards; small board games and jigsaw puzzles; recent paperback books (mysteries, action, drama and science fiction are the most popular); and unsealed handwritten letters and cards.

Donations can be dropped off at the Westfield American Legion Post, 1003 North Avenue West, Westfield, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays Saturdays and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through September. Additional drop off

sites will likely be added. Volunteers are needed to collect, sort, pack, and ship the donations. Individuals or groups interested in assisting are asked to



Jennifer Knighton and Jeffrey DeVito are planning a wedding in

Mr. DeVito planning to wed in '03

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Knighton of Southport, N.C., and Fargo, N.D., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Jeffrey DeVito. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic DeVito of Westfield.

The future bride holds a bachelor's degree from Southwest State University in Minnesota. She is employed in Berkeley Heights.

Her fiancé received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Marist College in Poughkeepsie where he played football for four years. He is also an Army veteran and is present-

ly employed in South Plainfield. An August 2003 wedding is

Police Log

FANWOOD

A bike was stolen from a

residence was broken into on police arrived, Goldthwaite was gone. A witness noticed a the 100 block of Russell Road. A tried to conceal a hypodermic man between 18 and 25 years digital camera and Sony portable radio were stolen along with a purse containing \$20, a wallet with a license, Medicare card, checkbook and credit cards.

Telyamori Njau, 24, Plainfield, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after being stopped for failing to maintain the lane on July 27 at 12:47 a.m. on Terrill Road.

fleeing the scene of an accident sustained. on July 27. Lozada was apprehended at 4:11 a.m. on Route 22 and Union Avenue in Scotch Plains.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Tim Duffy, 23, of 68 Hillcrest Road in Warren and Jennifer Goldthwaite, 22, of 507 Kenbury incident on July 30.

message.

confronted by the store manager, Duffy fled outside to a vehigarage in the 100 block of Russell cle operated by Goldthwaite. An Road on June 14. It was valued at off-duty detective from the left on the lawn of a friend's Union County Prosecutor's house on Monica Place. The Office took Duffy into custody owner of the bicycle came out-Either July 17 or July 18, a until police arrived. When side and discovered the bicycle

She was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and white striped shirt and black released on a summons. Duffy was charged with shoplifting yard and ride off with the bicyand turned over to Berkeley Heights police on an outstanding warrant.

Donald Patterson, 20, of 343 Jackson Ave., Scotch Plains, was charged with resisting arrest and simple assault during an incident on Jackson Avenue at Plains Getty on July 31 and 12:30 a.m. on July 30. Patterson picked it up on Aug. 1. The was alleged to have struggled Jose Lozada, 22, of Elizabeth, with Officer Cossolini while he was charged with driving under was being arrested on outstandthe influence of alcohol after ing warrants. No injuries were

> A resident of Farley Avenue reported the theft of a bicycle from in front of the house at approximately 3:20 p.m. on Aug.

Marcus Maxwell, 18 of 51 Road in Branchburg were taken Bethpage Road, Copiague, N.Y., into custody after a shoplifting and Paul M. Adams Jr., 20, of 1 Howard St., Copiague, N.Y., were At approximately 5:47 p.m. charged with possession of mariat the CVS Pharmacy, Duffy juana under 50 grams after a was allegedly shoplifting. When motor vehicle stop on Route 22

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East at approximately 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 2.

A William Street resident reported that a bicycle was stolen on Aug. 3. The bicycle was old wearing a black bandanna on his head, with a black and shorts walk up into the front

A Hunter Avenue resident reported the theft of a 400 watt Alpine Amplifier from under his vehicle's seat. The complaint stated that he dropped his vehicle off for repairs at the Scotch owner needed more work on the vehicle, so he returned it on Aug. 2. When the work was complete, he took the vehicle home and discovered the amplifier was missing. He also found a pair of eight-and-a-half black and white Reebok sneakers in the trunk.

The store manager of Quick Chek reported the theft of approximately \$2,190. The manager said that she picked up the cash deposit from the safe and returned to her office and placed the money on her desk. She was called into the store and the money was missing when she returned to her

WESTFIELD

Joshua McMahon of 947 Boulevard was charged with disorderly conduct July 30.

Kariem Garner, 18, and a juvenile were charged with two counts of strong arm robbery at the NJ Transit train station July 31.

Lucio Chumpitaz was picked up on an active warrant issued by Secaucus Municipal Court on Aug. 1.

Roxanne R. Reynolds of 46 Prospect St., Bloomfield, was charged with theft on Aug. 1 and released on \$300 bail.

Police recovered a stolen 1996 Olds Aurora four-door at Memorial Pool. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Newark.

A business located in the 1100 block of South Avenue reported on Aug. 3 that someone forced open their front door and stole \$220 in currency along with cigarettes and cigars.

A resident of South Euclid Avenue reported the theft of his radar detector from his 1995 Lincoln while it was parked in his driveway on Aug. 3.

A Clark resident reported a theft by deception by Windsor Furniture at 576 North Avenue. Value of the theft is \$3,211.97.

Police recovered a stolen Ford Escort out of Cranford at Cacciola Place on Aug. 4.

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(ARA) - As the summer months wind down, parents and children are undoubtedly turning their attention to the coming school year with a mixture of anticipation and excitement, perhaps even dread. A new school year presents fresh challenges and lays waste to the decidedly less frantic summer routine-for both parents and children. The fact is, the "three R's" have given way to a much more daunting schedule of classes, clubs, practices and assorted extracurricular activities for young students to navigate.

Parents can help their children stay focused and successful by encouraging good organizational habits. The more organized your child's schedule is, the more likely it is that you'll be able to keep your own schedule.

Dip your toe in the planning water - Encourage children to use a school planner to keep assignments in order. Parents should review the planner with the child often, and talk about upcoming assignments and exams. In order to make things less stressful, have your child list upcoming activities in the planner as well, such as a football game or birthday party.

Begin each morning the night before - Pack book bags, lay out clothes, prepare lunches and review assignments due the next day so that children and parents have little to worry about as they leave in the morning.

Set aside "homework time"-Set aside time each night for homework so that it becomes routine. Be considerate of your child's homework time by not watching television; in fact, "homework time" can be used by parents as well, to pay bills, write correspondence, etc. Designate a work area for the child. such as a desk in the child's room, or a dining room or kitchen table, where the child can spread the work out with little distraction.

Allow "down time" each night — Just as adults need time to unwind from a hectic day, so too do children. Set aside time after homework for children to relax. Encourage productive relaxation such as reading a book for fun. It's also a good time for the entire family to catch up on the day's activities.

The family that plans together - Designate a "check in" station in a common area in the house for everyone, such as the kitchen. Lay out a daily planner or calendar and mark significant events coming up, such as doctor's appointments for

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parents and children. Encourage children to stop by the "check-in" station each morning and evening to update themselves on what might be going on that week. Also, encourage children to write in their own significant events (with parents' approval), such as practices, school plays, and birthday parties.

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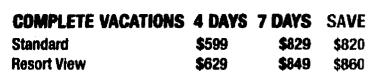


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Barracudas set to begin season

SCOTCH PLAINS - The JCC of Central NJ Barracudas begin its fifth season of competition in the NJ JCC Swim League under the direction of Head Coach Ann Doyle. The program welcomes swimmers of all levels with an emphasis on individual instruction for new competitors. Practice for the fall/winter team begins Monday, Sept. 23.

Swim meets take place on Sunday afternoons starting early November and run through State Championships in March.

The JCC offers pre-season clinics at a discount to swim team members. The clinics are also open to non-swim team members. Classes start Tuesday, Sept. 3, and run through Thursday, Sept. 19. Ages 8 and under meet 4:30-5:30 p.m.; ages 9 and up meet 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Rebecca Rice, aquatics director, at 908-889-8800, extension 219.

Big Band sound at Echo Lake Park

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Echo Lake Park. This 17-piece band, which includes four trombones, four trumpets, four rhythm instruments and five saxophones, plays the big band music of the 30s and '40s.

 The concert is presented free of charge by the freeholders and Schering-Plough Corp. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged.

Rain site is Cranford High hool, West End Place at Springfield Avenue. Call (908) 352-8410 at 3 p.m. Wednesday to find out if the concert has been moved.

Jazz Festival wraps up season

WESTFIELD - The sixth annual "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival wraps up its season with several performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday downtown. Sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corp. and WBGO/Jazz 88, Terraplane Blues will perform on Central Avenue in front of Bombay; Marks & Noble Trio will be at Elm and East Broad streets; Defining Moment will be on the lawn in front of North Avenue train station at Elm Street; Orrin Evans plans to be at Elm and Quimby streets: Chris Colaneri Quartet will perform on Prospect Street between East Broad Street and North Avenue; and The Homewreckers will be at Trader Joe's, 155 Elm

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Kean foundation hosts golf classic

Kean University The Foundation sponsors the third annual Kean University Golf Classic on Monday, Sept. 9, at Suburban Golf Club, Union.

Registration is 10:30 a.m. A buffet lunch follows 11 a.m. with a shotgun start 12:30 p.m.

Fee of \$400 includes cart, greens fees, cocktail reception, awards dinner and door prizes.

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Young Westfield teacher joins high school administration

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

Edison Intermediate School teacher Noah Tennant always had aspirations to be an education administrator. He expressed this in conversations with Superintendent William Foley. However, he didn't expect an opening at the high school to come

As high school enrollment increased, Foley and the Board of Education decided that an assistant principal vacancy left by Frank Scott's retirement several years ago had to be filled. Tennant pounced on the opportunity, and on July 1, he was appointed to the position.

At only 26 years old, Tennant is one of the youngest administrators in the district. He taught English at Edison for four years before making the jump.

We are extremely pleased to have Noah Tennant as part of the high school administrative team," said Principal Robert Petix. "He has proved to be an excellent teacher and has great potential for leadership."

Tennant will join Assistant Principals Robert Eyre and John Farinella on the administrative

have Tennant as the ninth-grade adviser and working with the English Department, he said that there hasn't been specific discussion on how

the three assistant principals will share responsibili-"I'm eager

to learn from

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cators, Tennant said. "Westfield High School bears a proud tradition, and I'm excited to be a part of

this team." Tennant said he'll miss the classroom interaction he had while teaching, but hopes to still be able to work closely with students. He said he's looking forward to working with the students he taught at Edison, as the first group he instructed in 1998 are now seniors at the high school.

'My time in the class gives me an advantage. They say to be a good teacher never forget what it was

staff. Though preliminary plans like to be a student. It's the same have Tennant as the ninth-grade thing with being an administrator. To be a good administrator you can never forget what it was like to be a teacher or a student," Tennant said.

It was not too long ago that Tennant was a student, and he is continuing his education. He has a master's degree in Educational Administration from Columbia University and will start on his doctoral degree next summer at the University of Pennsylvania.

In a little over a month at the high school, Tennant is easing into the transition. He said working in the summer gives him an opportunity to find his way around the halls and get acclimated to the staff

Even in a new place, he still calls on help from his old job. He forewarned administrators at Edison to expect plenty of phone calls from him for advice. He said he understands that being a young administrator is helpful, but it can work both ways. He hasn't had to deal with the negative aspects yet, he

"This is very exciting for me," Tennant said. "It's a testament to the Westfield school district's desire to nurture young educators. It will be a learning process, but I have great people to work with me."







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Anne V. Bailey

Bailey, 94, died Aug. 2, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Providence, R.I., and had lived for many years in Westfield.

Dr. Bailey taught at Batten High School in Elizabeth and was a former chairman of the Language Arts department and a teacher of developmental reading at Cranford High School. She also was the coordinator of language arts for the Cranford school system and a Teachers College (now Kean University).

The longtime teacher was listed in "Who's Who of Services were held Tuesday at American Women." Dr. Bailey Gray Memorial Funeral Home in held a bachelor's degree from Cranford Burial was in Fairview Newark State, a master's Cemetery.

WESTFIELD - Anne V. degree from Rutgers University and a doctorate in education from New York University.

> She was a past-president of the New Jersey Association of Teachers of English and the New Jersey Yearbook Association. She also was a member of the National Education Association, Education Jersey Association, National Eastern Association and Speech Metropolitan School Study Council.

Surviving are two sisters professor at Newark State Shirley Lauer and Fern, both of Westfield; a brother, Dr. Foster Mitchem of Cranford; two nieces and three nephews.

Peter V. Graff

FANWOOD - Peter V. Graff, years, Susan Unice Graff; three 50, died July 31, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of New Milford, he lived in Clark before moving to Fanwood in 1997.

Cranford advertising agency Plains. for more than 20 years. He received a bachelor's degree in Dooley Funeral Home in history from Boston College in

Surviving are his wife of 14 Cancer Society.

brothers, James, Robert and Richard; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass was offered Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Mr. Graff was a partner in a Roman Catholic Church in Scotch

> Arrangements were Cranford. Memorial donations may be sent to the American

John W. Jeske Jr.

WESTFIELD -- John W. Jeske University. Jr., 73, died Aug. 4, 2002 at his home in Alexandria.

A native of Chicago, he lived in Richard, are deceased. Westfield before moving to Alexandria in 1989.

Mr. Jeske retired in 2001 after 13 years as the business manager of Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone. He earlier worked in business research for Telephone Co.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a mas- Johnson Funeral Home in ter's degree from Seton Hall Holland Township.

His parents, John W. Jeske and Alice Gudell Jeske, and a brother,

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Jean; a son, Ted of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; a daughter, Jill Smith of Orlando, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be offered 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Our the former New Jersey Bell Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church, Route 519, Baptistown.

Arrangements are by W.E.

Amanda Menzoff

Millwater Menzoff, 85, died July 1, 2002 at the Inn at Surrey **Place in Bradenton, Fla.**

A native of Plainfield, she lived in Fanwood before moving to Bradenton in 1980.

Mrs. Menzoff was a member of First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1990. Three brothers, Earl Millwater, Jack Millwater and Harold Millwater, and two sis- Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o ters, Kathryn Pryor and Mary

Sterling, are deceased.

Ginny Kalmback and husband Walter of Bradenton and Barbura DiQuello and husband Joseph of Funwood; a brother, Robert Millwater of Denver, a sister, Florence Mulley of Readington; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Memorial Funeral Home, Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch

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Obituaries

Claire Vollmerhausen

- Claire Murphy Vollmerhausen, 77, died July 31, 2002 at her home in K. Ruotolo, was a former Union Summit.

She was born in Jersey City and lived in Westfield before moving to Summit in 1972.

A psychotherapist, Vollmerhausen provided family and marriage therapy in Summit and Manhattan from 1977 until her retirement in 1992. She was a Women's Club of Westfield and the Westfield Service League.

She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Pembroke State University, where a master's degree in French degree in clinical psychology from New York University in

Her husband, Dr. Joseph W., is deceased. Her late son, Andrew County prosecutor.

Surviving are three daughters, Denise R. Ruotolo of Plainfield, Cynthia Sherwin of Connecticut and Diane R. Webber of Pennsylvania; two stepsons, Dr. John of California and Robert of North Carolina; a stepdaughter, Ruth Carey of past-president of the College Florida; a brother, Gerard Murphy of Michigan; a sister, Joan Flaherty of West Orange: and nine grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at Mrs. St. Teresa of Avila Roman Vollmerhausen received a bach- Catholic Church in Summit. elor's degree in 1946. She earned Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by from the University of Illinois in William R. Dangler Funeral 1948 and a second master's Home in Summit. Memorial donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

John C. Millen

WESTFIELD - John C. Methodist Church of Westfield for Lenox Hill Hospital in school teacher as well. Manhattan.

Heath, England, and Westfield retirement in 1984. before moving to South Plainfield in 1944.

Carson Long Military Academy from the University of Maryland. Mr. Millen coached discus throwers, javelin throwers and shot putters as a volunteer coach on track teams in Westfield, Plainfield and South

was a member of First United South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Millen, 81, died Aug. 2, 2002 at more than 60 years and a Sunday

He was a sales representative Mr. Millen was born in St. with American Standard in Paul, Minn. He lived in Hamstead Piscataway from 1969 until his

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Helen Ejk Millen; a daugh-He graduated from the ter, Linda J. of South Plainfield; a son, John C. Jr. and wife Laura of in Carlisle, Pa., and in 1942 Readington; and five grandchil-

> A memorial service was held Wednesday at James W. Conroy. Funeral Home in South Plainfield.

Memorial donations may be sent to South Plainfield Rescue A photographer, Mr. Millen Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave.,

Harold Naumann

Edward Naumann died July 31, Presbyterian 2002 at the Lower Cape Fear Hampstead. Hospice Care Center in Wilmington, N.C.

A native of Hudson County, he lived in Fanwood for 35 years before moving to Hampstend,

Mr. Naumann served in the Army security agency during the Korean War. He was a past commander of American Legion Post 212 in Cranford and a member of Legion Post 269 in Hampstead. He also was a member of the Jerusalem Lodge, Free child. Accepted Masons, in

Mr. Naumann was a member of NC 28401.

FANWOOD --- Harold the Session at the Topsail Church

His parents, Arthur Naumann and Bertha Dorothy Sippel Naumann, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Weil Naumann; three sons, Bob and wife Kristine of Crystal, Mich., Earle and wife Kathleen of Allentown, Pa., and Gary and wife Brenda of Pinehurst, N.C.; a brother, Arthur of Bayville; close friends, Earle Pinkham and wife Nadine of Onancock, Va.; four grandchildren and a great-grand-

Services were held Saturday in Hampstead. Donations may He was a deacon and elder of be sent to Lower Cape Fear the Trinity Reformed Church in Hospice Care Center, 1406 North Plainfield. More recently Physicians Drive, Wilmington,

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Phillips, 43, died Aug. 1, 2002 at Fanwood Presbyterian Church. the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Ms. Phillips was a fleet manwith Pharmaceuticals at its corporate offices in Bridgewater She joined that facility in 1987 when Home. it was part of American Hoechst

She also worked at Eddie Berkeley Heights. Ms. Phillips. NJ 08818.

FANWOOD - Lori Jean was a longtime member of the

Surviving are her parents, Earl Phillips and Margaret Sorge Anative of Plainfield, she lived Phillips of Fanwood; a brother. in Fanwood and Bound Brook Roger D. of Alburtis, Pa.; two sisbefore moving to Bridgewater in ters. Valerie Hardy of Elizabethtown, Pa., and Ginger Balzer of Kenilworth; a niece and Aventis several nephews.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Memorial Funeral

Memorial donations may be sent to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., Bauer in the Bridgewater New York, NY 10021 or Haven Commons and Oakite Corp. in Hospice, P.O. Box 3059, Edison,

Kermit Redd Sr.

WESTFIELD -Kermit Edward Redd Sr., 79, died July 30, 2002 at Veterans Affairs Long of Newport Beach, Calif.; three Beach Healthcare System in Long Beach, Calif.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Westfield from 1960 until he. Mitchell of New York City; three moved to Asbury Park in 1990.

Mr. Redd served in the Army during World War II and worked for Statistical Research in Sunday at First Baptist Church, Westfield prior to his retire-

His wife, Mildred, died in 2000 Surviving are a son. Kermit Jr. daughters, Marilyn Myers of Altadena, Calif., Susan Maynard of Asbury Park and Sandra brothers, Morgan, Taylor Jr. and Warner; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Cranford, of which Mr. Redd was a member.

Grace Marie Venezia

FANWOOD - Grace Marie Venezia, 65, died July 31, 2002 at cookbooks and antiques. her home in Stanton.

since 1999.

Roman Catholic Church in dren. Plainfield, where Mrs. Venezia helped in many fund-raising pro-Memorial Funeral Home. grams. She graduated from the Memorial donations may be sent former Holy Trinity High School to Hunterdon Hospice, 2100 in Westfield and the Berkeley Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ School in East Orange.

A cook, Mrs. Venezia collected

Surviving are her husband, Mrs. Venezia was born in Ralph V.; her mother, Antoinette Plainfield and lived in that city Pughsi of Fanwood; two sons, R. before moving to Fanwood in Vincent and wife Kathy of 1962. She had resided in Stanton Tampa. Fla., and James J. and wife Mary of Chatham; a brother, She was a volunteer secretary Joseph J. Puglisi Jr. of at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Watchung and three grandchil-

Services were held Saturday at 08822

Robert Weidenfeld

WESTFIELD - Robert Gold Seal Vineyards of New York at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Kirby vacuum cleaners.

A native of New York City, he Corps during World War II. lived in Westfield and Millburn before moving in 1984 to Boynton Florence Lessner Weidenfeld; a

Mr. Weidenfeld retired in 1987. Cynthia Panara and Amy Miller; after 15 years as a sales associate—and five grandchildren. with Jacquin Liquors of Amemorial service was held Philadelphia. He earlier was a Aug 1 at Menorah Chapels at sales associate for 10 years with Millburn, in Union

Weidenfeld, 80, died July 31, 2002 and a longtime distributor of He served in the Army Air

Surviving are his wife, son, Robert; two daughter's,

Edward Wimmer Sr.

Joseph Wimmer Sr., 69, died Aug 2, 2002 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

and lived in Austria before moving to Westfield.

Associates of Morristown prior to Gray Funeral Home. his retirement. He graduated from Villanova University engineering school in 1959.

He was a leader with Boy Scout Troop 73 and a member of the Knights of Columbus council in Westfield. Mr. Wimmer served in the Army in Germany during the Korean War.

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WESTFIELD - Edward Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Margarete, his mother, Johanna; two sons, Edward Jr. and Thomas; a daughter, Dr. He was born in Philadelphia, Angela; a brother, Rev. Joseph;

and six grandchildren. Mass was offered Monday at A civil engineer, Mr. Wimmer Holy Trinity Roman Catholic was a manager with Kilham Church Arrangements were by

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

COMING UP

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.

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

SCHOOL NOTES

WESTFIELD — Melissa Anne Bakunas has graduated from the Morristown-Beard School.

She lives in Westfield and received her diploma at graduation exercises June 8.

Three other Westfield students were named to the Morristown-Beard honor roll for the spring 2002 semester. They are Clifford Evans, Grade 10; Julia Stern and Caitlin Thrower, Grade 8.

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Anthony Rocco Jr.

FANWOOD - Anthony J. "Josh" Rocco Jr., 76, died Aug. 5, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He lived in Fanwood before returning to his native Plainfield in 1981.

Mr. Rocco retired in 1985 as a co-owner of Rocco's Tavern in Fanwood. He also owned The Gift Horse in Piscataway, the Westfield Tobacco Shop and Gillette Liquors.

. He was a founding member and life member of the Fanwood Optimist Club. A member of the 200 Club of Union County, Mr. Rocco was member of an honorary Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 123 in Fanwood and Elks Lodge 855 in

Plainfield.

two brothers.

Surviving are a brother, Carmen of Brick; his business

at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave. Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

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Ruby Brynildsen

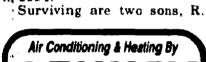
S. Brynildsen, 87, died Aug. 3, 2002 at Cypress Court Assisted

: A native of Brooklyn, she lived in Fanwood and Scotch Plains before moving to Mesa in November.

Mrs. Brynildsen was office manager for the Suburban News in Westfield, where she worked more than 30 years. She also was a volunteer Cub Scout leader.

She was a member of the Westfield Business Professional Women's Club; the All Saints' Episcopal Church Fanwood Crafters; and Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Brynildsen was a former mem-Ber of the Madison Avenue Chapel.

Her husband, Raymond, died





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His parents, Antonio Rocco and Lucy Santangelo Rocco, are deceased, as are two sisters and

partner, Mickey Kearney of Plainfield; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be 9 a.m. today

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SCOTCH PLAINS - Ruby Douglas of Mesa and William A. of Chattanooga, Tenn.; a sis-

ter, Olga Rose of Fanwood; Living in Mesa, Ariz. three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood, where services will be 10 a.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Valley, East Office, 2222 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85202-6491.

Lorene Kott Salisbury

FANWOOD - A memorial service will be held for Lorene K. Kott Salisbury, 91, who died Aug. 3, 2002 at Hamilton Place at Keswick Pines Lifecare in Whiting.

She was born Fredericksburg, Texas, and lived in Fanwood before moving to Whiting in 1995.

Mrs. Salisbury attended the University of Texas' main campus in Austin, Texas.

Her husband, William T. Sr., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, William T. Jr.; a daughter, Joanne S. Parker; brother, John Kott; three grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Kedz Funeral Home in Toms River.

Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Research Center, 640 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN 55101-

Maralynn Ricca

WESTFIELD - Maralynn Agniescko Ricca, 55, died Aug. 4, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in

A native of Newark, she lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside in 1994.

Mrs. Ricca was a homemaker and a part-time cook at St. Roman Catholic

Surviving are her husband, Michael; two sons, Danny and Todd, both of Mountainside; a sister, Teddy Prieback of Neptune; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Helen's Church. Burial was private. Arrangements were by the

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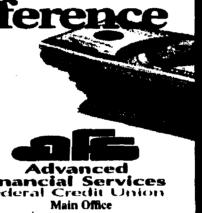
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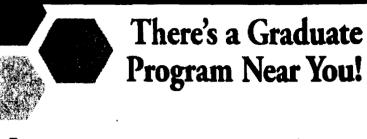
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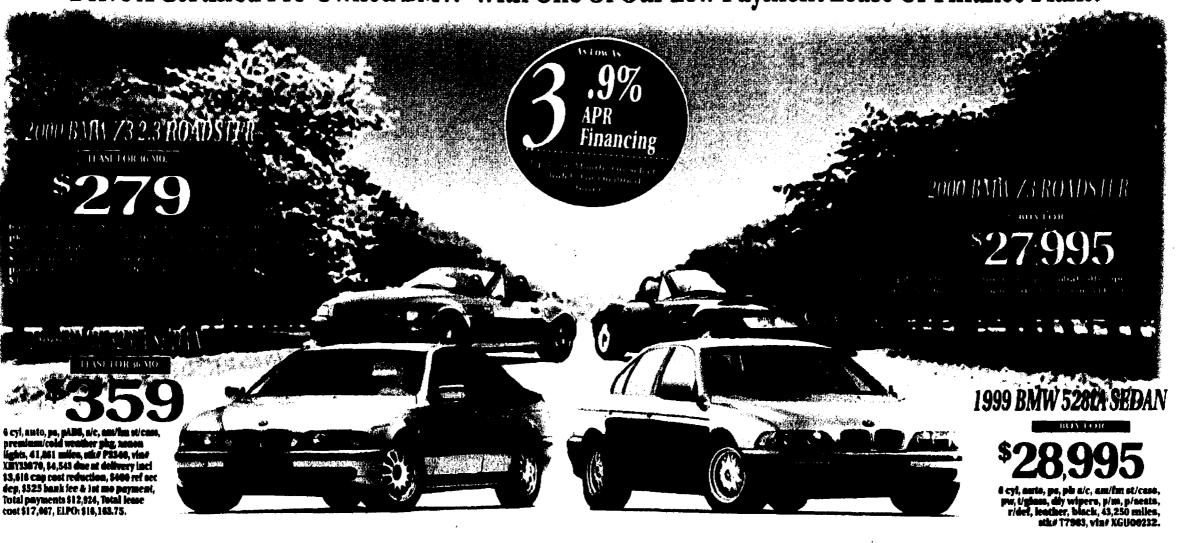
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NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS

Junior Jaime Mannino and the Scotch Plains boys soccer team left for a 10-day tour of Brazil vesterday.

Raiders taking on Brazil's best

Boys soccer squad crosses the equator to face top U-17 teams

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

of the defending county champion Organizers met monthly to han-Scotch Plains-Fanwood High soc- dle tasks such as acquiring passcer team embarked on a 10-hour ports and visas for the players. flight south of the equator yester- The team did numerous fund day to soccer-crazed Brazil for a raisers such as flower and series of games against the coun- cheesecake sales, a golf tournatry's best U-17 teams.

where the team is expected to player cost. play six or seven games in Sao Pele played.

see what their style of play is."

The team had been planning a different atmosphere. the trip since last September, sacrificing a summer trip last year SCOTCH PLAINS - Members in order to prepare for this trip. ment and received donations Fifteen players, five parents from businesses. They raised and head coach Tom Breznitsky enough money to cover approxiwill spend 10 days in Brazil mately \$1,000 of the \$1,500 per-

The team has been going on Paulo and Curitiba. Included on summer trips almost yearly the schedule is Santos Pinheiros, since 1985, Breznitsky said. the club for which soccer legend. They usually compete in youth tournaments in the United "I'm really psyched," said junior States, traveling to Colorado and Jaime Mamnino, who is making Minnesota in recent summers. his first summer trip with the However, this year Breznitsky team. "It's a great experience for thought it would be a good idea us to go outside the country and for the team, which is returning

Brazil," Breznitsky said at the team's last practice before the trip. "Being that they won the 2002 World Cup puts a highlight on it. The atmosphere of the World Cup victory is still lingering on. It's good for the kids to experience that type of passion that we are yet to capture in this country.

Breznitsky sees the trip as a learning opportunity for the Pinheiros in Sao Paulo, and team. Though soccer is the focal point of the trip, he plans for the team to experience the culture of Brazil as well. He said he has a few friends in the country who helped set up the see if they live up to what people trip that will allow time for sightseeing.

"Our objectives are to have a good time, see Brazil, see the culture-rich soccer tradition. We're 20 varsity players, to experience not looking to go over there and

win games. We're hoping to hold "There is a rich tradition in our own and learn from the games. It's not about wins and losses, it's about experience and being able to carry it through the season. Our success on the state level has a lot to do with these types of trips," Breznitsky said, adding that they have plans to travel to Holland next summer.

The team will play the Pinheiros Club, Itariri Select, Peruibe Select and Santos Curitiba F.C., Cates Select and Brazilian Champion Molutrom Atletico in Curitiba. They will return on Aug. 19.

"It will be a challenge, but we'll say about them," said senior Michael Miller, who is making his second trip with the varsity squad. "This gets us ready for the season. After this trip we go right into double sessions.

Feeley makes an immediate impact for UMBC

RECORD-PRESS

After two years controlling the paint for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys basketball team Andrew Feeley wasted little time making an impact on the collegiate level.

more at the University of rebounds, three assists, two became a staple in the UMBC Quinnipiac 75-72, falling two Maryland Baltimore County in blocks, two steals and zero starting five for the rest of the wins short of earning an autothe fall, stepped right into the mix turnovers in 41 minutes of for the Retrievers last season, action in a 78-71 overtime win starting 21 of 28 games at the center position and averaging 3.8 points, 3.6 rebound and 16.3 minutes per game.

Pete Mulligan thrust Feeley NBA Draft, pulling down seven into the starting lineup in the fifth game of the season. With in another 41 minutes of play. the Retrievers look to build on the window of opportunity open The strong back-to-back perfor- their 20-9 campaign and second Feeley took full advantage dur- mances earned Feeley NEC place finish in the conference. Feeley, who will be a sopho-piling up 20 points, 15 week ending Dec. 9 and he Tournament semifinals to

> In his second start he battled Central Connecticut's Corsley

bench early in the season an and a second round pick by the just went out there and tried to injury to UMBC's leading scorer Sacramento Kings in this year's play hard." rebounds and scoring six points ing the squad's home opener, Rookie of the Week honors for the

over conference foe Quinnipiac. I had an opportunity to come in return seven players, including and I took advantage of it," said Cranford's Mike Snyder, and Feeley, who admitted to being a bring in four talented recruits. Edwards, the ... Northeast little surprised by how quickly he

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Feeley should remain in the starting lineup next season as UMBC fell in the NEC matic bid into the NCAA "When Pete Mulligan got hurt Tournament. The Retrievers

"I think we should do well,"

we have a pretty good corps of seven players coming back so we should have a pretty good team. We have a pretty good chance to win (the conference).

Since the end of the season Feeley has spent a lot of time in the weight room, looking to add more muscle to his 6 foot 9, 250 pound frame and is trying to develop more low post moves.

"The biggest change from high school is the strength of everyone," said Feeley. "Last year I felt following the spring semester. "It I wasn't as strong as a lot of the was tough at first, moving into players. I've lost some weight but the dorms and getting used to the I've gotten stronger. I'm trying to new atmosphere.

After seeing time off the Conference Player of the Year was able to make an impact. "I said Feeley. "We lost four kids but develop a hook shot and more back-to-the-basket moves.'

> While Feeley had a successful rookie campaign and is looking forward to even better results on the hardwood next season, he's also gotten the job done in the classroom, earning a 3.0 GPA his freshman year.

> "I went down there early last year and took two classes in the summer so I was able to get used to the work load," said Feeley, who took two more summer classes

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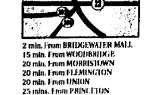


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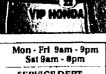
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Grzywacz captures first world taekwondo crown

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When Samantha Grzywacz was receiving her first black belt in taekwondo at the age of 10 her instructor Jeff Serdinsky promised her she'd be a world champion one day. On July 14 in promise a reality.

Grzywacz, who will be a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High this fall, was one of four students girls division.

Kate Judd, a 14-year-old, sec-

attended by 101 different coun-

After winning six national championships, her first at the black belt she began winning age of 12, the 16-year-old state and regional titles in 1997 Grzywacz, now a third-degree black belt, dominated the 16-19 age group to also win a silver Toronto, Canada she made that medal in sparring, a silver as part Tackwondo Federation (USTF) team and a bronze as part of the forms, the USTF Grand National forms team.

"It feels really awesome," said at Jeff Serdinsky's Martial Arts Grzywacz, who's love for the a USTF junior world team mem-America school in Scotch Plains Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to take home a medal from last sparked her interest in the sport her first world title, won her sevmonth's World Championships when she was six years old. "This held in Toronto, Canada, captur- was the Olympics for us. Mr. forms while taking third in sparing gold in forms in the junior Serdinsky told me I'd do it. I guess he was right."

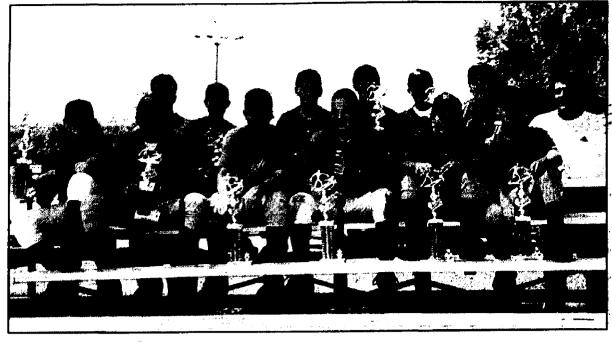
ond degree black belt from Grzywacz spends 12 hours a day, kids. That's definitely going to be Westfield, won two gold and two six days a week over the summer my job when I'm older — I want silver medals, 12-year-old, second training and teaching tackwondo to have my own school and train degree black belt Zack Skolnick of to students ranging from 4-year-Westfield took home a bronze olds to adults. When school begins medal and 14-year-old, second again she'll trim her schedule degree black belt Sarasijhaa back to six hours a day. She's the will focus on continuing her train-Desikan of Scotch Plains won Senior Assistant Instructor at the ing. teaching and defending her three gold medals and a silver, school and is in charge of the

The four day competition was satellite school at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains' summer camp.

After she received her first and took home her first national title in 1998. This year alone she has won the United States of the USA's five-person sparring winter national championship in Championship in forms while taking second in sparring, became ber and just a week after winning enth national championship in

"I just love (taekwondo)," said And she certainly earned it. Grzywacz. "I love teaching the my own champions."

But before building her own stable of champions Grzywacz



League champs

The Orioles took the Westfield Little League playoff championship in the age 13-14 division. Front row, from left — Alex Hodara, David Kaplow, Stephen Cruikshank, Thomas Fringer, Emmanuel Baldwin and Andrew Goldman; back row — Coach Ed Cruikshank, Nathaniel Roquet, C.J. Patella, Daniel Shorrock, Nick Barba, Tim Horan and Coach Bob Fringer. Not in photo — Jonathan Romahlo.

YOUTH SPORTS

exciting trip to the National falls, NY, as the proud recipient of

Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Gymnastic Championships with gymnast Jessica Franko had an her teammates July 3-8 in Niagra

the YMCA of the USA Annual Gymnastic Scholoraship.

The scholarship's requirements include maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5, having competed in the National Championship meet for at least three years and embodying the YMCA Character Development core values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility. Each applicant submitted an essay outlining the impact of YCMA gymnastic involvement has had on her life. Franko's submission was read at the Opening Ceremonies of the YMCA Women's Gymnastic National Championships, bringing the crowd to tears as the emotion poured from her words. The 2000 scholarship was also awarded to a Fanwood-Scotch Plains gymnast Diana Filo.

Ten gymnasts under the direction of Head Coach Vicki Herbig competed at the National Championships in Niagra Falls. Kelly Pirozzi was joined by Rachel Skolnik and Allegra Kenwell in the Level 9 Championship Divison competition. All three had excellent meets and qualified to compete in the second day of competition where they each put in even better performances than the day

Franko and teammates Eriak Blaes, Kate Breuninger, Laurel Devlin, Gina Pelosi, Lindsay Robinson and Jenna Skoller all competed in the Level 8 Developmental Division Championships. The seven gymnasts all had excellent meets, Fanko earning three by taking seventh in vault and beam and sixth on the floor exercise. Kate Breuninger brought home a sixth place medal on

Gymnastic summer camp is currently being held at the YMCA as well as evening classes. Registration is still open for some summer sessions. Open registrations for the Fall Session begins Aug. 17. For more information on gymnastics at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA call (908) 889-8880.

Basketball tourney tomorrow

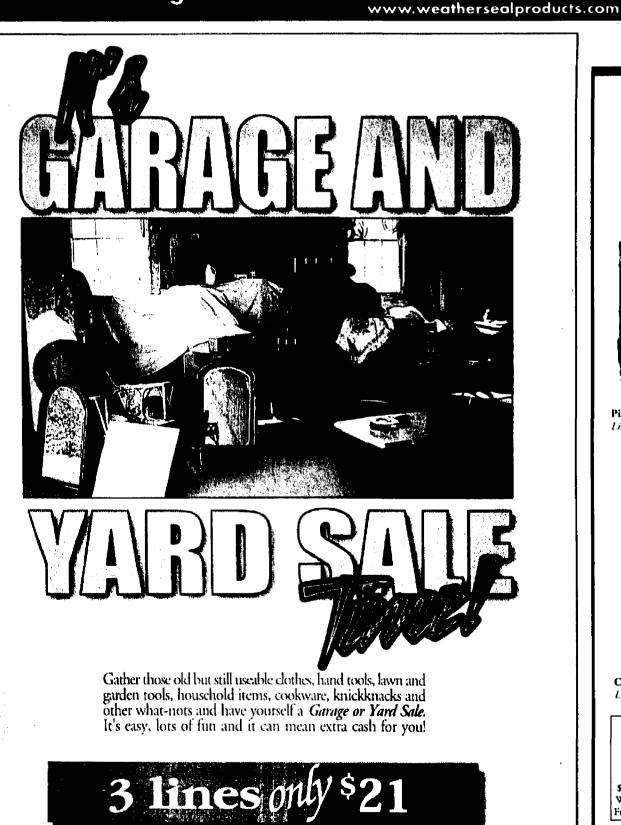
Children up to completed 6th grade are invited to participate in the 10th Annual Scotch Plains Half-Court Baptist Church Basketball Tournament and Workshop Saturday from 10 a.m.

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The event is free but all participants must have a signed parental permission and release form with them. These forms along with more information may be obtained by calling the church at 908-322-5487. Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Avenue (at Grand) in Scotch Plains, two blocks south of Route 22.

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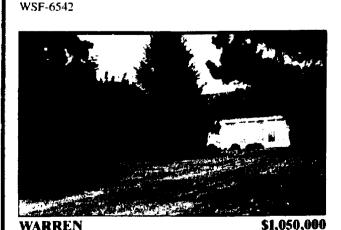


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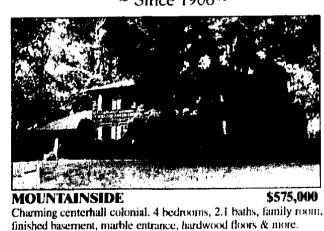
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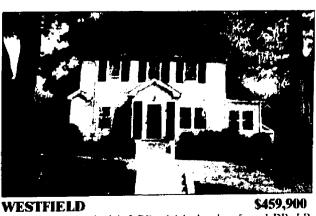
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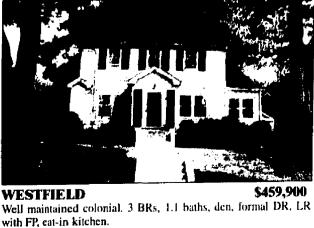


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Learning the truth about title insurance can save you money

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You may have paid twice as much as you needed to for title insurance for your home refinance or equity loan.

That's what the folks say at Radian Guaranty Inc. Their substitute protection plan — the Radian Lien Protection Product — can replace title insurance, saving the consumer nearly half the cost of traditional title insurance in many cases, Radian said.

This has sparked a major battle between the title insurance industry and Radian. Title insurance is a huge industry, involving attorneys and abstractors and many title insurance companies and their agents. Title insurance businesses generated about \$7.9 billion in revenues last year, Radian reported.

On the other hand, there are valid reasons for consumers to stay with conventional title insurance coverage, said Jim Maher, executive vice president of the American Land Title Association.

"If the mortgage being processed is less than \$150,000, the consumer will pay more for Radian coverage than with a title insurance policy," Maher said. "And even in cases where the cost of title insurance is more, it's a better deal for the consumer.

"Title insurance protection is much broader and deeper than the Radian plan offers. Thus it is less likely that a problem will come back against the consumer when title insurance is used."

The Radian report says that, in recent years, pressure has been building for a more economical and cost-effective plan to cover risks incurred by mortgage lenders. Title insurance policies pay out relatively little money each year in loss-

In 2000, 6.6 cents of every dollar spent for title insurance protection was paid out in losses. Compare this with 42.3 cents in the surety insurance industry, Radian said. Expenses consume the vast majority of money flowing into the title insurance industry.

It should be noted that the Radian Protection Product is not available for transactions where the mortgage is used to finance the purchase of a home. But it is available in most states for secondary transactions — refinance leans. second mortgages and home equity loans.

For those loans, the risks of defective title are small. The major work of researching a home's title was completed when the purchase loan was processed. There's no logical reason that the homeowner should be required to pay out another title insurance fee when acquiring a secondary loan, Radian

The title insurance industry is somewhat insulated from price competition.

"It's the middlemen, not consumers, who benefit because title insurance companies don't compete on price," said Birny Birnbaum, who served as an expert witness during recent title insurance hearings in Washington, D.C. "The consumer isn't in a position to exert market pressure to drive down the price of title insurance.

In June, the California Department of Insurance issued a "cease-and-desist order" to Radian for marketing its plan, declaring it to be basically title insurance, thus requiring a license to transact title insurance business in the state. However, Radian is appealing the deci-

As I was completing this column, I received another e-mail from Jim Maher (ALTA).

"This debate is not a David vs. Goliathtype situation," he said. "Radian is a

huge organization. On a net-income basis, it realized over \$1 billion in revenue last year. That's 30 percent of the net income of the entire title insurance industry and substantially more than our largest member's net income. Radian is the third largest mortgage insurer in the country. Clearly, this is the true behemoth."

Q. What's being done to control the rising costs of obtaining a mortgage loan?

A. The Department of Housing and Urban Development appears to be serious in efforts to protect consumers from unreasonably high fees when processing a mortgage loan.

HUD recently proposed new rules that would make it harder for lenders to raise fees or interest rates after a consumer has applied for a mortgage. Under the plan, lenders would have two

First, they could offer borrowers a loan package that includes upfront interest rates and closing fees that are guaranteed not to change. As a second choice, they could provide a simplified goodfaith estimate offer that they could alter slightly, while not necessarily specifying

Q. What's this I hear about a program to have ex-convicts build homes?

A. Young offenders may have a new chance at establishing a productive career in the home construction field.

The Home Builders Institute, the work force arm of the National Association of Home Builders, recently received a \$1.5million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to help young offenders develop careers in construction.

The grant will be used to improve education, teach vocational skills and reduce recidivism among 18- to 24-yearold convicts. The grant is for a pilot program in Tennessee. If the Tennessee pilot is deemed successful, grants will be available in other states.

"The president and I are committed to ensuring that no one is left behind in our country, and that includes young people who may have made poor choices early if life," said Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao.

"As a result of the grant made under the agency's Young Offender Demonstration Project, we hope young people will find good jobs in the home building industry and will become valuable citizens in their communities."

silence a squeaky staircase at home There are many ways to

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Q. We purchased an older home with a wonderful curved oak staircase. Although the staircase looks magnificent and feels solid, many of the steps have annoying squeaks when stepped on - even though the treads are carpeted. Is there a way I can correct this problem without calling in a construction professional?

A. Often stairway squeaks are relatively easy to repair. But an understanding of stairway construction is important.

Basic components of a staircase are the trends (the flat part on which you step), the risers (the portion that ele-

vates the step or tread), and the stringers (the sideboards that support the treads and risers). If any of these parts work loose, squeaks develop. Methods of muffling squeaks vary, depending on whether the staircase is open or closed.

Sometimes, lubricating stairs with powdered graphite or talcum powder can correct a minor problem. Forcefully blow the powder into the joints, especially where the backs of the treads meet the risers.

If that doesn't help, there are other ways to silence squenky stairs. Open staircases, like basement stairs, can be repaired from beneath. It's best to work with a helper who can slowly walk up and down the stairs while you watch

from below. This way you can idenwhere the stairs squeak and mark suspect areas with chalk.

Often, wedges inserted in the joints during initial construction have worked loose. These can be replaced or reglued and reset.

Staircases usually have hardwood blocks attached to the joints between the treads and risers. If the blocks are loose, replace them or refasten them.

Glue each block to both surfaces of the joint. When the glue has thoroughly dried, reinforce the block by driving wood screws through the block and into the wood construction of the stairs. This should be done from both directions through the block and into the tread and through the block into the riser (drill pilot holes first to keep screw ends at least 1/4 inch beneath the surface).

Another method of reinforcing steps is to use metal brackets installed under the tread and behind the riser instead of blocks. It the stairs are enclosed on the underside with plaster or drywall, you will have to correct the problem by working from above.

Carpeting must be removed to gain access to the joints between the treads and the risers. You will need to reattach the treads with either ring-shank flooring nails or screws that must to go through the tread and into something solid below -- either a stringer or the top of a riser. One or two fasteners into each riser and a couple into the stringer of each step will likely do the job.

Since risers in older construction are often 3/4 inch to 1 inch thick, you will have to proceed cautiously. If you use nails, drill 3-32-inch pilot holes first to prevent the trends (or risers) from splitting. Use spiral-shank flooring nails, driven at an angle in line with the stringer, to increase holding power.

When you drill the pilot holes, have someone stand on the step to hold it down, then drive a nail between your helper's feet to hold the step tight. Countersink the heads with a nail set. Fill the holes with a colored putty stick or a finishing crayon that matches the wood and wipe clean with a rag.

If you use screws, use a 3/8-inch counterbore, a special drill bit that drills both the pilot hole for a screw and a recess for the screw's head, so that it can be covered with a 3/8-inch-wide wood plug.

Make these in advance with a plugcutting bit chucked into a drill press and a scrap of knot-free oak clamped to the drill press table. Try to match the oak scrap for plugs with the oak in the

Use 2-inch No. 8 Phillips wood screws, drilling a 2-inch-deep pilot hole with the counterbore set so that it makes a 1/4-inch-deep recess for the plug. Drill through the treads and into the stringers or risers, and drive the wood screws into each hole.

Hide the head of the screws by gluing in the plugs. Pare off the protruding top of the plug with a sharp chisel or block plane after the glue has dried. To help camouflage the plugs, sparingly dab a matching wood stain.

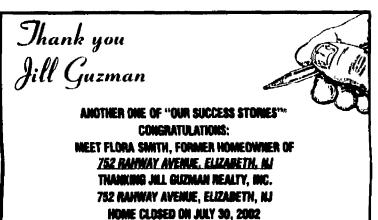
Q. I have a small apartment building with an upstairs apartment. The downstairs tenants complain about upstairs noise, particularly the sound of footsteps. What do you suggest I do to muffle the upstairs noise?

A. This is a difficult problem to correct. However, there are techniques that will minimize the transfer of sound between upstairs and downstairs. If the downstairs unit has a tall enough ceiling, you may be able to install a suspended ceiling. This will create a sounddeadening airspace between the new ceiling and the old.

A suspended ceiling is composed of a grid system that holds the ceiling panels. Choose rigid mineral board panels rather than flexible fiberglass panels for maximum noise control. Insulating and/or drywalling the joist space above the new ceiling will quiet things even further.

If there is not enough room to install a suspended ceiling, a second layer of drywall or high-density, mineral-fiber acoustical tile installed on the old ceiling will help. Even better would be the installation of a new drywall ceiling on resilient channels. The channels should be attached to the joists 24 inches on

While builders often install ceilings on resilient metal channels, they are not readily available at hardware or home supply stores. You may have to check with a building supply dealer, A padded carpet on the upstairs floor will also muffle footsteps and the sounds made by dropped objects



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Mercedes keeps on trucking with the big G500

BY MARK MAYNARD

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If I were not such a sucker for big trucks, I could have stepped back and laughed a little at the Mercedes-Benz G500.

This luxury-class sport utility vehicle is built for battle, but I spooned up its high-hat haughtiness and found a lot to like about it.

Then I read John Phillips' road test of it in the May issue of Car and Driver -Twelve-hundred miles

Gelaendewagening the longest street in Phillips is a fine humorist, which must

be why the magazine endures his sar-

casm. I yukked it up through his story, recognizing that one man's pleasure is another's work assignment. Sure, it was easy for him to cast the first stone: He's a single, lonely man with only a dog to carry and a lot of beer to truck home.

And if he were a real journalist he wouldn't have had to pay \$50 for a dancer to pose on the hood of the G500

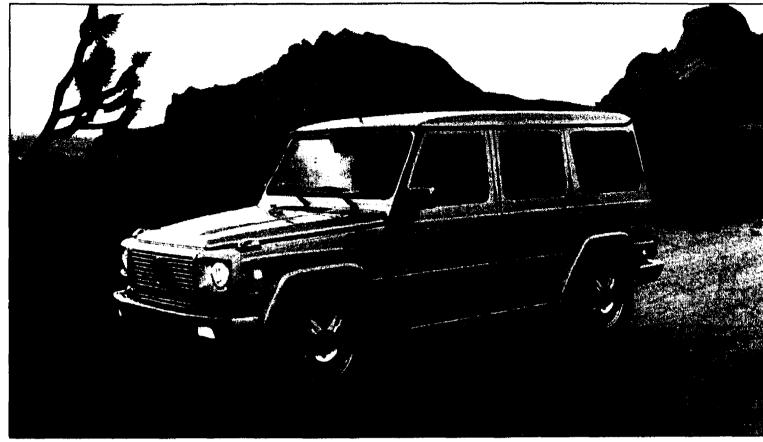
The G500 is the only SUV in the United States with three locking differentials. The driver can lock in drive power through front, center and rear differentials. But it's also the only vehicle in the United States that probably will never use that capability.

My brilliant silver test truck --\$73,165 — looked like a top-heavy anniversary cake, but beneath the painted bumpers and stainless-steel spare tire cover, the G500 is very accommodating, off-road or on.

The G-Class, long known as the Gelaendewagen, is being exported here as a luxury sport utility, though it is a military workhorse in Europe.

A solid-axled overachiever built to fussy German detail, the G500 can thrash a hillside - going up or down at 40 miles per hour, jumping over boulders. That's part of the show for journalists at its Austrian factory. With short front and rear overhangs for high-step-ping trail access, the G-Class can take on 36-degree angles and 24-degree side

Despite the boxy, upright design and a body-on-frame chassis, there is very little



It may not be pretty, but the Mercedes G500 gets the job done.

Although Phillips says "the body pitches and leans like an old Isuzu Trooper," I decided that one of the G-wagen's virtues is its stability.

After a few driveway and exit-ramp assaults, the G500 proves that big trucks don't have to swing and sway - it just costs a little more to do the engineering.

The beefy boxed frame and suspension keep tires in contact with the road surface, no matter what it is. Sharp turns and sharp stops are handled without upsetting control of the vehicle - or the passengers.

The 18-inch tires hide large vented disc brakes, with electronic proportioning to balance the stopping force. Brake Assist will engage full-power braking if the driver slams on the brakes, as decided by the computer - standard Mercedes tech-

The G's 5.0 liter V-8 might seem like small displacement to hoft 5,400 pounds, but there is plenty of motivation in the 336 foot-pounds of torque. The all-aluminum engine uses three valves and two spark plugs per cylinder to muster 292 horsepower.

Acceleration and steering response are old-style Mercedes: deliberate and heavy and calibrated for steady autobahn tooling. Mercedes reports 0 to 60 mph times in a dutiful 10.2 seconds, but the acceleration responses feels quite sharp from 30

And owners will pay for that acceleration with fuel-economy estimates of 12 miles per gallon around town and 14 on the highway. There were times I swore I could see the gas gauge needle move with the thrust of my right foot.

But anyone with the yen to part with \$73,000 to drive something a little different isn't worrying about filling the 25.4gallon tank with premium fuel.

The allure of the G500 is its uniqueness. Its squareness is cool in a quirky way and Mercedes fills it with posh S-Class sedan features.

I only had a couple of odd electronic glitches in a week of driving.

The turn signals stuck in the on position and wouldn't cancel, but then they did and the problem never came back. It also seemed necessary to slam the doors. otherwise a warning light on the dash signaled that a door was ajar. Hard to say if those experiences were the tip of an iceberg or isolated occurrences.

Either way, Mercedes pays for four years of scheduled maintenance. They just don't make them like this anymore - Mercedes or any other carmaker. Solid, heavy and secure, the G500 is a curious throwback to the past a truck that might never wear out.

SPECS BOX

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Drive system: Front engine, full-time 4wheel drive with 2-speed transfer case and electromechanical locking differentials for front, center and rear

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Horsepower: 292 at 5,500 revolutions per minute

Torque: 336 foot-pounds at 2,200 to Transmission: 5-speed Touchshift auto-

Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 10.2 seconds;

top speed 118

Fuel economy: 12 mpg city, 14 highway Fuel tank: 25,4 gallons DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase: 112 inches Height: 72.3 inches Width: 69.3 inches Length: 183.5 inches Curb weight: 5,423 pounds Cargo area: 45 cubic feet; 79.5 with rear seat back folded

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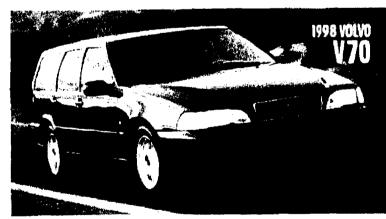
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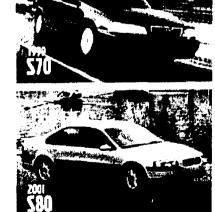
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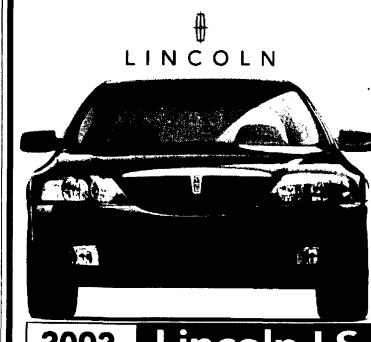
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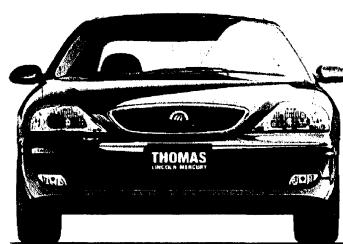
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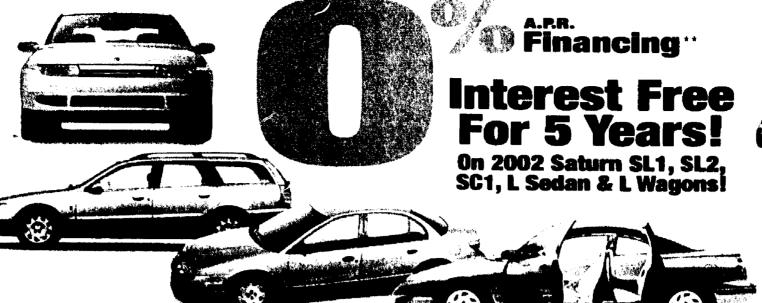
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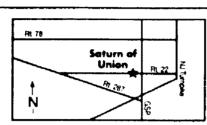
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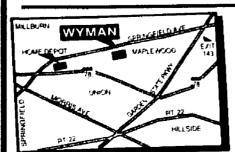
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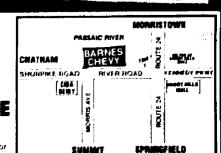
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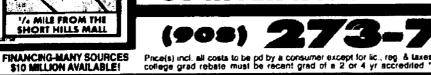


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