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Swinger

Glen Walz, of the St. Anne team in the St. Bart's Men's Softball League, goes after a high pitch in a recent game. See Page C-1.



Heroine

Allison Milkosky of Cranford has been honored for resuscitating a toddler at the Westfield Memorial Pool. See story and another picture on Page B-1.



She's Baaack

Tamara Handy, a 1989 "graduate" of the Westfield Day Care Infant Center, works as a teen aide at the center. See story on Page A-3.

REMINDER

Wetdown

The Scotch Plains Fire Department will unveil its new fire truck at a Wetdown at Fire Station #2 on Martine Avenue and Raritan Road tomorrow from noon - 6 p.m.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Everyone's a winner

Amy Rivera, 10, lofts a pass to a teammate during the 10th annual Scotch Plains Baptist Church Half-Court Basketball Tournament on Saturday. The children were treated to pizza and soda following the games.

Township pushes for tax question

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council approved an ordinance Tuesday night supporting a ballot question on a Constitutional Convention on property tax reform.

Mayor Martin Marks and the Township Council have been supporters of a Constitutional Convention. Earlier this year it was addressed in the state Senate Appropriations Committee, but it was never approved to be debated on the floor.

Property taxes fund local

municipalities, particularly governments and education. New Jersey ranks number one in property tax costs and, according to Marks, residents have been seeking relief for years that the Legislature has failed to provide. Marks also pointed out that other states have had Constitutional Conventions on the issue.

The ordinance calls for a non-binding public question on the election ballot that would measure public sentiment. According to the ordinance, the question would ask, "Do you favor the holding of a State Constitutional

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Celentano quits council position

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — At Tuesday night's Township Council meeting, Councilman Guy Celentano announced his resignation from the council and withdrew his name from this year's election.

Celentano had been on the council less than a year, as he replaced Sharynn Porter who resigned in 2001. Celentano read a prepared statement at the con-

clusion of the meeting citing personal and professional reasons for stepping down.

"I own a business and it has grown to need my full-time attention," said Celentano, a Republican.

At 31, Celentano was the youngest member on the council. He told the council of his decision a week earlier at a conference meeting. Fellow council members as well as the township adminis-

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Planning Board discussion reverts to parking issue

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — No matter what it does, the Westfield Planning Board cannot escape the parking issue. Even in a hearing for an applicant opening a beauty salon downtown, the discussion dissolved into a debate about parking downtown.

The board is still working out the master plan for the town, which will address parking problems. They will have a session next month to work on the plan.

At Monday's meeting, Manny

Martino of Elizabeth was seeking a variance on a zoning ordinance that requires his business on Quimby Street to have 9-24 parking spaces. There is only one space on the lot. Planning Board Chairman Robert Newell expressed concern about employee parking, saying that the board encourages employees of downtown businesses to obtain parking permits and utilize municipal lots, allowing customers to park on the street.

Newell said that at the salon's busiest times, it may have up to 11 employees. He asked Martino

if he would be willing to purchase parking permits for employees. Board Member Vic Trzesniowski challenged the issue saying that by requiring business owners to purchase parking permits, the board is charging for applications to be approved.

"I don't think we have the authority to do this," Trzesniowski said. "We don't have the authority to tax and that's what we're essentially doing."

Newell argued that the Planning Board does not address economic issues but it does

address parking issues. He also pointed out that in the previous two applications, the board required the applicants to purchase parking permits.

Trzesniowski argued that it would be difficult to adopt this measure as a standard. He said that if the board required all applicants from this point to purchase permits it would have to determine criteria for the number of permits required.

"What's the standard? Are we setting (permit requirements) by the number of employees, square footage or amount of customers?"

Trzesniowski asked.

He also said that a business such as the Rialto Theater would require more than \$1,000 a month in parking permits if the board used the number of customers as a standard.

Other board members questioned enforcement.

"We have an empty enforcement procedure," said Board Member Richard Elbert. "We don't know what happens beyond this board."

Newell tried to clarify the issue saying that the board will

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New administrators ready to get feet wet

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district is facing changes this fall: new construction, new school starting times and the integration of the fifth-graders into the middle schools. Added to this mix are three new administrators.

Margaret Hayes, David Tubbs and Edward Braun join the administrative staff at different levels. They differ in their backgrounds and experience, yet they have a common goal: to make the district's schools excel.

Hayes joins the school board as assistant superintendent. She replaces Kathleen Regan, who took a superintendent position in another district. She says that throughout her career she has focused on teaching and learning and will emphasize the same here.

"The role of the assistant superintendent is critical because it's at the heart of the operation," said Hayes, who has more than 20 years experience in private and public school education. "The job of the administration is to create an environment

where teaching and learning can thrive."

Hayes joined the administrative staff in mid-July. She came from Old Bridge where she was an elementary school administrator. She also has experience as an instruction supervisor in Parsippany and as dean of Bergen School in Jersey City.

Hayes says her main responsibilities will be to support the approximately 50 new teachers in the district, ease the fifth-grade transition to middle school and strengthen the education program.

"I'm very impressed by the teachers and administration here. They are a dedicated group of professionals clearly focused on teaching and learning," said Hayes.

Tubbs will be directly involved in the fifth-graders' transition to middle school as the new assistant principal at Terrill Middle School. Tubbs comes from the high school, where he taught for four years.

"I'm very excited about (the new position). (Terrill) is a very happening school," Tubbs said.

Tubbs said his main goals will be to help make the fifth-graders'



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Margaret Hayes is shown in her new office at the Evergreen School board offices in Scotch Plains. She is one of three new district administrators.

transition smooth and help students progress to the high school level. Coming from the high school, he says it's beneficial to have been where his new students will be going.

Tubbs has been in the school district most of his professional career, with only one year outside

when he taught economics in Jersey City. He said it was never his aspiration to be an administrator until he was encouraged by former high school Assistant Principal Chuck Cancelli three years ago. Now, he wants to continue what he calls a strong tradition.

"My goal is to maintain the excellence they had for years. It's always a challenge to stay on top," Tubbs said.

Edward Braun is a new assistant principal at the high school. Before coming to the school dis-

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Question

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Convention solely for the purpose of addressing property tax reform which, if ultimately approved by the Legislature, could amend the New Jersey Constitution and revise the existing property tax system."

The ordinance states that a "yes" vote would allow for revenue neutral revisions to property taxation, that could reduce property taxes as a percentage of public revenue, lessen government dependence on property taxes and provide alternative means of funding government services, such as increases in other taxes.

Walter Apple, a Scotch Plains resident, argued that the main problem with the property tax system is the "runaway spending" by municipal governments and boards of education.

Marks agreed that spending is a problem, however, he defended the council saying that much of the spending is state-mandated. Municipal Manager Thomas E. Atkins added that the township increased spending by only 1.6 percent from the previous year.

Marks also said that though proposing an ordinance to decrease the expenditure budget may be a good concept, he doesn't have confidence in the Legislature to accept it. He reiterated that a Constitutional Convention is the best measure for relief.

Apple agreed that state mandates accentuate the problem but said, "It's about time some municipalities and municipal attorneys get a backbone and say 'we are not going to accept these mandates.'"

Celentano quits council

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trative staff thanked Celentano for his service and commended him on his efforts on the council.

"It was a pleasure working with you," said Councilwoman Paulette Coronato. "When you decided to run (for council) I thought it was a great decision ... I was astonished at how fast you caught on to the things that go into being on the council."

Councilman Frank Rossi added: "Your decision was not what was just best for you, but for the council and the community."

Mayor Martin Marks also said that he has grown to like and respect Celentano and expects to see him continuing to serve the community.

In reflecting on his term on the council, Celentano praised his colleagues, pointing out their dedication to the job.

"I really think people of Scotch Plains underestimate the job this council does," Celentano said. "These guys put in so much time. They are smart and intelligent people who can dedicate the time."

Celentano said he began to consider resigning about three months ago when his business began to grow. He discussed it with fellow council members as well as Municipal Manager Thomas E. Atkins and Township Attorney Doug Hansen.

"I sought advice on how I could possibly juggle my schedule and found there was no more room to juggle," Celentano said.

To replace Celentano, the Republican Party will submit to the council the names of three candidates. Marks said that will happen at the council's conference session on Sept. 3. The party must also choose a candidate for elections in November.

Planning Board discussion reverts to parking issue

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not require applicants to purchase permits but suggest it, and applicants can consent voluntarily, which Martino did.

Board Attorney Paul Strauchler added that if the board mandates permits it moves into the realm of legisla-

tion, but there is nothing wrong with voluntary consent. Another board member suggested the issue be brought to the Town Council.

Town parking permits are \$25 a month. Martino agreed to purchase four and his application was approved.

Wal-Mart may be coming to the Watchung Square

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS
THE RECORD-PRESS

WATCHUNG — Plans are in the works to open a Wal-Mart at the Watchung Square Mall.

The developer of the mall, Fidelity Land Development Corp., has an application before the Planning Board to bring the discount store to the mall. Frank Consentino, of Fidelity Land Development, said Wal-Mart is planning to build a store on the southwest corner of the 80-acre property.

Consentino said there is no concern that Wal-Mart will have a negative impact on Target, a competitor discount store located on the northeast corner of the property. More than a quarter-mile would separate the stores, Consentino said.

"The two stores don't normally co-exist on one site," Consentino

said. "Obviously the stores compete to a certain extent, but people will differentiate based on their needs. Both stores cater to different markets and I believe Wal-Mart will not have any impact on the business at Target."

Consentino said if the application is approved by the Planning Board, Wal-Mart will be placed away from residences near the mall. The proposed site of the discount store was originally slated to be a 15-theater multiplex but the movie company withdrew its application because of financial problems.

Watchung Square, on Route 22 west, opened last August and includes stores such as T.J. Maxx, Modell's, A.C. Moore, Pier 1 Imports, DSW Shoes, Designer Shoe Warehouse, Home Depot, Borders Books & Music and P.C. Richard & Sons appliances. Pep

Boys recently held its grand opening.

Consentino said there has been a very positive reception to the mall's opening, despite opposition to the mall's development.

"People have said they enjoy the mall and I have not heard many complaints," Consentino said. "People have commented on how much improved traffic on Route 22 is in that area because of the improvements made. It's just been a very positive reception."

The jughandle and U-turn at North/Norwood avenues and Route 22 were eliminated. Eastbound residents using North Drive will have to detour 2 miles to use a new U-turn directly in front of the entrance to Watchung Square Mall.

The Planning Board will hold a hearing on the Wal-Mart application 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

New administrators ready

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trict on July 1, he spent four years teaching chemistry in Morris County. Since being hired, he has been trying to get acclimated.

"There's a lot of work to do, but I'm excited," Braun said. "I met a lot of staff and there are a lot of changes taking place so I'm trying to catch up."

Braun is enrolled in a doctorate program at

Rutgers. He has his master's degree in education administration from Rutgers University, where discussion of education issues convinced him to pursue the position.

Braun said he was drawn to the district by its tradition of excellence in academics and athletics, as well as its emphasis on implementing technology in classrooms.

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Summer sidewalk sales will be held in Scotch Plains Towne Centre for three days, Aug. 15, 16, and 17, in participating stores along East Second Street, Westfield Avenue, and Park Avenue.

The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA) invites shoppers to visit the town and take advantage of special promotions being offered by many of the boutiques, gift and antique shops and other town businesses.

Take a break from shopping and have lunch at one of the

towns many fine restaurants and food establishments or get a sandwich and enjoy lunch on the Village Green.

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Enjoy the hometown feeling of Scotch Plains while sharing in the tradition of Summer Sidewalk Sales.

Anyone who cannot make it into town or needs information may visit on the web at www.visitscotchplains.com.

It's that time of year again

The 28th annual UNICO / St. Bartholomew Labor Day Italian Festival will be held Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. The festivities, from 5 to 11pm each day on the grounds of St. Bartholomew Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., will include chil-

dren's rides, food, music and games for all ages.

The church parking lot will be transformed into an old-fashioned street fair offering something for everyone in the family. Booths will offer Italian delicacies such as mussels, calzones, pasta, zeppole and pastries. The St. Bartholomew Life Teen Band will perform at the festival on Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. There will be rides and games throughout the event.

With last year's winner receiving more than \$13,000, the 50/50 raffle will again be offered. The drawing will be held on Sept. 2 at 10 p.m. To purchase raffle tickets, call St. Bartholomew's Rectory at (908) 322-5192.

The festival, hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of UNICO, is a tradition continued by the local Italian-American community. As members of the Italian-American service organization, the men and women of UNICO continue the 80-year-old tradition of supporting their communities and promoting Italian culture. For more information about the Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter of UNICO visit WWW.SPFUNICO.ORG or call (908) 889-2200, ext. 1.

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Corzine: U.S. shortchanged N.J.

By GREG MARK
THE RECORD-PRESS

In a wide-ranging discussion with weekly newspaper reporters, Sen. Jon Corzine said the federal response to Sept. 11 must pay more attention to New Jersey, called for improved security at the state's chemical and petroleum plants, and said the Senate will try again to pass a prescription-drug benefit when members return from the summer recess.

As the anniversary of the World Trade Center attack approaches, Corzine said the federal government has done a mostly effective job in providing support for rescue, recovery and site cleanup efforts.

But he also said the effort has been "too New York-centric," and criticized a "failure to recognize the emotional costs to the (broader) metropolitan area," such as trauma suffered by New Jersey schoolchildren.

And, he said, "there's been almost no recognition of the economic costs to New Jersey's businesses," especially in the transportation industries. He said he and other members of the state's congressional delegation have been lobbying government administrators to pay more attention to the state's needs.

At the same time, Corzine criticized other local industries for failing to respond to the dan-

gers the attack revealed.

While much attention has been paid to security at nuclear plants, Corzine said, many New Jersey residents are at greater risk from attacks on chemical and petroleum plants. The state

He said any plan that does receive majority support may have to include a limited "means test" to help reduce costs, but Democrats will continue to push for the plan to be broadly available and to be administered by

should be doing more to assist cash-strapped states and counties with transportation, education, and redevelopment projects, he said, but "we don't have the resources to do these things."

The former CEO of Goldman-Sachs also hailed legislation setting new standards for corporations and accounting firms, which he co-authored, as "one of the historic progressive shifts in the regulation and supervision of our financial markets."

While many losses suffered by investors and employees because of fraudulent activity will never be recovered, he said, "I do hope that there'll be plenty of lawsuits against some of the offenders."

But at the same time, he said, some of the lost wealth is the result of market fluctuations, not criminal activity. "The stock market shouldn't ever have been sold as certain an enterprise as the public was led to believe," he said.

Sound bite

Sen. Jon Corzine is critical of the lack of federal assistance to New Jersey in the wake of Sept. 11. "There's been almost no recognition of the economic costs to New Jersey's businesses," he said.

has 11 such plants with at least one million people in the exposure zone, he said.

But Corzine said attempts to reduce those risks by adjusting industry practices and increasing security have encountered opposition. "I'm actually very frustrated by how (the Bush administration) and the chemical industry have resisted trying to have an oversight plan that protects the public," he said. "It seems to me to be a failure to accept the responsibility."

On domestic policy issues, Corzine said he is hopeful the Senate can pass a prescription-drug benefit plan for senior citizens. But he criticized the plan championed by Rep. Mike Ferguson and other House Republicans as "a program on the cheap."

Medicare, rather than private HMOs.

Corzine also repeatedly criticized parts of the Bush tax cut, which he said hampered the federal government's ability to provide financial assistance to the many states, like New Jersey, experiencing budget crises.

The federal government

Commerce Bank wins Planning Board OK

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — At Monday night's meeting, the Planning Board approved an application for the construction of a Commerce Bank at Park and Mountain avenues.

Two existing buildings on the site will be demolished and the bank will be constructed with three drive-through lanes. No specific time-frame was set, but construction is estimated to take 90 days.

The bank will be added to a

busy street near Route 22 and along the central business district of the township. Concerns were raised about potential traffic problems, however, according to Robert LaCosta, zoning officer, it shouldn't be much of a problem.

"Unless you put a Home Depot there, you can't increase traffic on Park and Mountain," LaCosta said.

The bank also sought and was granted several variances. The variances included parking in the front of the building, an additional two signs and the allowance of the bank logo.



Tamara Handy, a 1999 "graduate" of the Westfield Day Care Infant Center, works as a teen aide at the center.

Westfield Foundation grant helps center, teen

WESTFIELD — Tamara Handy, 15, is spending her summer working as a teen aide at a day-care center, where she once was enrolled as an infant and a toddler, thanks to a grant from the Westfield Foundation.

The sophomore at Westfield High School, who spent 2 1/2 years at the Westfield Day Care Infant Center in the late 1980s, hopes to become a child psychologist.

The Westfield Foundation summer youth employment program makes grants available to local nonprofit agencies and

organizations to fund the salaries of high school and college students. Since the program was started in 1983, it has provided funding for 221 jobs at 22 agencies and organizations.

The infant center, at 462 W. Broad St., accepts children from three months to 2 1/2 years old. The Westfield Day Care Center, at 140 Mountain Ave., enrolls students from 2 1/2 through a full-day kindergarten program.

Applications for fall enrollments at both centers are now being accepted.

Children's Hospital earns accreditation

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's Specialized Hospital has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized health-care standards.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Children's occurred in June, resulting in a score of 98 out of a possible 100.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organizationwide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," said Russell P. Massaro, M.D., executive vice president, Accreditation Operations, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Children's Specialized Hospital is focusing on the most challenging goal — a continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

"We are very proud of the extra effort put forth by all of our staff, volunteers and physicians during the three-day survey," said Rex Riley, president & CEO of Children's. "The survey served as confirmation of our confidence that Children's provides unrivaled pediatric rehabilitation for children from birth to age 21. Our team effort showcased the superb care provided at Children's everyday. Throughout the visit, the surveyors particularly noted the compassionate and caring relationship that exists with the children and that is what is most important to our staff, physicians and volunteers. They indicated Children's was

the national benchmark for pediatric rehabilitation."

Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. Children's treats infants, children, and young adults from birth to 21 years of age, through a network of services including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation, and long term care at its sites in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Elizabeth, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

West Nile is here, but no one is sick

By GREG MARK
and KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

The West Nile Virus has made headlines this summer, killing seven people in Louisiana and pushing farther west across the country. But the disease has scarcely been heard from in local communities in 2002.

No West Nile-infected crows have been found in Cranford, Kenilworth, Garwood, Westfield, or Fanwood, health officials said. No infected birds have been positively identified in Scotch Plains either, though test results of two crows are pending. The only two infected crows in Union County this year were both discovered in Plainfield.

Mosquitoes carrying the disease have been found in Westfield, Fanwood and Rahway. The county sets two traps a week in various locations to test mosquito pools. As of Aug. 7, there have been no reported cases in New Jersey of humans contracting the disease.

Cranford Health Officer Warren Hehl said he is "without a doubt" surprised by the lack of infected crows in the township, especially because infected birds have been found in neighboring counties.

"There's no logic as to why they couldn't fly a couple miles more and end up in Cranford," he said.

While it is unusual to see so few signs of the disease at this point in the summer, Hehl said, the area is not in the clear yet. The end of the West Nile season occurs with the first hard frost, he said, usually sometime in October.

Until then, residents are urged to continue taking precautions against mosquitoes, such as wearing long clothing and applying insect repellent during dawn and dusk hours and removing any standing water on their property.

Hehl also said dead crows should be reported to the Health Office as possible, to aid in testing for the disease.

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Eric Boden, MPT, graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1996. He then attended the Medical College of Pennsylvania/Hahnemann University. He graduated Cum Laude with a master's degree in physical therapy in 2000. In October 2000, Eric was chosen to join the professional team of ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates based on his academic achievement, clinical reasoning and personal commitment.

Eric has had a special interest in orthopedic physical therapy since initiating his graduate degree. His post-graduate education has focused on orthopedic impairments, functional limitations and disabilities. Currently he is pursuing concentrated studies in the McKenzie method of mechanical diagnosis and treatment of orthopedic spinal dysfunctions. He is also a member of the orthopedic section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Eric finds personal satisfaction in restoring patients to full activity and relieving their discomfort. This requires identification and correction of the abnormal mechanics responsible for the dysfunction. He educates patients in home exercises and self-treatment techniques to provide independent, active long-term relief strategies.

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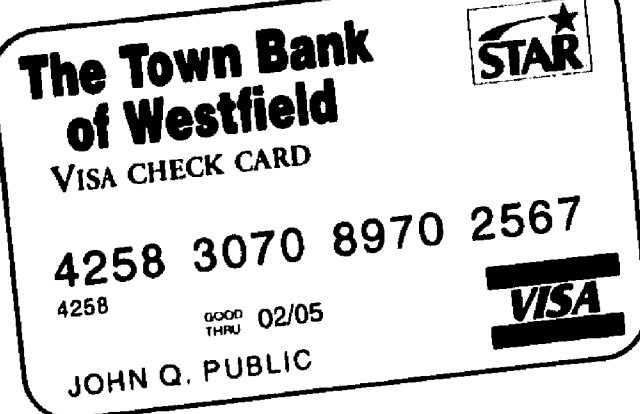
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Commentary

Just say thanks

The anniversary of World Trade Center tragedy is still weeks away, but media plans for the retrospective are well under way.

Very soon, every front page in the nation and each of the television networks will offer saturation coverage of the nightmare we all experienced.

There isn't much any of us can do to ease the pain, but there is something positive we can do that might help a little.

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is asking residents to donate small items that it will ship to the troops serving in Afghanistan to show them they haven't been forgotten.

Living conditions are abhorrent in Afghanistan. The GIs, who were sent to Afghanistan to root out Osama bin Laden and his militant followers, are living in tents with no electricity. Even showers are a luxury for the troops.

The chapter hopes to collect new items in their original packaging such as hard candy, gum, store-bought cookies, peanuts, pretzels, microwave popcorn, and other snack foods, wipes, sunscreen, small pencil sharpeners, dry drink mixes, blank greeting cards, toiletry items, music CDs and cassettes, playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, small board games, paperback books — especially mysteries, action and science fiction — and unsealed handwritten cards and letters.

The summer is drawing to a close and bored youngsters are itching for something to do. How satisfying it would be for them to spend a piece of their allowance on something that would make a soldier's day. A note that says thank you would be icing on the cake.

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

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Letters to the editor

Question was insult to Catholics

To The Record-Press:

I do not know who puts in the "questions to the person on the street" article, but I cannot believe you would allow this question to be asked, "Do you think priests should be allowed to marry?", and allow the article to be published.

It is obvious that the person responsible for this article has no idea what this subject is about, nor the depth. This is an insult to your Catholic read-

ers. I can only label this as "Catholic Bashing" which seems to be one of the top priorities these days with the press and media. I feel that such irresponsibility calls for a formal apology to all your Catholic readers. And, FYI, this is not the first time I have seen an anti-Catholic article in your newspaper. Please stop.

Mary Carrajat
Cranford

Yellow zone parking is dangerous

To The Chronicle:

This letter is in response to the new subsection (190-25.3) of town ordinance 190-25.2 regarding restricted parking for emergency services personnel that is being voted on in Kenilworth, obviously without many residents even being aware of it.

This new subsection will allow members of the Fire Department and many others with proper identification to park on the yellow curb along the firehouse. The intersection of Washington Avenue and 19th Street is very dangerous to begin with. Visibility is very limited when anyone is parked near this intersection. To allow parking on Washington Avenue on both sides of the firehouse is

an accident waiting to happen. This intersection is extremely busy especially when the schools are in session. To add more cars parking on Washington will be a most unsafe situation.

Who will be responsible for an accident when it occurs? The borough? The owners of the vehicles parked who are obstructing a driver's view? Many, many children cross this intersection on their way to and from school. To allow parking in the yellow zone will only endanger their lives more. Furthermore, there is a parking lot next to the firehouse that can be utilized and most times isn't.

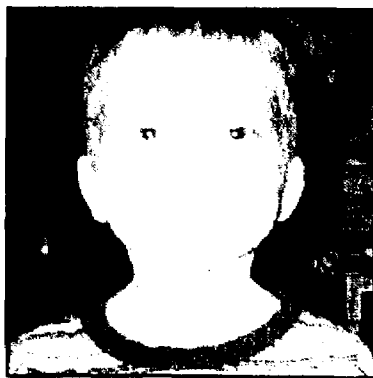
SHEILA SPINOSO
Kenilworth

What was the last book you read?



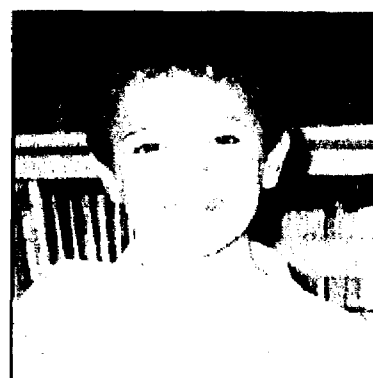
"When Elephants Weep," by Jeffrey Mason and Susan McCarthy. It was a really intelligent assessment of animal behavior."

Maria Epes
Rahway



"I Have a Friend," (a Sesame Street book). Just because I liked the book."

Neill Lynskey
Cranford



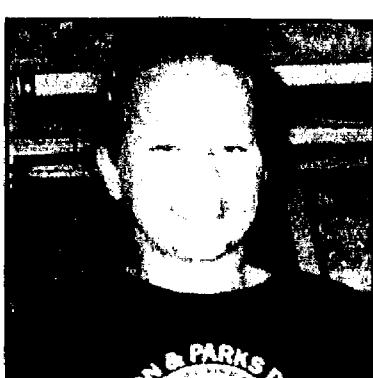
"The 'Animorphs' series. I just started the sixth one. It's about these kids that turn into bugs."

Jacob Gelber
Cranford



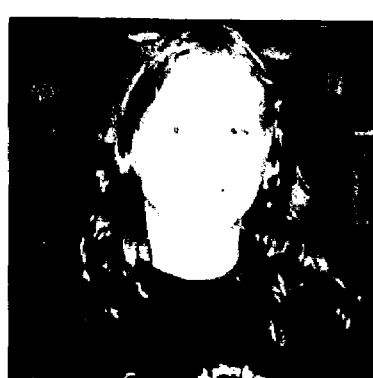
"One Man Running," by Clive Egleton. It's a good espionage book about spies in England."

David Gelber
Cranford



"The White Stallion." It's a book about a horse and a family. I liked how the white stallion came out and helped people."

Erica Kenny
Cranford



"A Series of Unfortunate Events," by Lemony Snicket. It's a mystery, and at the end it doesn't say the answer, it just leaves off at another mystery."

Leeanne Kenny
Cranford

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Nobody cares about apathy

To The Incoming Freshman:
Nobody cares about apathy anymore.

It is a ritual for each aging generation to shame the members of a younger generation with the brand that they are apathetic. And I really don't know whether you are more or less apathetic than graduates from 5, 10, 15 or 25 years ago. How do you measure the nothingness at the heart of apathy?

You are not rebels and you have no causes. You accept without question what we put forward for your consumption. (Do you object to Breathalyzers at the prom or those insidiously authoritarian "lockdowns" of schools for drug searches?) You do not even have the gumption of Oliver Twist to demand a better grade of gruel.

I am jealous of your apathy.

I am jealous that you are so pre-occupied trying to cope with the rushing onslaught of life that you really don't care about anything but trying to make sense out of reality. What would I give to trade my days of ceaseless stress trying to produce the best possible newspapers for an existence centered on deciphering the puzzles of life, collecting money at the supermarket for acne research and worrying whether I will die a shriveled virgin!

Unlike my generation, you are not coming of age in a decade where major cultural and political issues are being debated. You are coming of age in fairly docile times. When the country is experiencing prosperous economic times, all the major issues seem to fade away in a cloud of cash. You accept the trade-off of being allowed to wear shorts in school while being subjected to metal detectors at the door of your schools and cops patrolling the hallway. How lucky you are to come of age in an era of vanity.

I have only my own generation to blame for your apathy.

Take a look at the bookends of my own adolescence — puberty arrived with the invasion of Cambodia and manhood bloomed with "Saturday Night Fever." And that's probably when apathy became the prevailing national attitude. The cynicism generated by Vietnam and Watergate did not become the seed for discontent; instead, we chanted a selfish mantra — "do your own thing" — that unwittingly provided the cultural foundation for the decades of greed that followed.

By doing our own thing, we killed the collectivism that flourished for a time in the 1960s. No doubt you will have a hard time relating to the spirit of brotherhood that marked the peace and civil rights movements. Those struggles are as foreign to you as the Boer War. But there was an infectious solidarity among young people that make it possible for you now to enjoy as many cultural freedoms as you do today, particular in the areas of most importance to youth — sex and entertainment.

The "do your own thing" mentality is actually very conservative because it hearkens to the classic American ideal of individualism. We live for self-fulfillment. We are pioneers on the frontier of the expanding self. That's why since 1975 it's been socially OK to be indulgent, whether it's the greedy accumulation or wealth or the self-absorbed pursuit of happiness through all variety of activities. You are apathetic because we taught you to be self-indulgent. We taught you to place the demands of your self above others. It is my generation's fault.

You have the power and the energy to correct my generation's mistakes. But the question remains: do you care enough to change the world? Over the next few years, I'll be waiting for your answer.



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U.S. aid would resolve property tax dilemma

By GLENN B. EWAN

N.J. SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

It's no secret that New Jersey's property taxes are among the most onerous in the nation. Over the years, the situation has received as much analysis as the Garden State's auto insurance rates. It's a problem that's equally hard to define. And a solution remains as elusive.

We've pointed to an inadequate state funding system that pushes the majority of school expenses over to the local taxpayer. We've cited the spiraling costs of school employment, insurance and facilities—some within control of local officials, but most out of their hands.

As a new school year and the Congressional campaign season approach us, let's consider another cause of our state's high local property taxes, and a solution.

Long overlooked is the fact that New Jersey receives less money than any other state in federal education funding. This is federal money that could offset the cost of remedial and special-education programs and could take a significant burden off the shoulders of local property taxpayers.

Deficient federal aid results from the government's funding system, which does not recognize the regional cost differences that exist, for instance, between the Northeast and the deep South, between states like New Jersey and states like Alabama. The result: the U.S. government pays about 3 percent of the total cost of education in New Jersey, according to National Education Association statistics issued this past spring. That's the lowest percentage of any state.

A recent New Jersey School Boards Association report found

Guest commentary

that greater federal financial support would help public schools reduce their over-reliance on local property taxes. That's an important goal because, on average, local property taxes pay 60 percent of the cost of education in New Jersey. The national average is less than 43%, according to NEA.

Why does New Jersey receive so little back from the federal government?

A major reason is that our cost of living is high. New Jersey may have a comparatively small ratio of its families living below the federal government's poverty level—a gauge that is frequently used to

determine federal financial support for education. However, those same federal poverty guidelines do not take into account regional cost-of-living differences. The federal government considers a family of four to be impoverished if its annual income is below \$17,650, no matter where it lives in the continental United States. But according to a Web site sponsored by Business Week, an annual income of \$17,650 in Birmingham, Alabama, is comparable to a salary of \$29,977 in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Clearly, New Jersey loses under the existing scenario. Establishment of regional cost differences in federal poverty guidelines could promote a fairer distribution of federal education aid.

So too would Washington's overdue fulfillment of its financial commitment to a program that it has mandated for more than a

quarter century—special education. Long a leader in meeting the needs of physically and learning disabled students, New Jersey would benefit from Congressional action to increase the federal government's share of special education costs from the current average of 17% to the 40% level promised in 1975 when the first federal special education law, the Individuals with Disability Education Act, went into effect. That increase in federal special education funding would help schools ensure quality programming—and take a large burden off local property taxpayers.

The New Jersey and the National School Boards Associations have participated in petition drives and lobbying campaigns urging Congress to increase the federal government's share of special education costs. NJSBA is also working with its

counterparts in high cost-of-living states to seek flexibility in federal poverty guidelines. Some members of New Jersey's Congressional delegation have taken proactive roles in these efforts. We are thankful for their work.

But it is now time for voters to be proactive.

With the Congressional campaign season upon us, citizens need to raise the issue of federal school funding for New Jersey with the candidates for the House of Representatives and Senate. We need to learn where the candidates stand on this important federal policy matter and their ideas for addressing the situation.

Glenn B. Ewan, a member of the Maurice River Township Board of Education in Cumberland County, was elected president of the New Jersey School Boards Association in May 2002.

Westfield names new Jefferson principal

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — After Jorden Schiff officially ended his duties as Jefferson School Principal last week, the Board of Education moved to fill the vacancy by unanimously appointing Jeanette Munoz.

Munoz is an instructional supervisor and assistant principal in Mount Olive. Prior to that she served as a basic skills coordinator, reading teacher and classroom instructor. She will begin at Jefferson on August 12.

Munoz will replace Schiff, who was the principal for six years. Schiff resigned on June 25 in order to become the assistant superintendent in the Howell school district. During his tenure, he was instrumental in implementing technology into teaching.

Superintendent William Foley sent a letter to parents of Jefferson students acknowledging parents and teachers for their assistance in selecting Munoz.

"I am confident that Mrs. Munoz will continue the tradition of excellence at Jefferson School," Foley said.



PTA honoree

Mary Ball Caprio, second from right, has been honored with the National PTA Honorary Life Membership Award by the Parent-Teacher Associations of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Park Middle School and Evergreen Elementary School. Caprio has served as president of the Evergreen, Park and high school PTAs. The award includes a monetary contribution to the National PTA Endowment Fund. With Caprio, from left, are Diana Fusco, Evergreen School PTA; Celeste Pober, Park Middle School PTA; Sharon F. Machrone, high school PTA and Dr. David Halsey, high school principal.

Kenilworth finally passes its budget

By GREG MARUS

THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Borough Council unanimously adopted the 2002 municipal budget at an Aug. 7 special meeting, ending weeks of haggling.

The budget passed by the council, which includes a nine-point municipal tax increase, is the same one that was introduced in February and was defeated last month at the first attempt for adoption.

The increase represents a tax hike of about \$150 on a home assessed at the borough average of \$167,500.

After Council Democrats defeated the budget in July, council members met twice in an attempt to cut money that wouldn't be spent. But the council found only \$18,000 to cut — far too little to make a difference, said Finance Officer Diane Marus.

Unless a full tax point, \$87,000, could be cut, Marus said, taxpayers would not benefit. "Eighteen thousand dollars is going to have zero effect on the tax rate."

And even the cuts would have had an effect, Marus said, the borough may need all the money it has budgeted to cover cost overruns in other line items. If insurance spending continues at its current rate, she said, those costs will run about \$40,000 more than the council budgeted.

"I know there's no fat in this budget, and I know we're going to be real tight with transfers," she said.

The adoption of the budget means fall tax bills will go out on time, and residents will be charged an actual, not an estimated, tax rate. The summer bills were based on an estimated rate, because no budget had been adopted.

Marus also told the council that as difficult a budget year as 2002 has been, next year will likely be worse. Insurance costs will likely continue to rise, the borough's payment to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority will likely increase, and after years of relief on pension bills because of the booming economy, municipalities may again have to shoulder full pension costs.

But Marus and council members said while rising costs create budget pressure, the biggest problem is declining revenue from sources other than property taxes.

Declining interest rates, Marus said, mean the borough's investments are not yielding as much money. "The revenues are just dwindling," she said. "We need to think about new sources of revenue."

"It's not a matter of going through (the budget) with a toothpick," agreed Mayor Michael Tripodi. "It's (changing) the way you're doing business. Fundamentally, that's where it has to come from."

Westfield Welcome Club planning August events

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Welcome Club, a not-for-profit organization that offers various activities to women and their families, has some upcoming activities.

Outings include the monthly dinner, which is to be held this month at Brix 67 in Summit on Thursday.

The children will have lots to do this month also. Bring them to Westfield Memorial Pool every Monday morning in August for a play date with other members' children. Or those with a Westfield Public Library Card can meet up at the library today

to watch Vacation Videos. The kids may also enjoy story hour at Borders on Wednesday or one of the many regularly scheduled playgroups.

Other ongoing club activities include couples events, movie night, a book discussion group, community service and fund-raising projects.

Women from Westfield and surrounding communities who are interested in learning more about the club and how to join may call Nina at (908) 317-5812, or Vicki at (908) 301-1923. Or visit the club's website at www.westfieldnj.com/welcome.

Scotch Plains accepts bid for ballfield work

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council passed several measures discussed at last week's conference meeting that deal with traffic and parking and the township's open-space policy.

The council passed two resolutions accepting a grant and approving a bid for a park on Plainfield Avenue. The township was awarded a \$74,819 grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Grant Program via the Department of Environmental Protection. The grant is for site investigation and report preparation for the ballfield site. In addition, the council accepted a bid for \$424,500 from A. Juliano and Sons as the contractor for the park.

The council approved an ordinance that was proposed by township police a year ago that designates the mid-block crosswalks on Park Avenue as legal crosswalks, necessitating vehicles to yield to pedestrians. The brick crosswalks are located in front of the Municipal Building, at the post office and at the Episcopal church.

The council also passed an ordinance that will restrict parking on Mountain Avenue and Front Street on the second Wednesday of each month during morning hours. The parking restrictions specify no parking 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. on Mountain Avenue between William and Henry Streets on the south side and between William Street and Elm Court on the north side. Parking will be prohibited on portions of Front Street extending 267 feet west from Valleyscent Avenue and 384 feet east from Terrill Road.

Another ordinance prohibits parking on the east side of Woodland Avenue from the southern side of Short Hills Lane to the township line. The ordinance is expected to deter people from crossing the busy street around the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall.

The council also renewed the township's membership in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, an insurance group that includes several local municipalities. According to Thomas E. Atkins, township manager, the fund saves the township money.

Campus notes

Jay Harris of Fanwood was named to the spring semester Dean's List by Columbia University in New York City. A computer science major entering his junior year, Jay is also enrolled in the university's certificate program in creative writing.

Charlotte Lederman of Topping Hill Road, Westfield, has graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. She received a bachelor's degree in English at the 170th commencement exercises May 26.

The daughter of Peter and Mary Beth Lederman is an alumna of the Kent Place School in Summit.

Jaimee E. Hills of Scotch Plains has received a bachelor's degree in writing seminars from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. The daughter of John Hills attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Separately, Adam Jacob Fineman of Scotch Plains was named to the Johns Hopkins dean's list for the spring 2002 semester. He is a sophomore majoring in public health studies. Fineman, who attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Sanford Fineman.

Scott Bridgeman of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Michael Kavalus and Danielle Ressegue, both of Cranford, have been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor society for college freshmen. Both are dean's list students at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

Kavalus, the son of Mary Ellen and Joseph Kavalus, graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Etchen. Ressegue, the daughter of Teresa and Robert Ressegue, graduated from Sanford High School.

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TAKING NOTES

Adding up math homework

Encourage your child to use a daily math assignment book.

Follow the progress your child is making in math. Check with your child daily about his homework.

If you don't understand your child's math assignments, engage in frequent communication with his or her teacher.

If your child is experiencing problems in math, contact the teacher to learn whether he or she is working at grade level and what can be done at home to help improve academic progress.

Request that your child's teacher schedule after-school math tutoring sessions if your child really needs help.

Advocate with the principal for the use of research-based peer tutoring programs for math. These tutoring programs have proven results, and students really enjoy them.

Use household chores as opportunities for reinforcing math learning such as cooking and repair activities.

Try to be aware of how your child is being taught math, and don't teach strategies and shortcuts that conflict with the approach the teacher is using. Check in with the teacher and ask what you can do to help. Ask the teacher about online resources that you can use with your child at home.

At the beginning of the year, ask your child's teacher for a list of suggestions that will enable you to help your child with math homework.

Help your child read

Have your child read aloud to you every night.

Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to do his nightly reading assignments.

As your child reads, point out spelling and sound patterns such as cat, pat, hat.

When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words she has missed and help her to read the word correctly.

After your child has stopped to correct a word he has read, have him go back and reread the entire sentence from the beginning to make sure he understands what the sentence is saying.

Ask your child to tell you in her own words what happened in a story.

To check your child's understanding of what he is reading, occasionally pause and ask your child questions about the characters and events in the story.

Ask your child why she thinks a character acted in a certain way and ask your child to support her answer with information from the story.

Before getting to the end of a story, ask your child what he thinks will happen next and why.

Making sense out of dollars

New Jersey School Boards Association President Glenn B. Ewan has named 11 local school board members to the Association's School Finance Committee for 2002-03.

The panel monitors the school funding law in New Jersey and its impact on school districts. It also studies issues related to school finance and, as necessary, makes recommendations to NJSBA's semi-annual meetings concerning Association policy.

Area members include Alfred Barron, Metuchen; Gail Iammatteo, Union County Vocational-Technical; and James Kukor, Edison.

What you should know about homework

Homework has been a part of students' lives since the beginning of formal schooling in the United States. However, the practice has sometimes been accepted and other times rejected, both by educators and parents. This has happened because homework can have both positive and negative effects on children's learning and attitudes toward school.

100 Years of Homework

In the early 20th century, the mind was viewed as a muscle that could be strengthened through mental exercise. Since exercise could be done at home, homework was viewed favorably.

During the 1940s, schools began shifting their emphasis from memorization to problem solving. Homework fell out of favor because it was closely associated with the repetition of material.

In the 1950s, Americans worried that education lacked rigor and left children unprepared for the new technologies, such as computers. Homework, it was believed, could speed up learning.

In the 1960s, educators and parents became concerned that homework was crowding out social experience, outdoor recreation and creative activities.

Two decades later, in the 1980s, homework again came back into favor as it came to be viewed as one way to stem a rising tide of mediocrity in American education.

The push for more homework continued into the 1990s, fueled by rising academic standards.

To Do or Not To Do Homework?

Homework can have many benefits for young children. It can improve remembering and understanding of schoolwork. Homework can help students develop study skills that will be of value even after they leave school. It can teach them that learning takes place anywhere, not just in the classroom.

Homework can benefit children in more general ways as well. It can foster positive character traits such as independence and responsibility. Homework can teach children how to manage time.

Homework, if not properly assigned and monitored, can also have negative effects on children. Educators and parents worry that students will grow bored if they are required to spend too much time on schoolwork. Homework can prevent children from taking part in leisure-time and community activities that also teach important life skills. Homework can lead to undesirable character traits if it promotes cheating, either through the copying of assignments or help with homework that goes beyond tutoring.

The issue for educators and parents is not which list of effects, the positive or negative, is correct. To a degree, both are. It is the job of parents and educators to maximize the benefits of homework and minimize the costs.

Is It Enough Homework?

The most critical question about homework is "How much homework should students do?"

Experts agree that the amount of homework should depend on the age and skills of the student. Many national groups of teachers and parents, including the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), suggest that homework for children in kindergarten through second grade is most effective when it does not exceed 10-20 minutes each day.

In third through sixth grade, children can benefit from 30-60 minutes of home-

work per day. Junior high and high school students can benefit from more time on homework, and the amount may vary from night to night.

Reading at home is especially important for young children. High-interest reading assignments might push the time on homework a bit beyond the minutes suggested above.

These recommendations are consistent with the conclusions reached by many studies on the effectiveness of homework. For young children, research shows that shorter and more frequent assignments may be more effective than longer but fewer assignments. This is because young children have short spans of attention and need to feel they have successfully completed a task.

Types of Homework

Homework assignments typically have one or more purposes. The most common purpose is to have students practice material already presented in class. Practice homework is meant to reinforce learning and help the student master specific skills. Preparation homework introduces material that will be presented in future lessons. These assignments aim to help students learn new material better when it is covered in class.

Extension homework asks students to apply skills they already have to new situations. Integration homework requires the student to apply many different skills to a single task, such as book reports, science projects or creative writing.

In particular, math homework has been shown to be more important in the middle to high school grades and less important in the elementary grades. It starts to become important in the fourth grade and is increasingly important in the upper grades.

How Parents Can Help with Homework

Research also shows that parent involvement can have either a positive or negative impact on the value of

homework. Parent involvement can be used to speed up a child's learning.

Homework can involve parents in the school process. It can enhance parents' appreciation of education. It can give them an opportunity to express positive attitudes about the value of success in school.

But parent involvement may also interfere with learning. For example, parents can confuse children if the teaching techniques they use differ from those used in the classroom. Parent involvement in homework can turn into parent interference if parents complete tasks that the child is capable of completing alone.

When mothers and fathers get involved with their children's homework, communication between the school and family can improve. It can clarify for parents what is expected of students. It can give parents a firsthand idea of what students are learning and how well their child is doing in school.

Research shows that if a child is having difficulty with homework, parents should become involved by paying close attention. They should expect more requests from teachers for their help. If a child is doing well in school, parents should consider shifting their efforts to providing support for their child's own choices about how to do homework. Parents should avoid interfering in the independent completion of assignments.



Do the hard work first, and other homework tips

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

Help your child with time management.

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project

involves getting together with classmates.

Be positive about homework.

Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

When your child does homework, you do homework.

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the

work for him or her.

When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.

Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

Stay informed.

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.

Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.

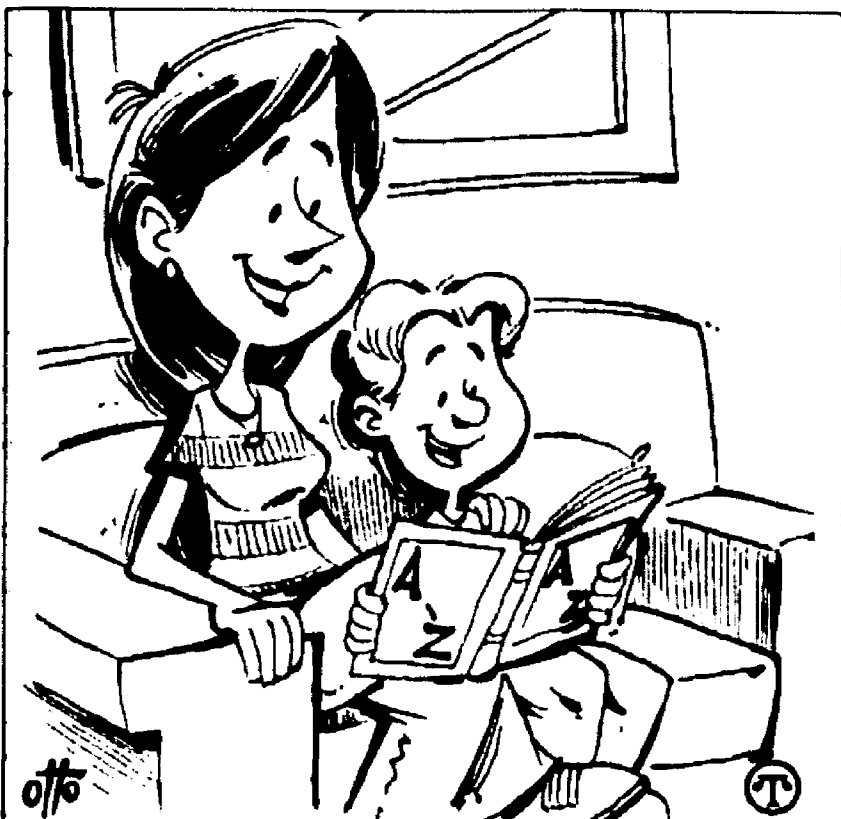
Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

Reward progress in homework.

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.



back-to-school



Here are fun ways to help your child read

(NAPSI)-You can help your child build valuable skills by incorporating reading elements into everyday activities.

Below are a few suggestions for kids of various ages taken from the booklet, "25 Fun Ways to Encourage Reading" from Schwab Learning, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids with learning differences be successful in learning and life.

- **Notebook of Sounds**-Create an alphabet of pictures (preschool to grade 1): Choose a sound from the alphabet and ask your child to cut out pictures of things that begin with that sound. Have her glue the pictures onto paper. Label the page with the letter that makes the sound. For example, the "P" page

might include pictures of a pig, a pencil or a pipe. Collect the whole alphabet.

- **Twisted Words**(grades 1 to 2): Take the big plastic sheet from the game Twister® or make your own version from white plastic bags taped together. In each of the 24 circles print a letter of the alphabet, then call out simple words for your child to "spell" by putting a hand or foot on the appropriate letters. Four "circles" are the maximum length of a word-two hands and two feet. (Try to plot out different letter combinations of vowels and consonants beforehand to make sure you "spell" a good number of words.) To complete a word, your child has to get a hand or foot on all four letters, requiring her to twist into various positions.

- **Market Match**-Turn grocery shopping into a match game (grades 2 to 5): Plan a meal with your child and compose a menu. Ask your child to help you make a list of items you need from the market based on the menu. Whenever possible, specify the brand names of products to add complexity. For example, ask him to write the brand name, such as Starkist®, rather than simply tuna. When you are at the store, have your child read the labels and match them to the items on your list. If you use coupons, match coupons to the items as well.

- **Music to Read By** (grades 3 to 5): Have your child read the verses to her favorite popular songs-most albums and CDs come with the lyrics printed

inside. Read the verses again as you listen and sing along to the music together. If someone in your family plays an instrument, buy music books that feature the lyrics and ask your child to accompany them in an impromptu performance.

- **Reporting, Live!**-Bring out the budding journalist in your child (grades 4 to 5): Pick a special "news" night and review the newspaper with your child. Focus on the sections of interest to your child (sports, entertainment, even the comics for younger children). Ask your child to read the article and then report back to you as a real television reporter might. Involve other family members as interview subjects, or even use props.

High schools can compete in Rutgers challenge

If you are a high school educator with students who can think creatively, strategize as a team and calmly present ideas before judges as a stopwatch ticks away, the Rutgers Academic Challenge is looking for you.

The 2002 tournament champions, announced in June, were Immaculata High School of Somerville, the statewide and Central Region champion; Fair Lawn High School, the Northern champion; and Mainland Regional High School of Linwood, the Southern champion.

Registration for the fifth annual Rutgers Academic Challenge, a statewide interscholastic competition that promotes academic excellence and teamwork among high school students, and awards thousands of dollars in prize money, will begin Wednesday, Oct. 16. New Jersey high schools wishing to compete in the 2003 tournament can obtain applications and information at www.challenge.rutgers.edu or call (732) 445-3710, extension 129. Selection will be on a first-come, first-served basis to identify 120 participating teams.

Orchestrated with clockwork precision by more than 300 volunteers comprising Rutgers faculty, students and staff, and local business, community and government leaders, the Academic Challenge consists of high-level competitive activities that are based on the state's core curriculum standards for social studies, language arts, mathematics and science.

Problem-solving activities include "What's Your Point?" which asks teams to explore a contemporary social problem and effectively communicate their

point of view before a panel of judges. In "MathWorks," students test their mathematical reasoning skills through hands-on activities. Another event, "Science-Outside-the-Box," asks students to demonstrate important scientific principles using only the materials supplied.

Students' grasp of social studies and language arts is challenged by such activities as "History Mystery," in which student-sleuths use their knowledge to determine the identity of a person or event and explain clues

they are given. Each tournament concludes with a "3-Way Quiz," in which three teams of students compete in rapid-response question-and-answer matches.

The 2003 competition will begin with tournaments on each of the Rutgers campuses, in New Brunswick, Camden and Newark, beginning in Feb. 2003. Nine teams from each of these tournaments will advance to the semifinals in March.

Three teams from each of the three regions will emerge from the semifinals to compete in regional championships and, ultimately, in the statewide championship, where the top prize includes the President's Cup and a \$1,000 cash award to the winning high school, and \$1,000 awards to each of the eight victorious team members. Second- and third-place winners also win commemorative and cash awards.

Ease the transition before the first day of school

(NAPSI)-Parents can get higher grades in their ability to balance jobs, schoolwork, extra-curricular activities and social engagements when they follow a few simple steps from organizational expert Ronni Eisenberg.

Make the new school year less stressful by helping your child adjust to the schedule change prior to the first day back. Work with your student to develop a daily routine (i.e. going to bed at a specific time, picking out clothes the night before, etc.) and begin practicing that routine a week before school begins. This will help your child adapt to a different schedule and make the transition from the summer months to the school year a little smoother.

For families with multiple children, avoid confusion by creating individual study centers designed

for each child throughout your house. Each center should be equipped with the tools and supplies students will need to complete homework assignments (i.e. pens, paper, markers, erasers, etc.) and should be well organized so children can find what they need quickly and easily. This will give each child their own quiet and more efficient place to work.

Once schoolwork is in full-swing encourage your student to develop strong study habits. Students can use Post-it Notes to make notes near areas they are having difficulty with or to jot down questions and thoughts near important reading assignments. With consistent effort and detailed, organized notes, academic excellence will soon be within reach.

Make leaving notes and phone

messages for your children easier by assigning each person a designated color. Then, identify a frequently used place in your home where all messages are to be left (near the front door, in the kitchen, etc.). Children should routinely visit this spot to check if their color note is waiting for them. This will save parents the hassle of having to nag as well as give children a sense of responsibility.

It is important that parents are aware of and involved in their children's after-school activities, however, keeping track of busy work and family schedules can be difficult. Color coordinating large wall calendars and date books with Post-it Notes can help to highlight events (i.e. school plays, athletic events, etc.) and act as colorful reminders of dates and times so you never miss

those important occasions.

Teaching your child (and yourself) how to balance schoolwork and other activities takes effort and the right tools. By starting early, your student will have set the foundation for good study habits, time-management skills and a successful school year!

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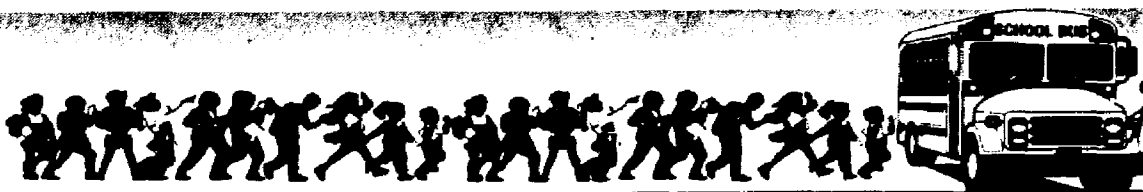
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It's time to get you and your child ready for school

Kindergarten has always been an important milestone for both parents and their offspring. But chances are, your 5-year-old's kindergarten experience this year will be quite different from yours.

Generations ago, kindergarten often represented a child's first experience being away from home every day. Today, most kindergartners have already experienced day care or preschool, or participated in regular play-group sessions. Many are accustomed to getting up in the morning and leaving home for the better part of the day, especially if both parents work.

But because most kindergarten programs are still half-day, the children of working parents end up spending three hours or so in one setting and then being transported to another location for a few more hours before finally returning to home. Each new environment contains new kids, new routines, new adults, new play equipment and new bathrooms. That increases the potential for missed connections, anxiety and tears, and it heightens the need for organiza-

Rutgers professor gives tips on how to handle the first day of kindergarten

tion and communication. Added to those logistical problems is the fact that kids now are expected to learn and acquire pre-reading skills in kindergarten, which increases the stress that both parents and children feel.

Fortunately, parents can help make their child's transition to elementary school — and their own — as easy as ABC, says Susan Golbeck, an associate professor at Rutgers' Graduate School of Education and the author of "Psychological Perspectives on Early Childhood Education," published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. Golbeck offers these suggestions:

"Tone down your anxiety." "Kids pick up on their parents' mood and feelings about a situation," Golbeck notes. "Parents should try to keep their own concerns and anxieties in check. I know that's easier to say than to do. But if parents are feeling anxious, their child will pick up on those feelings and carry them to school."

Prepare for new situations. "A new experience is

much less anxiety-provoking for a child when he or she is prepared for what's coming," says Golbeck. For example, parents can deflect some anxiety their child might have about traveling to and from school by driving the bus route with their

suggests that a child and parent visit the new school a few times before school starts. "Walk around the classroom or peek in the windows and talk about what will be going on inside. Talk about new routines," she advises, but also point out

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child, pointing out places of interest along the way. To minimize their own stress, parents should ask detailed questions of teachers and school administrators about their child's daily routine, making sure they and another responsible adult know where the child should be at all times, especially during transitions from one setting to another.

Explore your child's future surroundings. Golbeck

thinks that look familiar: Maybe the rug and rocking chair in the reading corner or the wooden blocks are just like the ones at home.

Make learning fun. "Sometimes parents think they need to prepare their children academically or cognitively in some way," Golbeck observes. "They do the workbook thing and ask, 'What should my child know before she gets into kindergarten?'" Instead, the

main focus should be on making the process enjoyable, she advises. "Parents always should look for opportunities to support their children's literacy, math and social studies development, but in informal ways that kids find interesting and exciting. This is not the time to drill your kid on the alphabet."

New faces. Research shows that children who start kindergarten with their preschool friends adjust more quickly, says Golbeck. Arranging play dates with future classmates is one way to help your child make the transition. But don't worry if that's not feasible. "By the end of the year there are no differences between kids with acquaintances at the beginning of the kindergarten year and kids without," she says.

Keep it concrete. Five-year-olds think literally. When describing kindergarten, "use concrete terms and carefully walk through events to be cer-

tain your child really understands what's happening," Golbeck says. Ask specific questions about what goes on. The question, "What happened at school today?" is less likely to elicit an informative response than, "Which story did Mrs. Smith read today?"

Help the teacher understand your child. Kindergarten teachers typically teach two half-day classes, which means they have twice the number of children to get to know. "Ask them how your child is doing, but also help them understand your child by sharing information and insights," says Golbeck. "They'll appreciate it, and your child will benefit."

Above all, parents should proudly celebrate the first day of kindergarten as an important passage in their child's life, says Golbeck. "This is a big, exciting event for your child. Celebrate that, and let your child enjoy what for him or her is a significant accomplishment."

New Jersey adds flexibility to teacher standards

The New Jersey State Board of Education has proposed changes to state regulations that would add flexibility to current eligibility requirements for teacher candidates. The changes, if adopted, will allow teacher candidates to apply for teaching certificates if their grade point average (GPA) is at least 2.50.

The board will consider the

proposal as part of a process that will include public comment. The earliest the proposal would reach adoption level is November.

"The proposed amendments expand the state's ability to bring new teachers into New Jersey classrooms without compromising quality," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera.

"The amendments create oppor-

tunities for excellent teachers from outside New Jersey who would have otherwise been precluded from teaching to become part of the teaching force," Commissioner Librera continued. "The proposed amendments also reduce barriers to employment while recognizing the value of successful and experienced teachers."

The proposed regulations add flexibility to current code requirements for teachers to have an overall college grade point average of 2.75. The current code has restricted the Department of Education from issuing teaching certificates to

many talented teacher candidates, including applicants who were experienced teachers in other states.

All teacher candidates who graduate prior to September 1, 2004 must achieve a minimum 2.50 GPA. Graduates on or after September 1, 2004 must meet the 2.75 GPA. Out-of-state candidates who are experienced teachers but who lack the required GPA would be allowed to submit their out-of-state teaching certificate and documentation of three years successful teaching under the certificate.

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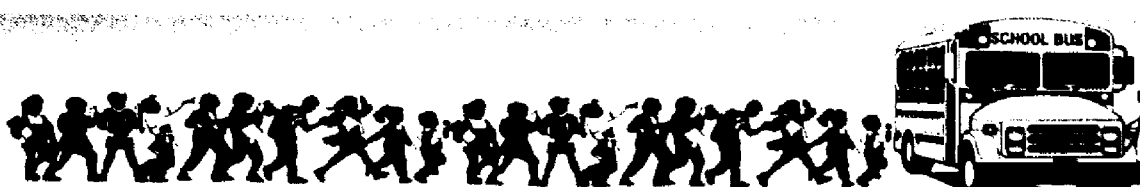
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Always have a strategy when you go shopping for school supplies.

How to shop for school supplies

(NAPSI)-Parents who have done their homework already know the expense of school supplies can quickly add up. Here are some simple tips that will help you meet your child's classroom needs without breaking the budget.

Think ahead. Your child may have received a list from school detailing what supplies will be needed for the coming year. With that in mind, take a look at what you already have around the house and then make a list of what you need to buy.

Set a budget. Decide how much you can afford to spend and don't go shopping when you're tired. Tired shoppers are often tempted to overspend just to get the chore out of the way.

Leave them at home. You may want to shop without the kids so they don't sway you to buy "cool" stuff like a backpack that's twice the price of a comparable brand.

Take a pen. Take a pen or pen-

cil with you to cross off items on the list that you've purchased. That way instead of buying too much, you're concentrating on getting the bargains.

Stock up. If you find a deal, take advantage of it. Your child may only need one or two notebooks now, but if the price is right, you can always save money by buying in bulk and using them later.

Shop closeouts. Shopping at closeout stores will definitely move you to the head of the class

in terms of savings. You'll find a great assortment of school basics at closeout retailers such as Big Lots. Closeouts are the same first-quality, brand-name products found at other retailers, but at substantially lower prices. Closeout retailers offer products at 20 to 40 percent below most discount retailers and many times up to 70 percent below traditional retailers.

Give them space. Make a place in your home that helps promote good study habits.

Special hotline will answer your questions about ADHD

(NAPSI)-It's back-to-school time and that means classroom assignments, homework, and after-school activities. But for many children, it means difficulties staying focused, sitting still, or controlling their behavior. And with three percent to seven percent of school-age children suffering from attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), the beginning of the school year is the perfect time to be aware of its symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options.

Yet despite the widespread prevalence of ADHD, many parents and teachers are confused about the disorder and don't know where to turn for help.

To answer the questions and confusion, Shire US, makers of once-daily ADHD treatment Adderall XR[®] (mixed salts of a single-entity amphetamine product), is sponsoring for the fourth consecutive year ADHD Experts on Call, a national toll-free telephone hotline (1-888-ASK-ADHD) that allows callers to speak one-on-one with leading English- and Spanish-speaking ADHD experts, including doctors, school nurses, teachers, and advocates. Callers also may request a free booklet about ADHD with information on symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options.

"As an educator and parent of seven children with ADHD, I've experienced firsthand the importance of finding accurate, credible information about the disorder," said Sandy Jones, Ph.D., a special needs educator who will be answering questions about ADHD for the fourth year in a row. "As part of ADHD Experts on Call, I've answered thousands of phone calls from people with questions about symptoms, support groups, treatment options, and how to talk to their child's teacher."

While the hotline is available to anyone with questions about ADHD, it may be especially helpful for parents who see symptoms of the disorder in their children at the beginning of the school year, a time when referrals for ADHD diagnoses often are made. Symptoms include inattention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity and may be serious enough to interfere with the child's ability to function normally in academic or social settings.

The experts participating in ADHD Experts on Call will not provide specific medical advice for patients or parents or recommend a particular course of action but will serve as resources on topics such as:

- How teachers should approach parents if they suspect

a student has ADHD

- How parents can approach teachers about their child's ADHD-related needs

- How to manage ADHD as an all-day disorder: before, during, and beyond the classroom

- The proper diagnosis and treatment of ADHD

- The myth that children with ADHD are just lazy or misbehaving

Children with ADHD usually respond well to a combination of treatments, including educational approaches, psychological and behavioral therapies, and medications. Although there is no cure for ADHD, physicians, parents, teachers, and nurses are finding ways to help children with the condition adapt to their academic, social, and work environments.

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For expert advice about ADHD, call 1-888-ASK-ADHD or log on to www.adhdexpertsoncall.com on Monday, August 26, from 8 a.m. to Midnight EDT.

For more information about Adderall XR, visit www.adderallxr.com.

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Each year, nearly 1.8 million students take the SAT. The SAT is a standardized test used by colleges across the nation as an indicator of a student's readiness for college-level work. The test is comprised of two different kinds of sections: math and verbal. Most questions require students to solve problems, make inferences, think clearly and analytically, reason, draw conclusions, and interpret facts.

"Knowing which questions to answer first and which to answer last can save a significant amount of time on the SAT," explained Dr. Raymond Huntington, founder and president of the Huntington Learning Center. "The questions in the first half of the math and verbal sections are easier than the second half, so don't spend too much time second-guessing your answers to the easier questions. You will need the time later for the more difficult questions," Huntington states.

There is no penalty for omitting answers on the SAT. If not comfortable with making educated guesses, move on to the next questions. Mark or note the question numbers that were skipped. If there is time after completing the test, re-visit those questions.

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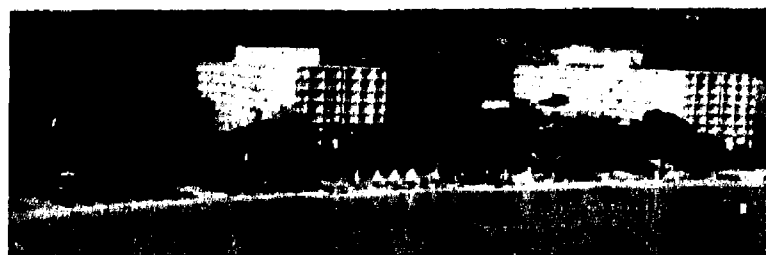
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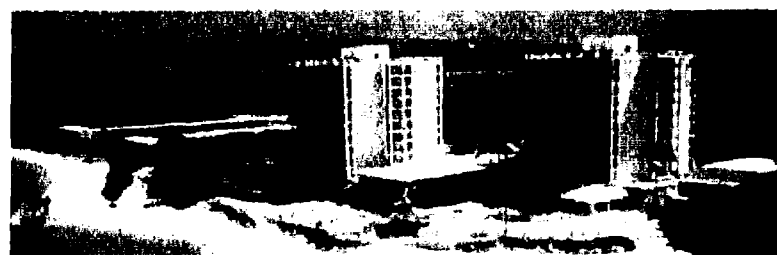


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Community Life

Briefs

JCC registration beginning soon

SCOTCH PLAINS — JCC member registration for fall classes begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave. Non-member registration takes place Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The JCC Fall Program Guide details each department's new offerings and is available at the reception desk.

The Party Dolls in free concert

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Party Dolls will perform at Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/MountainSide border at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The trio is expected to sing hits from popular girl groups like "My Boyfriend's Back," "Chapel of Love," "Leader of the Pack" and "Where Did Our Love Go."

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. The rain site for the concert is Cranford High School, West End Place at Springfield Avenue. Call (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The free concert is sponsored by the Union County Board of Freeholders and Phillips 66.

Thrift shop begins "Bag Days"

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Bag Days" begin today at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop, 1730 E. Second St.

Customers can fill a large grocery bag with merchandise for a nominal fee, beginning at \$3 and then dropping to \$1 over the duration of the sale. Shop hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

The shop will close at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, for the rest of the summer.

For more information, call (908) 322-5420 during shop hours.

County publishing volunteer directory

The Union County Office of Volunteer Services will publish a directory of volunteer opportunities this fall.

The Office of Volunteer Services has a growing list of the volunteer needs of groups throughout Union County. It is hoped that more groups will contact the office to ensure that the directory is as complete as possible.

For information about existing volunteer opportunities or to be listed in the directory, call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 527-4200.

Patriots invite county merchants

BRIDGEWATER — The 2001 Atlantic League Champion Somerset Patriots have announced the addition of Union County Merchants Night to the 2002 schedule.

Union County Merchants Night is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 11, and Thursday, Sept. 12, for the 7:05 p.m. games against the Camden Riversharks.

Local businesses that participate can choose from two different discounted ticket packages. A Full Block of tickets includes 100 Upper Box ticket vouchers that can be used for Sept. 11 or Sept. 12, four Executive Field Box seats for one of the two dates, a Patriots cap, a discount at the Headquarters Gift Shop, and scoreboard and program recognition for both games.

A Half Block includes 50 Upper Box ticket vouchers for Sept. 11 or Sept. 12, two Executive Field Box seats for one of the two dates, and scoreboard and program recognition for both games.

For more information, businesses should contact the Somerset Patriots Group Sales Department at (908) 252-0700.

Cranford teenager saves a toddler at pool in Westfield

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
STAFF REPORTER

WESTFIELD — As in past summers, hundreds of families spend the hot summer cooling off at Westfield's Memorial Pool. For most it is a safe, fun way to while away the days.

But, for the first time since the pool opened in 1969, the pool staff was called on to rescue a life in July.

When a 1 1/2-year-old toddler stopped breathing during a seizure on July 18, his grandmother rushed him to Pool Manager Gavin Gray. Gray brought the child to the first aid room, where lifeguard Allison Milkosky performed an abdominal thrust, resuscitating the child until the ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital.

"It happened very quick," Gray said. "Allison did what she was supposed to do."

Milkosky, an 18-year old Cranford resident, has worked as a lifeguard at the pool for four years. Though it was the pool's first major incident, she said her training took over and they followed the procedures for which they are trained.

"I wasn't nervous," Milkosky said. "I just went by instinct. Afterward I was a little shaken up. I couldn't believe what happened until the paramedics came to pick him up."

Milkosky was honored by the mayor and Town Council of Westfield at last week's meeting.

The room was filled to capacity mostly by police officers who came to voice their frustrations about contract negotiations.

Mayor Greg McDermott joked saying, "Look how many people came out to see you." Milkosky received a standing ovation after McDermott presented her with a plaque.

'It happened very quick. Allison did what she was supposed to do.'

— Gavin Gray
Westfield Memorial Pool manager



ALLISON MILKOSKY OF CRANFORD IS BACK AT WORK AS A LIFEGUARD AT WESTFIELD MEMORIAL POOL WHERE SHE HAS BEEN CREDITED WITH SAVING A LIFE.

"It felt really good," said Milkosky about the local recognition she received. "People at the pool read about it and congratulated me. It's kind of weird because I'm not used to it...My parents

were happy. My whole family was shocked about what happened."

According to McDermott, the child was back playing at the pool within days of the incident. Milkosky said that though the

incident was a rarity, the staff knew something like that could happen at anytime.

"It's something to learn from," Gray said. "It teaches us how to act under pressure."

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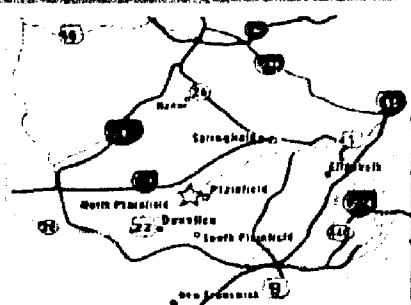
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Friday Night Classics winds up its season

WESTFIELD — Friday Night Classics, the free concert series presented each summer in the air-conditioned sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., will round out its regular calendar of presentations at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, with the appearance of Silk City, the new and exciting string ensemble featuring world renowned banjo player, Tony Trischka.

Other nationally known players in the group include three of the best string players in folk and acoustic music. They are mandolinist Barry Mitterhoff, guitarist and vocalist Danny Weiss, and assist Larry Cohen. Silk City and Trischka will present music to please every musical palette from exciting and hard-driving bluegrass, classical, pop music from the 30's through the 50's and 60's, and world music.

Highly praised and given top-notch review, Silk City has a sound as unique as its repertoire. Mandolin, guitar, bass, banjo, and vocals blend in a modern yet accessible folk sound that is founded on a breathtaking variety of styles. From the group's original vocals and instrumentals to the variety of medleys, the trio delivers a hard-hitting sound and meticulous execution that will thrill fans of acoustic, bluegrass, and folk music.

Silk City's music is dazzling and innovative with a strong sense of tradition which will

enthrall the serious listener. Yet, it is delivered with a light touch. Silk City defies categorization. The musicianship, showmanship and choice of material are designed to delight lovers of acoustic music of every genre. For those who seriously follow acoustic music, these musicians sometimes perform as "Skyline," one of the New York area's finest bluegrass-oriented bands that has thrilled audiences with its astounding rhythm and harmonic sense of fun and which has been in the forefront of contemporary acoustic music.

Mitterhoff has developed an international reputation as a mandolin virtuoso. He has masterfully adapted the mandolin to musical styles as diverse as bluegrass, opera, Jewish klezmer, Dixieland, old-time, classical, Brazilian, Italian, and 19th century American duo style. He has performed with Trischka, has appeared at the Metropolitan Opera, and has recorded with renowned opera singer Jerry Hadley as well as with folksinger Tom Chapin. Mitterhoff has appeared at the Smithsonian Institution and elsewhere with singer/songwriter and labor activist Hazel Dickens. He has also performed with innovative "free" music composer Eugene Chadborn at New York City's Knitting Factory. In addition, Barry has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Library of Congress, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York's famous Rainbow

Room and in concerts and at music festivals throughout the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe.

Weiss is the guitarist and lead singer of the ensemble. His double-edged talents as a singer and player make him sought after by many area groups. Along with Mitterhoff, Cohen, and Trischka, Weiss was a founding member of the pioneering new-grass band "Skyline." He has also appeared with Tex Logan, Vassar Clements, and David Bromberg. His great sound and unique soloing has been recognized by Frets magazine and he has been featured in guitar workshops and performances locally, nationally and around the world, most recently in Russia, Spain and the Czech Republic. He also moonlights as director of the Fanwood Memorial Library in Fanwood.

Cohen's ability as a bass player, musical arranger and record producer first earned him public recognition through his work with Trischka and "Skyline." He has since produced innovative acoustic albums for Mitterhoff, Jay Ansil, Akira Satake and Mark Cosgrove. He has performed with Nick Jameson, Darol Anger and Mike Mitchell. His approach is informed by his comprehensive background in classical, jazz, and rock music as well as by his innate musicality.

Trischka, considered by some to be the godfather of modern banjo, was born in 1949 and has a degree in Fine Arts from Syracuse University. His banjo playing started in 1963. Since then, he has helped to reinvent the banjo, in terms of widened technical vocabulary, compositional range, and variety of contexts. To date, he has recorded 12 solo albums, featuring the well-known talents of David Grisman, Pete Seeger, Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas, William S. Burroughs, Charles Osgood, Alison Krauss, the Violent Femmes and members of REM.



Silk City will perform Friday, Aug. 23, in a free concert at First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

Trischka's musical travels have taken him from Broadway to Croatia to New Zealand, performing with bluegrass bands, avant garde jazz groups, symphony orchestras, and percussion ensembles. His radio appearances have included A Prairie Home Companion, Mountain Stage, Fresh Air, and Weekend Update. He's performed with John Denver on the CBS Hallmark Hall of Fame production of Foxfire, also starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, and was profiled, along with Bela Fleck, on CBS Sunday Morning. He recently performed at the Kennedy Center with his electric group doing mostly his original compositions.

In 2001, Tony performed on the International Bluegrass Music Association instrumental album of the year, *Knee Deep in Bluegrass*, the Accu-Tab sessions.

Trischka is in demand as a teacher as well, with countless instruction books and videos to his credit. He's also served as a columnist for numerous acoustic music publications and has written liner notes for Bela Fleck, Allison Krauss, and many others.

His reviews have been outstanding. *Billboard Magazine* wrote, "One of the most inventive banjoists alive. Bluegrass Banjo Master." *The New Yorker* wrote, "One of the world's

finest banjo players." From the *Indianapolis News*, "...In his hands the banjo becomes the 'Star Trek' of bluegrass-it boldly goes where no instrument has gone before."

This is a family-oriented event and is wheelchair accessible. No tickets or reservations are required. Donations will be received to help offset the costs of bringing high caliber entertainment to summer audiences of Westfield and surrounding communities. There is plenty of free parking in the church lot located off Ferris Place which can be accessed from Prospect Street. For concert information call (908) 233-4211, daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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William Gerristead Sr.

WESTFIELD — William R. Gerristead Sr., 77, died Aug. 5, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

A native of Newark, he lived in Westfield before moving to Toms River in 1992.

Mr. Gerristead was a disability benefits administrator with American Cyanamid Co. in Wayne prior to his 1990 retirement. He earlier was a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He received a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University and a law degree from the Seton Hall Law School.

For the past two years Mr. Gerristead participated in drug research trials at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, located in New Brunswick. He served

aboard a Navy landing craft in the South Pacific during World War II and was a charter member of the Walter Schwartz Post, American Legion, in Newark.

He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic League.

A granddaughter, Amy Cucciniello, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Mary Casey Gerristead; two sons, William R. Casey Jr. and Robert Seton; a daughter, Kathleen "Kim" Cucciniello; seven grandchildren and three cousins.

Mass was offered Monday at Our Lady of the Magnificat Roman Catholic Church in Kinnelon.

Arrangements were by M. John Scanlan Funeral Home in Pompton Plains.

Edward J. Bradley Sr.

WESTFIELD — Edward J. Bradley Sr., 83, a former town resident, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002 at home in Clark.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Westfield before moving to Clark 50 years ago.

Mr. Bradley was employed at Johnson Controls in Union for 35 years before retiring in 1982. He was a member of Plumbers Local 24, Springfield.

Mr. Bradley was a life member of the North American fishing and hunting clubs and the

National Rifle Association. He was also a former member of the Woodbridge Rangers and the Schuyler Fishing Club of Kearny.

Surviving are Margarie, his wife of 50 years; daughters, Rita Sauter and Margarie Meise; a son, Edward J. Jr.; a brother, James; a sister, Marie McDonald; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Agnes Church, Clark. Arrangements were by Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark.

Filomena DiFabio

WESTFIELD — Filomena DiFabio, 92, died Aug. 7, 2002 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, in Berkeley Heights.

A native of Monteferrante, Italy, she lived in Westfield before moving to Garwood in 1937.

Mrs. DiFabio was a member of the Garwood Senior Citizens Club and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Anne's Roman

Catholic Church in Garwood.

Her husband, Michael, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Pat of Garwood; a daughter, Maria Birch of California; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Anne's Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford.

George Baker Duvall

WESTFIELD — George Baker Duvall, 75, died Aug. 6, 2002 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

A native of Monessen, Pa., he lived in Westfield before moving to Warren in 1987.

Mr. Duvall worked for Du Pont for 30 years and retired in 1985 as a supervisor at its Linden plant. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Jose Marie Schmitt Duvall; a son, David Douglas Duvall and wife Karen of Laurence Harbor; a daughter, Jean Duvall Lowin and husband David of Portola Valley,

Calif.; a brother, Francis C. and wife Pat of Annapolis, Md.; three grandsons, Mark of Franklin, Tenn., Ben Lowin and Joshua Lowin, both of Portola Valley; and two granddaughters, Sarah of Laurence Harbor and Minelle of Portola Valley.

A memorial service was held Saturday at First Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by Higgins Home for Funerals, in Watchung. Donations may be sent to American Heart Association-Memorials Program, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-4301.

Mary Lyons

WESTFIELD — Mary Lyons died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Lyons lived in Elizabeth for 32 years before moving to Westfield 20 years ago.

Mrs. Lyons was an elementary schoolteacher at St. Genevieve School, Elizabeth, for 15 years. She was also a substitute teacher at various Catholic elementary schools in Union County.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Marywood College, Scranton, Pa.

A volunteer at the Center for Hope Hospice, Linden, Mrs. Lyons was a member of the Perpetual Adoration Society at

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside and a Eucharistic minister at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Overlook Hospital and Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

She was a member of the Suburban Golf Club in Union, the College Women's Club in Mountainside and a former member of the Roselle Golf Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mori Yowell; sons, Hon. Thomas N. Lyons and John A.; a sister, Alice Rooney, and six grandchildren.

Mass was offered Tuesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Arrangements were by Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave., Westfield.

John F. Maher

WESTFIELD — John F. Maher, 78, died Aug. 8, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Manchester, N.H., and had lived in Westfield since 1960.

Mr. Maher retired in 1978 after 27 years as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was assigned to the FBI offices in Portland, Ore., Chicago, Ill., and Manhattan.

He served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1948. Mr. Maher was a member

of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Maier Maher; three sons, William P. of New Lisbon, Cmdr. John M. of San Diego, Calif., and James J. of Westfield; two daughters, Elizabeth A. of Bronxville, N.Y., and Anne M. of Westfield; and five grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Maher was a parishoner. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home.

Danny L. Wolfe

WESTFIELD — Danny L. Wolfe died at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville on Aug. 6, 2002, eight days after his 49th birthday.

A native of Pampa, Texas, he lived in Westfield before moving

to Bound Brook.

Mr. Wolfe served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his parents, Marilee and Coyce; a daughter, Schelli; a brother, Bob; and a sister, Pamela Townes.

Obituaries

Harold Shahnazarian

WESTFIELD — Harold J. Shahnazarian, 85, died Aug. 8, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Summit and had lived in Westfield since 1951.

A certified plant engineer, Mr. Shahnazarian spent 47 years with the Exxon Research and Engineering Co. He retired in 1983 as the manager in charge of plant engineering, maintenance and operations at the Exxon research center in Linden.

Mr. Shahnazarian was a past president and former vice president of the Purchasing Managers Association of New Jersey, along with being a director of the national organization.

He earned an associate's degree in chemical engineering from the Newark College of Engineering (now the New Jersey

Institute of Technology) in 1940. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wagner College in 1945.

During World War II he served with the Army Corps of Engineers in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Mr. Shahnazarian was cited for his efforts as production control manager of the Y-12 plant and for separating uranium-235 used in producing the first nuclear bomb.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Gladys; two daughters, Laura Grundlinger and Ellen McKissick; a son, Robert; a sister, Grace Barnes; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday at First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home in Fairwood.

Helen Spooner

SCOTCH PLAINS — Helen Spooner, 82, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., she lived in Bronxville, N.Y., before moving to Scotch Plains many years ago.

She was a senior tax adviser and manager of the Scotch Plains office for H&R Block Co., where she worked for 20 years before retiring. Many years ago, she worked in a production laboratory for E.I. DuPont Inc.

Mrs. Spooner graduated in 1943 from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., with a degree in botany.

A 40-year member of First

United Methodist Church, Westfield, Mrs. Spooner was active in the Stephen Ministry, a lay ministry of caregivers for persons in crisis. She also belonged to the Women's Club and College Club, both in Scotch Plains, the Scotch Plains-Fairwood Scholarship Foundation and Gnosis.

Surviving are sons, Arthur and Donald; a daughter, Marjorie Rehnert; brothers, Graham, John and David McConnell, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, Westfield. Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home, Westfield.

Robert Vogt Thiede

WESTFIELD — Robert Vogt Thiede, 80, died Aug. 1, 2002 at his home in New Bern, N.C.

He was born in Union and lived in Westfield before moving to New Bern.

Mr. Thiede was a chemical engineer at the Bayway Refinery in Linden prior to his retirement. He graduated in 1944 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Brunner Thiede; three sons, Gary Douglass Thiede of Tinton Falls, Eric Robert Thiede of Kingwood, Texas, and Daniel Stephen Thiede of Buttzville; a daughter, Carol Thiede Hudak of Bayonne; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 5 at Cotten Funeral Home in New Bern with the Rev. Shirley Rogers officiating. Burial was Aug. 8 in Fairview Cemetery.

Local arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home.

A. Pauline Turpin

WESTFIELD — A. Pauline Turpin, 86, died Aug. 4, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Newberry, S.C., and had lived in Westfield since 1937.

Mrs. Turpin was a homemaker and a member of the Usher Board at the Bethel Baptist Church. She also was a member of Centennial Temple 246, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

Her husband, Dunbar, is deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Willie Williams of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Joseph Lark of Westfield; a niece, Edna Lark, and a nephew, Jerome Lark, both of South Plainfield; and other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Friday at Bethel Baptist Church. Arrangements were by Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

Victor J. Karlen

WESTFIELD — Victor J. Karlen, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002 in Union Hospital.

Born in Ansonia, Conn., he lived in Elizabeth before moving to Westfield seven years ago.

Mr. Karlen was an accounting manager for Engelhard Industries for 38 years before retiring from the Metropark-Edison facility in 1985.

He graduated from Upsala College, East Orange, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He served in the Army during World War II in New Guinea and

the Bismarck Archipelago.

Mr. Karlen was a director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. He had also been a member of the Union County Accountants Association, the National Association of Accountants, St. Genevieve's Church Holy Name Society and Leisure Group, Elizabeth, and the Holy Trinity Leisure Group.

Surviving are his wife, Leona; a daughter, Dr. Janice; and a sister, Mary Sandy.

Mass was offered Wednesday at Holy Trinity Church. Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home.

Victoria M. Pulsfort

SCOTCH PLAINS — Victoria M. Pulsfort, 94, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002 at Ashbrook Nursing Home.

Born in Newark, she lived in Hillside and Toms River before moving to Scotch Plains in 1993.

Mrs. Pulsfort was a Rosarian of Christ the King Church, Hillside.

Surviving are sons, Joseph, Richard, Donald and Gerald; a daughter, Marianne Meadows; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. today at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church after the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains.

Gus A. Sbano

WESTFIELD — Gus A. Sbano died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in New Jersey, he lived in Wayne before moving to Westfield 23 years ago.

An electrical engineer, Mr. Sbano owned Arrow Electronics in Linden before retiring. Earlier, he owned Magnavox electronics stores throughout New Jersey.

A professional trumpet player, he played in big bands during the 1930s and 1940s, including the Charlie Barnett and Buddy Rich bands. He was a life member of the International Musicians Local.

He had been a member of the Garden State Concert Band, the

Bloomfield Civic Band and the Westfield Community Band. He also had been past president of the Grand Centurions of Clark and sang with the Chicago Opera as a young man.

Mr. Sbano received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from New York University. He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Joyanne L.; a son, John, and a daughter, Diane.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield. Arrangements are by Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield.

Geraldine M. Fischetti

SCOTCH PLAINS — Geraldine M. Fischetti, 62, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in the Bronx, she lived in Queens before moving to Scotch Plains in 1970.

Mrs. Fischetti was a secretary in charge of transportation and building maintenance for the Scotch Plains-Fairwood school system for 23 years before retir-

ing two years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph, a son, Joseph; a daughter, Theresa M. Kianne; a sister, Gloria Reborn, and four grandchildren.

Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains, after the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains.

Dorothy A. Bossert

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy A. Bossert, 77, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she lived in Maplewood before moving to Scotch Plains in 1951.

Mrs. Bossert was a legal secretary for the Home Insurance Co. in Newark for many years before retiring in 1952.

She was a member of the

Parent-Teachers Association in the Scotch Plains school district and active with the Girl Scouts in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are daughters, Christine B. Ihling and Lori B. Alty, and two grandchildren.

Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Church, 315 First St., Westfield. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home, Westfield.

Briefs

Kids program set at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's entertainer Bob Conrad will bring his production of "Cats, Dogs and Magic" to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Conrad will reach into his bag of tricks to present magic, puppets, music, ventriloquism, balloon sculpting and chalk-talk cartooning. The show is for families with children older than 4.

The program is the final event of the summer's Wednesday Matinee series. Tickets are \$4 at the door.

Fishing Derby set for disabled

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will hold its 25th

annual People with Disabilities Fishing Derby on Saturday, Sept. 14 (rain date: Sept. 21) at the pond in Warinanco Park in Roselle.

All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by Sept. 8 by calling Ellen Chase of the county Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4096.

Fishing will continue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will provide fishing tackle and bait to all registered participants. A lunch will be served and a clown/magic show will be presented. All participants will receive prizes. Special awards will be given to those who catch the largest fish, the most fish and the smallest fish.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Two artists at Arts Center

WATCHUNG—The Watchung Arts Center will host an artists reception on Sept. 8, 1-4 p.m. with Lorrie Baldwin and Jonathan Haklik. Their works will be on exhibit from Sept. 3-28. The gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1-4 p.m., and Thursday 1-7:30 p.m.

Baldwin's show, *Menagerie*, will include works in several mediums: acrylics, colored pencil, pen and ink, pastels and digital. Self-taught, Baldwin has won awards in local art shows: second place at South Plainfield Art Show; honorable mention at Kenilworth Art Show; honorable mention at Bernardsville Art Show; and most recently third place at the Watchung Art Center Members Show. Baldwin's work has been published in *The Colored Pencil Society of America's* newsletter.

Haklik's show, *Floral Fantasies*, will feature his watercolor floral landscapes and his newest watercolor abstracts. Haklik claims that, when he paints and an image appears out of the dense fog, there is magic in the air and he can feel it crackle all around him. Haklik, also a self-taught artist, recently was awarded first place at the Plainfield Arts Festival.

The non-profit Watchung Arts Center is located on the circle in Watchung. There is ample free parking adjacent to the building or around the corner at Best Lake.

For information call (908) 753-0190.

Sourland Hills presenting 'Joseph'

MONTGOMERY—The Sourland Hills Actors Guild has scheduled auditions for its production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Auditions are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27-28 at Montgomery Township Middle School. Needed are 12 young men along with other singer-dancers, male and female. A technical crew and production staff are also needed.

For more information and directions, phone (908) 904-0489. Show dates are Nov. 15-17 and 22-24 at Orchard Hill School in Montgomery.

Chorus looking for new members

MORRISTOWN—Highly experienced choral singers are welcome to join the Masterwork Chorus.

The ensemble holds its first regular rehearsal for the season 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 in Xavier Center at the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station. New singers will be able to schedule an audition after the rehearsal. Vocal skills and the ability to sight-read music are required.

For more information, visit www.masterwork.org or phone (973) 455-7008.

The Morristown-based Masterwork Chorus has three concerts this season: "King David" on Nov. 2, "Messiah" in December and "Stabat Mater" in April.

Auditions for The Villagers

FRANKLIN—The Villagers Theatre has scheduled open auditions for two shows taking place in the fall.

Auditions for "Defying Gravity" are 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 21-22. "Defying Gravity" is a straight play on the life of Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. Seven men and women 25-69 years old are needed. Readings are from the script.

Auditions for the musical "Sweet Charity" are 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26. Callbacks are Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28-29. A large cast of singers and dancers, male and female, is needed.

All auditions are at the Villagers Theatre, located within the Franklin Township Municipal Complex in Somerset. For directions, phone (732) 873-2710.

Performances are scheduled Oct. 11-26 for "Defying Gravity" and Nov. 1-23 for "Sweet Charity."

Broadway coming to Moscow by way of New Jersey

By CHERYL ORSON

STAFF WRITER

PISCATAWAY—Ariel Reid, 19, a Piscataway resident and Piscataway High School graduate, will soon be tripping the lights fantastic in a whole new light.

Recently cast in the international touring company of *42nd Street*, Reid is packing her bags to catch an Aug. 30 flight for Moscow where she and 50 other cast members will live and perform for the next eight months. Though unlike anything she's ever known, Reid is undaunted.

"It's very exciting," Reid said. "I think it's great. I'm ready for a new experience."

Reid has, in fact, been practicing for this moment for a long time. She's studied dance since she was 3-years-old, taking classes at Fran's World of Dance, the New Jersey School of Ballet and the Princeton School of Ballet. She's also studied under famed local director, now working on Broadway himself, John Mentor and celebrated choreographer Brendl Makeda, appearing in all the high school's musicals while a student there.

Before being cast in the touring company, Reid was planning to return to Adelphi University as a sophomore, studying there on an academic and talent scholarship. Since getting her ticket out of town however, her plans have been detoured with her college studies temporarily put on hiatus.

While on summer vacation between semesters, Reid was accepted to study in Anne Reinkin's Broadway Theater Project in Tampa, Fla. In



Ariel Reid is preparing to perform in Moscow in *42nd Street*.

between theater classes, Reid auditioned for *42nd Street* producers seeking a new, young cast for their international touring company. Only days after returning back to her hometown, Reid learned she'll soon be leaving town to join the touring company.

Now looking beyond Piscataway and currently cramming on Russian via the

Internet, Reid admits she's "now where near packed." Fearing the winter might be cold one, she is none-the-less expecting a warm reception by the Russian people.

"I looking forward to dancing, having fun doing the show," said Reid stating "this is just the beginning" of her journey straight to New York City and Broadway.

Art museum will celebrate golden anniversary this fall

CLINTON—An exhibition now being assembled marks "Fifty Years: The History of the Hunterdon Museum of Art."

The opening reception 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 includes a birthday cake plus a speech by Town of Clinton Mayor Allie McGaheeran on the museum's past life. In addition, a hands-on workshop for families is at 2 p.m.; cost is \$5 and pre-registration is required.

Founded in 1952 by a group of spirited local citizens, the Hunterdon Museum of Art has evolved into the region's premiere showcase of contemporary art with an active program of exhibitions and education. The history of the museum, housed in a 19th century gristmill which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981, will be

the subject of the exhibition on view in the first-floor and second-floor galleries.

Also included are works from the Anne Steele Marsh Print Collection, named for one of the museum's founders.

Local artists and businesspeople got together in 1952 to purchase an old stone mill on the South Branch of the Raritan River from Arthur Kreidel, an 87-year-old miller who owned the still-operating mill. The purchase price was \$10,000, a significant sum for its day. The artists and businesspeople envisioned a space which would provide education and participation in the arts for the entire community.

Plans for the Hunterdon County Art Center included a stage; studio space for artists and classes; exhibition spaces;

a library; and a restaurant. Renovations began almost immediately; chutes and machinery were slowly removed before cement floors were laid on the ground floor. Two ancient grinding stones, each of which weighed 1 ton, were removed from the mill and sold in April 1953. Volunteers slowly transformed the mill into the Art Center that opened to the public in June 1953.

Over the years the museum's collection has grown to include prints, drawings, photographs and paintings. The best of these will be on view in this 50th anniversary show which runs through Nov. 17.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For directions and full information, phone (908) 735-8415.

'A painter of light' will have show next month

PLAINFIELD—An artistic family legacy includes third-generation Helen N. Jacobs, "a painter of light," who will exhibit her oil landscapes, seascapes, and still lifes Sept. 14 to Oct. 3 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Listed in "Who's Who in American Art," Jacobs was born in Kent, Ct., the daughter of Spencer B. Nichols, member of the Academy of Design, N.Y.; the granddaughter of Henry Hobart Nichols, a wood engraver and the niece of Arthur Maynard at the Ridgewood Art Institute and before retiring in 1996 had been an Institute instructor.

Jacobs' work appeared at the XVIII Winter Olympics, Nagano, Japan, revealing her love of nature suffused with light. She evokes memories of moments fleeting through time and place never to be seen the same way again. For her strong florals and still lifes, she has garnered much acclaim.

A fellow of the American

Artist Professional League from which she won two best-in-show awards given by the New Jersey chapter and was honored in the League's Grand National Exhibit. Jacobs is an elected artist member of the Hudson Valley Artist and the Kent (Ct.) Art Association as well as a life member of the Ridgewood Art Association. From the Ridgewood Art Institute she received awards in 2002 and 2000 and, in 2001, from the Kent Art Association President's Show.

She is represented in corporate collections including the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). Her paintings have also been shown in Maine, Ohio and the Bond Market Showcase, New York City.

Still more honors were accorded by the Salmangundi Club, N.Y. and Newark Museum.

Jacobs' solo exhibit opens with a reception on Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m. Regular hours are 9:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and Saturday to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, a family owned Plainfield business since 1868 featuring fine art, custom framing and specialty gifts at 703 Watchung Ave. For more details call (908) 756-1707.

Party Dolls will go retro at park next Wednesday

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Party Dolls will sing hits from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s on Aug. 21, at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Phillips 66, the free performance is the eighth concert in the Summer Art Festival series.

"The Party Dolls make all the great songs come alive," said Freeholder Nicolas Scutari, liaison to the Union County Youth Service Commission. "This is sure to be an excellent performance by this popular group as they return to the Union County stage."

The all-girl trio is made up of red headed Chrissy Sparks, blonde Lisa Cappola, and brunette Christine Ghilino. Backed by the driving beat of the Party Dolls Band, the singers revive the memorable chart-topping hits of the past for decades. Their debut album, released in 1990, paid tribute to the girl groups of the 1960s with songs like "My Boyfriend's Back," "Chapel of Love," "Leader of the Pack," and "Where Did Our Love Go."

Their second CD, "We Got the Beat", has certainly been a hit with songs from the 1970s and 80s, including "Love Shack," "I Will Survive," and "If I Can't Have You." The newest recording by The Party Dolls, titled "Wig Out" was released in July of 2000.

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. near the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The rain site for all concerts in the series will be at Cranford High School, West End Place at Springfield Avenue, in Cranford. For up-to-date concert/rain information call the Department of Parks and Recreation 24-hour hotline at (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For other concert information, or to find out about recreational activities, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

Hunterdon County fair will be held next week

RARITAN TWP.—Farmers, gardeners, bakers and canners are gearing up for the various contests at the third annual Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair, set for Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 25 at Flemington Fairgrounds on Route 31.

This will be the last year for a fair at that site; next year the fair will be at new county-owned property in Ringoes.

All kinds of shows are open to the public, including fruit, vegetable, jams and jellies, baking and canning.

The "Biggest Specimen" contest is for the biggest beet, longest lima, biggest squash and so forth.

The fair will have a show for farm crops including tallest stalks of corn, longest sheaves of soybeans, tallest sunflower and largest sunflower head.

All during the fair, various shows and contests for 4-H members are planned, including sheep, cow, rabbit and poultry shows.

A chain saw carver will show his skill, and there will be sheep dog herding demonstrations, a strolling magician, a children's play area, and an antique tractor display.

Local talent will appear on the stage daily, providing free shows.

There will be food stands, amusement rides, a petting zoo and pony rides.

The fair features free admission; there is a \$5 parking fee. It's open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the final day.

For more information go to the fair Web site www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/4hagfair.htm or call (908) 782-6809.



The Duprees belong to New Jersey

The Duprees will present a free concert 7 p.m. Aug. 25 Duke Island Park, Old York Road, Bridgewater. The Duprees are known world-over for their romantic interpretations of some of the most beautiful love songs ever written. In 1962, hailing from New Jersey, The Duprees struck gold with "You Belong to Me." Their unmistakable sound was born, and the hits kept rolling, including "Have You Heard," "My Own True Love," and "Goodnight My Love."

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Terraplane Blues, a frequent performer at Westfield's "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival, performed on Quimby Street, before, during and after the race.

Awards were given to the top three finishers in each age group, male and female, and random prizes, donated by a number of Westfield merchants were also given away. The overall male

winner was William Roldan, of Jackson Heights, N.Y., with a time of 15:27 and the overall female winner was Lauren Saul of Westfield with a time of 17:59. All other scores can be viewed on www.compucore.com.

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State, DYFS look at school sex case

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The state Attorney General's Office is investigating the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district to determine if school officials neglected to protect an eighth-grade girl who was sexually assaulted by teenagers outside Park Middle School in January.

The Attorney General's Office has a policy to investigate cases where there is abuse of a child, said Peter Aseltine, a spokesperson for the office, who did not comment on this case specifically.

The investigation is on behalf of the Division of Youth and Family Services to

determine if school workers failed to provide a safe environment for the girl. The girl's lawyer is filing a lawsuit against the district alleging that school personnel failed to prevent the attack.

On Jan. 2, the 13-year-old girl was dragged into the woods and forced to perform sexual acts on her assailants. She was assaulted again by one of the boys when she returned to the school after the attack. The boys, who were high school students, admitted to the attack. Four were charged as adults and the other, a 14-year old, will serve time in a juvenile facility.

Manuel Batista, 16, Mark Russell, 17, and Jesus Gonzalez, 16, participated in the assault, while Bryan Soriano, 16, acted as

the lookout. The boys will be sentenced on Sept. 13 in Elizabeth County Court. They are expected to receive 5- to 10-year terms.

The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit seeking a court order to release reports from the Union County Prosecutor's Office on the attack. According to Robert O'Leary, spokesperson for the prosecutor's office, a court order is required because the reports are juvenile records and are to be released to a civil agency, DYFS.

The state cannot sanction school workers as a result of investigations, but results are forwarded to the state Department of Education which handles any disciplinary action.

Burglar takes radiators, dumps 15 tires

FANWOOD

Between Aug. 9-10, auto parts were stolen from a business in the 100 block of South Avenue. The owner reported 73-100 old radiators were taken from the rear of the building. Fifteen old tires were left by the individual as well.

Gordon Scott, 34, of Plainfield was picked up on a warrant out of Middlesex and charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of marijuana. Scott was stopped at 1:39 a.m. on East Third Street and Wiley Street because his vehicle's registration had expired.

Illegal dumping was reported on Aug. 11 at the Fanwood Nature Center off Terrill Road. Branches and clippings were dumped at the center.

A person shopping at A&P on South Avenue reported his checkbook was stolen on Aug. 11 from his shopping cart. He left the cart to attend to his child and when he

Police Log

came back the checkbook was missing.

Henry O'Campo, 38, of Dunellen, was charged with driving while intoxicated on Aug. 11 at 1:28 a.m. O'Campo was stopped for failing to maintain the lane on Terrill Road and South Avenue and the officer noticed alcohol on his breath. After a test, he was charged with driving under the influence.

A Terrill Road resident reported a bike stolen from his garage on Aug. 12. The bike, a Hybrid Peugeot Mountain-style blue bicycle, is valued at \$250.

SCOTCH PLAINS

A bicycle was stolen from in front of a Jackson Avenue residence about 1 p.m. on Aug. 5.

Shoplifting from the Quick Chek on Westfield Avenue was reported on Aug. 6. About 2:30 p.m., a suspect left the store with approximately \$100 worth of personal items.

A Farley Avenue resident reported the theft of two bicycles from the yard last week.

Richard Kutney, 39, of 521 Westfield Road, was charged with obstructing the administration of the law and resisting arrest about 11 p.m. on Aug. 7. Kutney is alleged to have assaulted a 14-year old boy from Scotch Plains near the CVS Pharmacy. After the incident he rode off on a bicycle.

A Scotch Plains sergeant attempted to stop Kutney near Sycamore Avenue, but Kutney allegedly tried to pull away. Kutney was then restrained. The victim sustained a minor scratch

and was not treated. No injuries were sustained by police. Kutney was released on summonses.

Shoplifting was reported at Quick Chek about 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 8. The suspect fled the store with about \$140 worth of merchandise.

A Meadowview Road resident reported theft of her identity on Aug. 9. The incident was discovered when the victim went to the bank to open a checking account. The bank informed her that an account was already open.

A Front Street resident reported that his bicycle was stolen from his friend's driveway located on Front Street on Aug. 9. The victim rode to his friend's house and left the bicycle outside in the driveway. He returned and discovered his bike was gone and a different bike was left.

The Quick Chek store on Westfield Ave. reported a shoplifting incident on Aug. 11. The manager reported that a man between 20 to 30 years old was observed pocketing medicine from the store. The manager attempted to hold the suspect in the store, however, he fled.

WESTFIELD

A theft by deception was made against Windsor Furniture by a town resident. The value of the theft is \$2,800.

A burglary and theft to a resident at Moss Avenue was reported on Aug. 7. Missing at this time are various items valued about \$2,500.

The theft of a Trek Glacier gray bike was reported on Aug. 7. The bike was taken from the south side of the train station. It is valued at approximately \$360.

A resident of Stanley Oval reported her bike was stolen at the north side of the train station on Aug. 8.

Steven Muzeni of Westfield was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams on Aug. 8.

The theft of services was reported in the 400 block of Donner Street on Aug. 9.

A resident of West Broad Street reported a bike stolen from the front yard on Aug. 9.

A Central Avenue business reported someone broke a 1-foot by 4-foot glass window during the night of Aug. 9.

Jeffery Gabriel was picked up on a contempt of court warrant out of Mountaintop on Aug. 10. He posted bail at \$237.

Two N.J. license plates were stolen from the parking lot of the YMCA at 220 Clark St.

Johnathan J. Singhbaha of 305 N. Scotch Plains Ave. was picked up on a traffic warrant from Westfield Municipal Court. He posted \$180 bail. He was also charged with resisting arrest.

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Cranford's controversial flood project advances

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Township Committee Tuesday took the next big step in the controversial flood-control project, unanimously authorizing Engineer Jeff Sias to apply for permits for the project's first two phases from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The decision marks the most progress on the project since the committee passed a \$9.2 million bond ordinance to fund the work earlier this year. If the permitting process goes as expected and the township is able to acquire the necessary easements without litigation, contracts for the project's first

phase — a swale in the woods behind Herning Avenue and express sewer from the swale to the Rahway River — could be awarded within six months, said Sias.

Phase II, consisting of a pumping station on the river and more sewer work, would follow later, he said. Plans for the remaining three phases of the project have not yet been prepared.

But while the committee was unanimous the project should move forward, there was strong disagreement over one of the project's details.

As originally proposed, the project called for the express sewer to run between the houses at 5 and 7 Brookdale Ave. and 620 and 622 Riverside

Drive. A smaller, local storm drain would have run one lot to the north, between 7 and 9 Brookdale and 622 and 624 Riverside.

Sias recommended the township proceed according to the original plan. But by a 3-2 vote, the committee decided to move the express sewer one lot north, so both pipes will go between 7 and 9 Brookdale and 622 and 624 Riverside.

Mayor Barbara Bilger, who along with Phil Morin and Dan Aschenbach voted for the change, said moving the express sewer would mean the houses would have fewer open ditches to deal with. But she also said the specter of litigation from residents in the houses to the south was a factor in the decision.

"If it wasn't going to go (the alternate) way, there would be litigation," she said. "We've got to start doing something. It's been too long."

George Jorn and Tom Denny, who opposed the move, pointed to the reasons Sias recommended the original route: It would cost about \$50,000 less, and would be easier to build. Either route would be effective in relieving local flooding problems, Sias said.

But they also said the move would simply anger other residents, and set a precedent the committee can be swayed by political pressure. "To make an 11th-hour change like this without even telling people what are affected is just wrong," Jorn

said. While there was much debate over the sewer, the committee reached consensus on the other controversial part of the project, the swale. As shown on the permit applications, the swale — a long, sloping collection area in the woods — will be broken up by two "islands" to improve pedestrian access. The area will also be smaller than the ditch that was first proposed to residents.



Library gift

Barbara Thiele, director of the Westfield Memorial Library, accepts a \$27,200 donation from Eleanor Senus, president of the Friends of the Library. The Friends raised the funds at the annual book sale in April and with other fund-raising. The library will use \$9,000 toward the cost of a computer system upgrade and purchase books on CD, paperbacks for summer reading club prizes, reference texts, CDs, DVDs and videos, among other things.

Committee won't appeal Citgo decision

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — A motion to authorize a township appeal of the proposed Citgo station and Blimpie's sandwich shop failed at the Township Committee's Tuesday meeting, but at least two commissioners appear ready to keep talking about the controversial topic.

In response to comments from resident Frank Krause, who has repeatedly criticized the Board of Adjustment's decision to grant parking and design variances to the owner of the site, Commissioner Dan Aschenbach made a motion to authorize the township to appeal the ruling in Superior Court.

Based on New Jersey precedent, said Township Attorney Al

Stender, "there is no legitimate reason for this governing body to entertain an appeal." Private attorneys Krause had consulted who said there is cause for appeal are "simply wrong," Stender said.

Following Stender's comments, Aschenbach's motion failed to get a second, meaning the committee could not vote on it. But Commissioner George Jorn said he agreed the committee should

have a "serious discussion" of the case, and promised Krause it would be on the agenda for the committee's next workshop meeting.

At an earlier committee meeting, several members of the governing body had indicated to Krause that while they did not approve of the development, they did not believe the township should appeal.

Cranford may crack down on curbside garbage rules

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Township Committee will consider an ordinance to restrict curbside placement of garbage in residential neighborhoods, and eliminate the practice in the business district.

Currently, officials said, township regulations allow businesses to leave waste curbside for 12 hours; residents can

leave household waste or other items at the curb for up to 48 hours. Previously, that had caused no problem, officials said, because garbage haulers in most neighborhoods agreed to collect garbage from rear yard areas.

But with a recent increase in competition in the hauling industry, residents and businesses are now being offered discount rates to leave their garbage curb-

side. And one downtown bank has begun leaving its garbage at the curb overnight for morning pickup.

The garbage downtown "looks horrible," said Commissioner Phil Morin, who added he would "be happy to have a double standard for businesses versus residential" regarding pickup.

And a double standard is what the committee agreed to, preliminarily. It directed Township

Attorney Al Stender to draft an ordinance reducing the time household waste can sit at the curb to 24 hours, and banning curbside placement of garbage in the business district.

Once the ordinance is drafted, committee members said, township employees will consider how feasible the restrictions are. The earliest the ordinance could be introduced is the committee's Sept. 10 meeting.

Health & Fitness

Be aware of the link between diabetes and heart disease

(ARA) - Women are special in many important ways. For instance, a woman is often the person responsible for making the health and lifestyle decisions for her family. Sometimes, she is so busy caring for others that she may neglect her own health.

Approximately 9.1 million women in the United States have diabetes, a disease that affects the way the body converts food into energy. The prevalence of diabetes is at least two to four times higher among African American, Latino, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander women than among Caucasian women. Because of the increasing lifespan of women and the rapid growth of minority populations, the number of women in the United States at high risk for diabetes and its complications are increasing.

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of men. What's more, once women develop heart disease they tend to have a poorer outcome than men. After suffering a heart attack, women have a higher risk of dying or having a second heart attack than do men.

Women with diabetes are more likely to have other risk factors for heart disease and stroke. These risk factors include high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

A new public awareness initiative, "Make the Link! Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke," seeks to increase aware-

ness about the link between diabetes and heart disease and stroke.

Make the Link! is a three-year initiative co-sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and the American

College of Cardiology. One way for women with diabetes to "make the link" and reduce their risk for heart disease and stroke is to know their diabetes ABCs:

A is for the A1C test, the blood test that measures blood glucose (sugar) over the last two to three months. Target range: less than 7 percent.

B is for blood pressure. Target range: less than 130/80.

C is for cholesterol. Target range: LDL (bad) cholesterol less than 100 mg/dl.

Besides knowing your diabetes ABCs, there are some small changes that a woman with diabetes can make to help

lower the risks for developing heart disease.

Keep blood glucose (blood sugar), blood pressure, and cholesterol numbers within your goal range.

If you smoke, get help to quit.

Be active most days.

Eat low-fat meals that are high in fruits and vegetables, and whole grain foods.

Ask a healthcare provider about taking aspirin and other

medicines that can help reduce the chance of having a heart attack or stroke.

Work closely with a healthcare provider to manage diabetes and reduce the risk for heart disease and stroke.

Find out more about the ABCs of diabetes by talking to your health care provider, or by visiting www.diabetes.org/makethe-link or calling (800) DIABETES (342-2383).

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YOUTH SPORTS

When the Scotchwood Shark's summer baseball season ended recently, the 8- and 9-year old team members celebrated in fitting fashion — by running around the bases time after time and piling on top of each other in the dirt at home plate.

The Sharks, made up of players from Scotch Plains and Fanwood, were formed with some different priorities than the usual summer baseball team. Every Shark played as much as all the others, every Shark played several different positions each game and no Shark ever felt afraid or bad

about failing as long as he tried his best.

And from time the time Zach Cohen got the Shark's first hit to the time Kyle Douglas got their final one six weeks later, these boys proved time and again that competing, improving and having fun can be a team's main focus and can produce a successful, enjoyable and memorable experience.

Just as memorable as John Foti and Moussa Channoui's home runs (and Brett Coffey's near grand slam) was the pitching performances of Warren Rose and

Jacob Schaffer. Just as memorable as Nowell Whitehouse's unassisted triple play was the defensive play of Kevin Luce and Adam Redfield. And just as impressive as Sean Reilly's 3-for-3 game, including a ground-rule double that might have been the longest hit of the year, was the hitting improvement of Frederick Fell and CJ Sciarra.

While Reilly distinguished himself throughout the summer as a natural catcher, six other boys including Douglas, Foti, Cohen, Redfield, Coffey and Sciarra gained valuable experience

behind the plate. And while Ezra Klemow was clearly the team's pitching ace, 11 other got valuable experience on the mound.

By the end of the season, Channoui was making great play after great play at second base, but none as exciting as the fly ball he caught in centerfield in the Shark's opening game to record their first-ever putout. And Coffey, Douglas and Whitehouse had become great table setters at the top of the lineup, bunting their way on and showing great speed and aggressiveness on the bases.

Many of the boys played in their first night game, under the lights in Chatham. Many of them made their first TV appearances, including interviews or Rose and Sciarra on channel 5 and 9 newscasts. All of them showed great commitment, effort and improvement throughout the season.

Ahmed Channoui, Eric Coffey, Patrick Foti and Lindsey Douglas made excellent contributions as super-subs.

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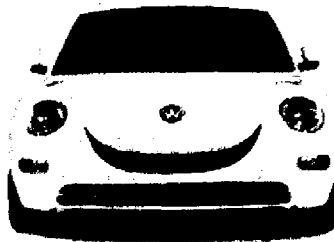


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Fishing through the freshwater facts

By MANNY LUFTGLASS
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Most of us read the headlines in several daily newspapers recently which shouted out warnings about the lack of safety regarding consumption of freshwater fish. I was quite concerned, both for myself as well as for you readers. Therefore I called the Hunterdon County Health Department to investigate.

I spoke to a health officer at length and he sent me details regarding who should be concerned as well as where their primary focus of concern should be. Here's the data:

First and foremost, the people who need to worry are women who are either pregnant or who plan on getting pregnant soon, as well as folks who have children under the age of five. The concern is for the possibility of ingesting too much mercury from certain fish.

So, let's break it down again. The tell us that "High-Risk" people need to be particularly careful. But such "High-Risk" are as just defined it, little kids or women who are either "with child" or about to do so — only! And while most fish do contain some mercury the hazard is minimal at best for most other people who eat some fish in much of the water found in our reading area.

My father smoked and worked with asbestos and was killed by the combination of both. I founded the Somerville

Environmental Commission and was and remain a very active environmentalist. However, what seems to be going on now is what used to be called "Cry Wolf." Oh you know, if you tell enough people that a wolf is near, soon everyone will start to believe that the woods are crawling with them. By all means, be careful with everything you eat, please, but regarding our area's fish, here's what I found out — forgetting the high risk people just discussed:

Round Valley Reservoir — largemouth bass and lake trout — no restrictions

Spruce Run Reservoir — largemouth bass and northern pike — one meal per week

Merrill Creek Reservoir — smallmouth bass and lake trout — one meal per week

Clearly, these same fish in the three lakes should be of concern to the "High-Risk" people, but in general, not for the overwhelming majority of most of us.

For more details I suggest you contact your own health department. What I did find interesting is that high levels exist with certain saltwater fish that are found way offshore. So the same "High-Risk" people should be concerned about shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish. How such way out-to-sea fish develop high levels of mercury I don't know, but I certainly do remember hearing such warnings about swordfish

GONE FISHIN' many years ago.

Okay, what about local fishing? It's been very good and very bad, depending on the day, time and bait. For example, I fished for fluke on the 3/4 day head boat Sea Horse out of the Atlantic Highlands on the 2nd and only went home with three "keepers." Yes, I also had several throwbacks, two sandsharks and a gazillion sea robins, but I expected more good size fluke. Some days have been far better than others but it still was nice on the water.

My fishing at Spruce Run Reservoir has been wonderful a few times and, at best, barely acceptable other times. In the past and no doubt in the future too, I have caught a lot of my favorite fish there, hybrid bass (Rockets) on shiners, but in the past two weeks they really seemed to hunger for alewife herring.

For example on July 29 and July 31 I had some herring and did very well. The next week on Aug. 6 and 8 no live herring and no Rockets. Yes, the herring week was less windy and the water was warmer. Sure, the following week saw stiff wind which dropped surface water temperatures down, but my guess is that if I had herring, I would have caught hybrids anyway.

The funny thing is that Spruce Run is loaded with herring, but the lakes that permit netting didn't produce any vol-

ume of them and as a result our local stores didn't have any. I will put time on the water before we meet again, with or without herring, but I would rather have them with me for sure.

On July 29 and 31, fishing alone in the extremely warm evenings, I brought a total of 11 hybrid to the boat, missed two or three others and actually broke three off because I was busy with another fish on a second rod at the exact same time. Add several smallies and a largemouth and a channel cat, plus one eel and that was the score for a total of just seven hours in all. New week, no hybrids but instead three bass, four channel catfish and an eel. Scuze me, gone fishin'.

Scotch Plains rallies for crown

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Mahoney at second, Sean McNelis at second and shortstop, Dan Metzger and Weber splitting time at third base, Nick Barrattucci, Dan Deegun, Matt Powers and Anthony Spatola patrolled the outfield. Dan Chase also played

first base during the regular season.

"Our pitching was solid so that was never a concern," said coach Mahoney. "Offense was our strength. The games we won early we put a lot of runs on the board, but when we got behind we were also able to comeback as well."

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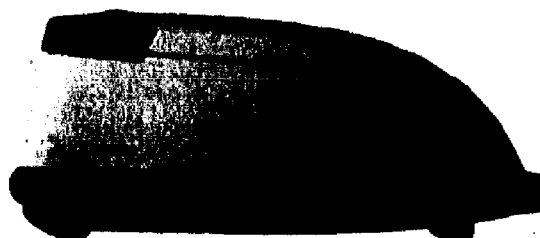
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FOOTBALL TOURNEY

The Atlantic Coast Football League, the area's largest recreational flag football and touch football association, has scheduled a charity tournament for Sunday at Rockland Lake State Park in Upper Nyack, New York. This tournament is being held to benefit the stricken family members of an ACFL player.

Samantha Conlon, 17-month old son of Richard Giannasca who plays for the Yonkers Maulers has recently received a \$250,000 life-saving liver transplant. Along with net proceeds

from the event, family and friends will be selling food and drinks to the players and spectators to help raise money to defray these and future post-operative costs.

The tournament will be 8-on-8 (two-count) flag football. The cost is \$325 for pre-registrants and \$375 for walk-ons, with each team guaranteed a minimum of three games. Cash prize is \$700 to the winner plus a tournament trophy. Rules, tournament directions and registration procedures are available at www.onscore.com or by calling 1-

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Real Estate

Homebuyers demanding more disclosure from lenders

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
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Mortgage lenders are responding to the growing consumer demand for lower settlement costs and a simpler way to understand all related costs in obtaining a mortgage loan. And consumers want a more efficient way to compare one lender's offer with others.

Pressure for these changes is fueled by a strong stand being taken by the office of Housing and Urban Development, and the intensified enforcement of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. HUD is now urging lenders to provide consumers with bundled settlement services, allowing for simpler and clearer disclosure and providing greater certainty to consumers applying for a mortgage loan.

In an increasing number of cases, you can now receive a guaranteed, flat-fee mortgage — easy to understand and compare with offers from other lenders. Instead of reviewing a long list of estimated settlement costs (that often change before closing), you have one bundled fee covering all costs along with a guaranteed interest rate.

HUD predicts that the trend toward bundled services and guaranteed rates will result in increased competition and will drive down mortgage settlement costs to consumers.

"We applaud HUD's position on bundling services and a simpler, clearer disclosure," said the executive vice president of one major mortgage lender — ABN AMRO Mortgage Group. "This will greatly benefit mortgage borrowers and will give companies like ours the ability to offer one-fee mortgages to a much broader audience."

AAMG, the fifth-largest mortgage lender in the nation, is a pioneer in the offering of one-fee (bundled) mortgages. They have processed more than 40,000 of these loans for consumers, funding an excess of \$6 billion in loans. Other lenders are taking note of this success and are developing similar programs.

With the OneFee mortgage program, AAMG guarantees the interest rate and a guaranteed one-fee amount at the time consumers locks in their interest rates. Typically, a customer obtains only a "good faith estimate" of likely costs associated with the loans.

These costs are often different at the closing table.

The one-fee plan includes all typical fees in a single guaranteed fee, with no uncertainties or surprises at closing.

"Our OneFee plan has allowed us to improve customer service by allowing time to focus on process, product and counseling our customers as opposed to centering on an estimated fee breakdown," said William Newman with AAMG. "Simply, this one-fee plan provides consumers with higher quality service through more accurate disclosure than any other loan product available today."

From the consumer's perspective, a key advantage of such a plan is that it provides clearly defined information that can be used efficiently in comparing the offering of one lender's plan with others.

Q. Are housing rents rising along with home prices?

A. It's not just sticker-shock in the price of today's homes that plagues families moving from one location to another. The shock can be just as great when comparing rents.

For example, a couple moving from Casper, Wyo., to San Jose, Calif., would find the rent for the same size and type of rental unit to be about four times higher in San Jose. An 800-square-foot, three-room apartment in San Jose now

South tend to be more affordable."

It should be noted that apartment rentals are not always an accurate barometer of total cost of living in local areas. Some areas have high home ownership costs, but rental housing is relatively plentiful and low-cost.

"Even if home ownership costs and rental costs closely match in value, there are so many other factors to consider when examining the economy of a region or metro area. These include taxes, transportation, food, clothing, health care and recreation, just to name a few," the Runzheimer report stated.

Q. What's this "housing bubble" thing I hear about? How is it affecting the current market?

A. Despite rising rents, many families are now opting to sell their home and move into a rental unit, thinking our economy has produced a "housing bubble" market situation, meaning home values are at a temporary high level.

These are usually families who are moving from one area to another. They sell their existing home and rent a residence in the destination community. Or it might be a person or family who is strongly motivated by the investment value of their home.

Even with the recession and recent stock market fluctuations, home prices have consistently maintained very high

levels and continue to escalate. Real estate professionals often warn such people about the pitfalls of going to a rental unit.

Home sellers usually incur a variety of costs, ranging from brokers' commis-

sions to making improvements in their home, demanded by the purchaser. And they give up advantages, such as the tax-deductibility of their mortgage interest payments.

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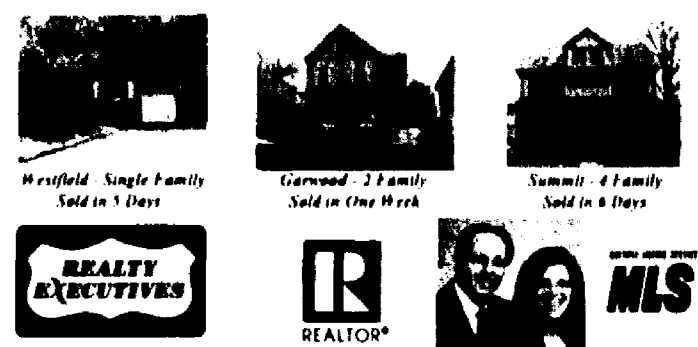
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Automotive/Classified

The Marauder from Mercury is flexing its muscles

BY MARK MAYNARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Mercury celebrated an old-fashioned Fourth of July with the release of its very own firecracker, the 2003 Marauder.

This higher-performing version of the Grand Marquis sedan is a throwback to the nearly extinct big American family car: rear-wheel drive, V-8 engine and a trunk big enough for the golf cart, not just the clubs.

The Marauder starts at \$34,495, including the \$705 destination charge. The only options are a trunk organizer (\$200) and a six-disc CD player for \$350. It comes with full range of upscale accommodations, including an owner's jacket in black, glove-soft leather.

Grand Marquis prices range from \$25,000 to \$28,000, so the Marauder is a full step forward, but it's also a very different car from its cushy platform donor.

Named for the winged messenger of the Roman gods, Mercury is returning to the old logo of the god's head and phasing out the stylized M. Upcoming advertising and marketing will emphasize the lineage of the company, which was rolled out in 1939 as the premium marque at Ford.

The Mercury Division has been on the endangered-species list for years, at least to those concerned about its future. But the Marauder signals a launch of new products -- six in the next five years, including a minivan next year, two sedans and a multipurpose vehicle.

No word on the concept **Marauder** convertible the company has been showing, but it is fully functional with a 335-horsepower, supercharged, 4.6-liter V-8.

Available in any color as long as it's black, the de-chromed Marauder is being sent out as the new winged messenger for the company.

While still most appreciative of



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its Grand Marquis' mid-60s customers, the Marauder is a meant to give a '60s muscle-car impression.

It's really not an old man's car, but I'm not sure it's a young man's car, either, at least for those 45 to 55 -- especially when a BMW 330i sedan starts at about the same price. The company is hoping for 8,000 sales in the next year, half of which are dealer orders.

As a "polished performance car," the Marauder isn't especially aimed at Mercury loyalists, but at enthusiasts -- especially owners of the 1994-96 Impala SS

"What we found out is that the owners of the Impala SS are not loyal to a brand. They are loyal to a muscle car, a performance car," said Eric Koehler, Marauder assistant brand manager.

The California Impala SS Club even invited Mercury to show the Marauder at a club event, but the bigger sales region for the vehicle is expected to be the NASCAR belt through the South and Southeast.

The Marauder is less potent than the Impala SS, but there was something pleasantly zaftig about driving it.

Chief engineer Dick Cupka

dumped the 220-horsepower, single-overhead-cam, 4.6-liter V-8 in the Grand Marquis and gave the Marauder the mill from the Mustang Cobra SVT -- a 302-horsepower, double-overhead-cam 4.6.

Using four valves per cylinder, the engine pulls in air through a low-restriction intake and aluminum manifolds. Premium fuel is pumped through dual-bore, 57-mm throttle-body, high-flow injectors.

A full-length dual exhaust is channeled through 2 1/4-inch pipes and 2-foot-long chrome tips. The sound won't break any

decibel laws, but there's enough growl to enjoy the 6,200-rpm red line.

For a 4,100-pound car, the horsepower is still a little light, but fuel mileage isn't bad at 17 mpg around town and 23 on the highway. Acceleration from 0 to 60 mph is in the mid-six seconds, Cupka says.

The tires are hefty, 18-inch BF Goodrich G-Force, P235/50 in front and a little wider in back. There is no traction control yet, but it will be added later this year.

The heavy-duty, four-speed automatic transmission has an

11 1/4-inch, high-stall torque converter and a heavy-duty, 1-inch, one-way clutch — when Dad feels like pulling a “hole shot” at the traffic light.

The Grand Marquis suspension was updated for 2003, including a stiffer hydroformed frame. Marauder also gets rear air suspension for load leveling, gas-charged Tokico shocks and a 28-mm, solid-front Gripper stabilizer bar. The brakes are stock four-wheel discs, 12-inch vented in the front and 11-inch in back.

The air suspension also allows a slight rake to the car's stance, Cupka says, "because it looks cool. That's why it's up in the back."

Cupka (pronounced CUP-key) built his hot-rod Merc as a family-mobile for the poor old dad who wanted a Mustang GT but didn't want to wrestle with a child seat in back.

In front, the black-leather-trimmed bucket seats have classic French stitching with perforated inserts for airflow. Both seats are thickly padded and eight-way power adjustable. There's also black leather on the steering wheel and floor shifter.

White-face gauges are set off by a red-lit Marauder graphic, and Cupka also added a pair of Auto Meter gauges for oil pressure and voltmeter — a reminder of the '60s, when street rodders hung the aftermarket triple-gauge setup under the dashboard.

Cupka is a confessed car guy. "I was the kid in school who drew pictures of hot rods with spinning tires and flames coming out the back."

Now he's applying some of that to the Marauder.

"When I grew up, Mercury was a car to aspire to," he says. "The cars had names like Cyclone, Eliminator and Marauder. We are emphatic (about the Mercury god's head) to equate that image with Mercury and Mercury performance."



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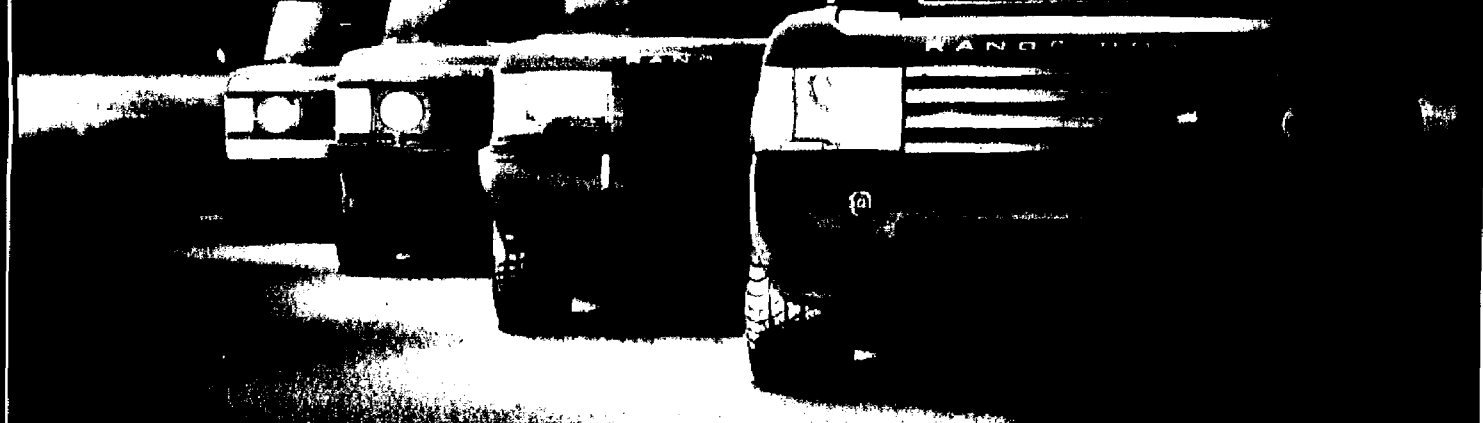
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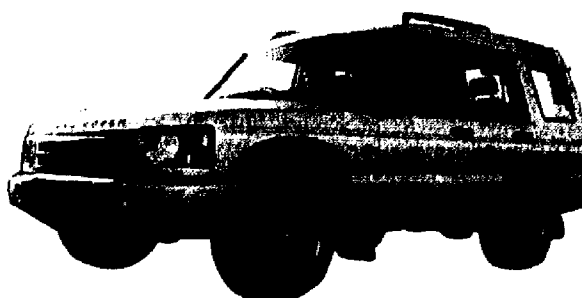
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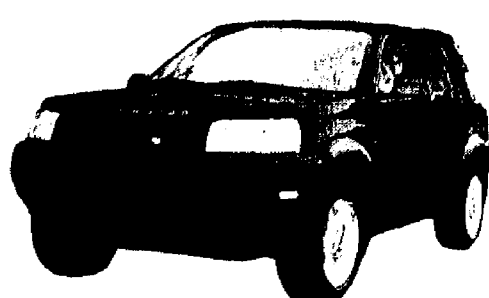
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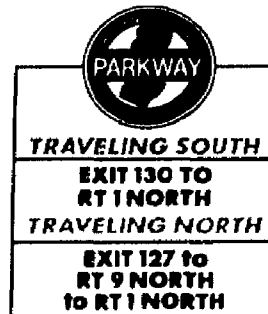
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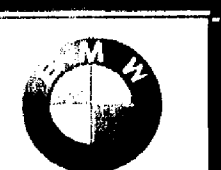
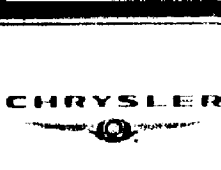

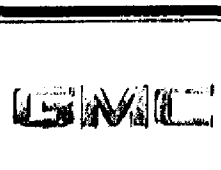













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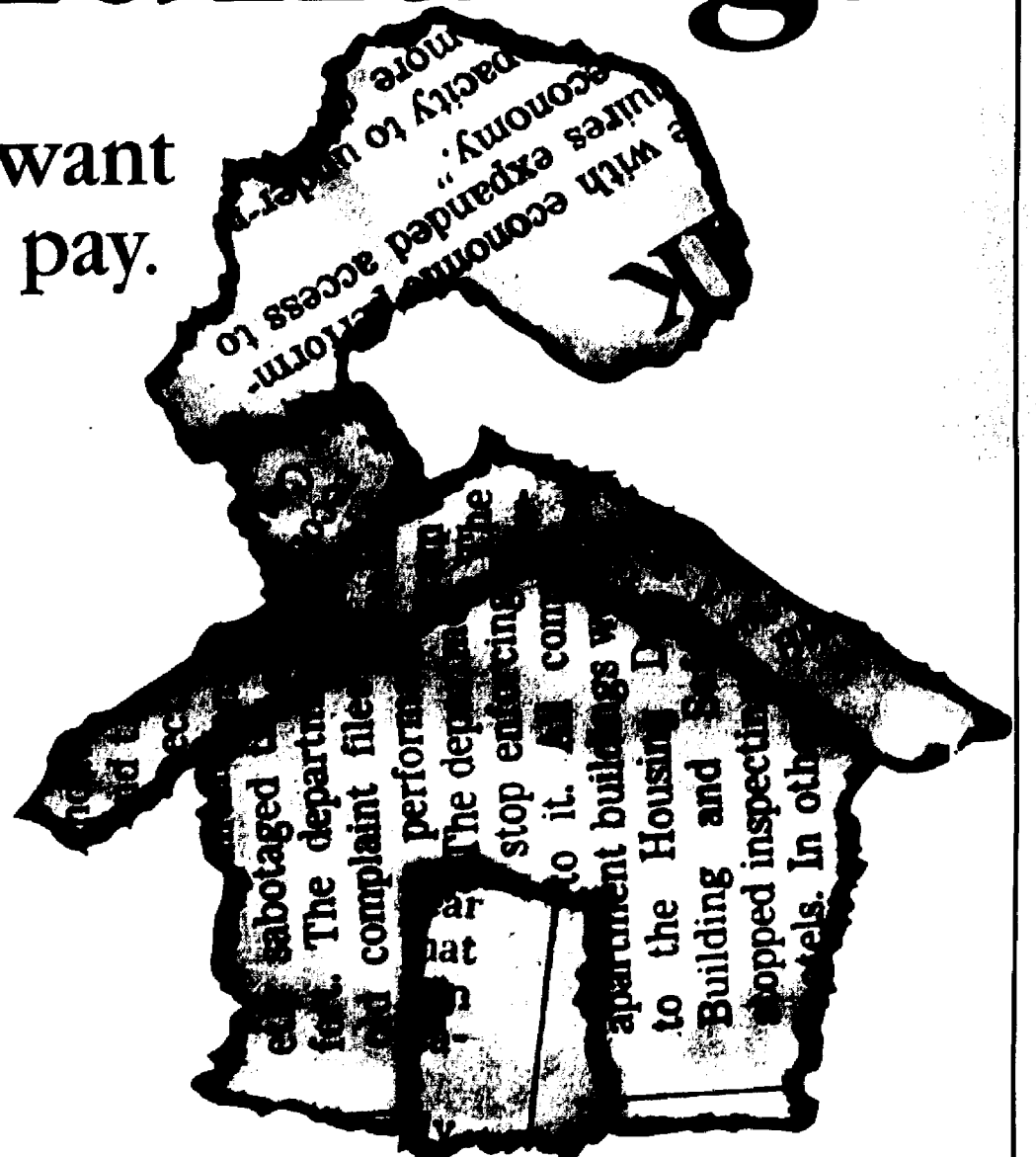
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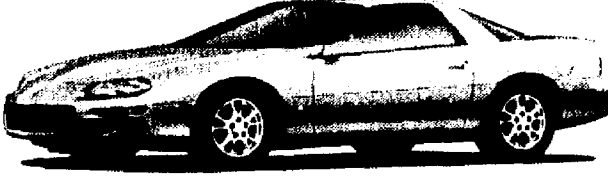
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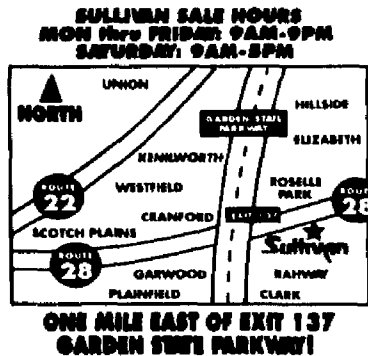
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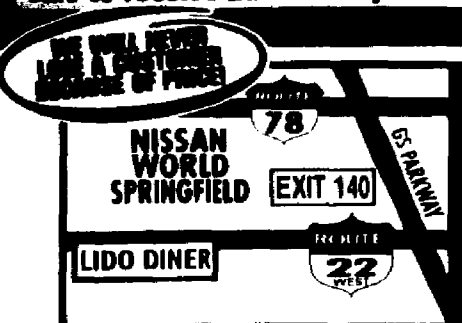
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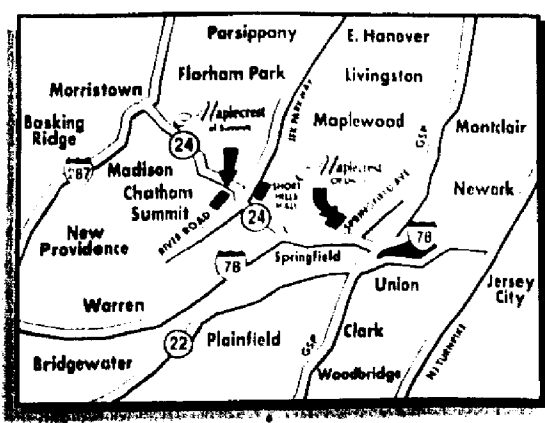
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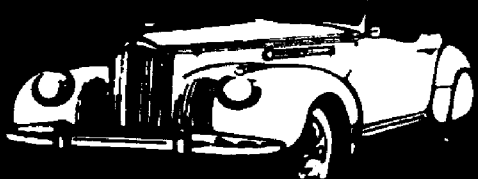
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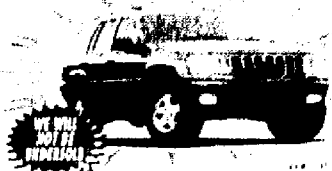




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