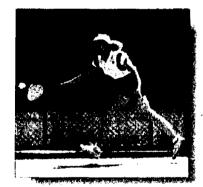
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#### Carrying a big stick

Co-captain Tracy Rood will be the leader in the midfield for the Westfield High School field hockey team this fall. See preview on Page



#### Inspired by U.S. Open?

Ellen Rogers of Westfield plays tennis with her husband Tom at Tamaques Park on a sunny afternoon Sunday. See picture on Page



#### Out for a spin

The Kenilworth Fire Department carnival was a dizzying experience for the folks who decided to ride the Round Up. Others got their thrills playing games of skill and chance. See another picture on Page B-2.

#### REMINDER

#### Food, fun at festa

The Italian Festival at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains, will be this weekend, from 5-11 p,m. Friday through Monday.

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# jitney could be operating soon

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD - Representatives from Fanwood and Scotch Plains met Tuesday to move forward with the municipalities' agreement with NJ Transit to provide jitney bus service for area residents to the Fanwood train station.

The project has been in place for months and the two jitney buses provided by NJ Transit for each community are waiting, but municipalities must work out a few more details before the service can begin to operate.

According to Scotch Plains Mayor

Martin Marks, there will be a Scotch Plains-Fanwood transportation agency to oversee the jitney service. The agency will consist of the mayors, Lou Jung and Marks, and Clayton Pierce, the executive director. Each municipalities' council will vote on the agreement at their next meeting, Sept. 10, and then the agency can move forward.

"We still have some things to work on," said Marks. "We have to solicit for drivers, look at insurance issues and advertising." But he's optimistic service could begin in the next few months.

The jitney service will provide transportation for train commuters. The goal

is to alleviate parking problems at the station and reduce traffic during rush hour. Routes have already been established. The buses will travel along Park, Martine and Mountain avenues, as well as Lamberts Mill Road, making designated stops along the way.

The agency also plans to use the jitneys for non-rush hour traffic, transporting residents to each communities' downtown business area.

NJ Transit will partially fund the jitnev service for the first three years: \$30,000 the first year, \$20,000 the second and \$10,000 the third. The municipalities hope to maintain the service through advertising revenue and a nom-

inal riding fee.

Each bus has advertising space which local businesses can take advantage of, Pierce said. He is optimistic about its success and points to Maplewood as a community in which the service has been successful. He said they started with one jitney and now have six to accommodate commuters.

"It's a total win-win situation," said Pierce who spearheaded the movement for the jitney. "The benefits are immeasurable. It will keep automobiles in the garage and free up parking for addition-

# Westfield tribute to 9/11 **Sept. 21**

WESTFIELD - The town will remember the 12 members of its community who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, when it dedicates a Memorial Park in their honor on Sept. 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

The dedication will formally open the newly created park at North and Broad streets in the downtown.

The evening event, which is open to the public, will culminate with the light-

ing of a specialdesigned Inside glass

and related appear on Page B-1.

spire etched with the Pictures names of the more than 3,000 individuals lost stories on Sept. 11 in the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania. The glass

dered by a walkway lined with 12 stone pillars bearing the names of the 12 individuals who were either born or lived in Westfield.

"We believe Westfield's project is unique in that we sought to create a memorial to the friends, neighbors and family members that we lost here in Westfield that also recognized the magnitude of the loss we suffered as a country.

"We felt it was important to incorporate the names of all the victims of that fateful day so as to underscore the sense of community we share with countless other families who lost their loved ones as well," said Janis Weinstein, chairwoman of the September 11Memorial Park Committee.

The Saturday evening event, which will feature a brief dedication program as well as music

See **Dedicates**, page A-2



#### Down to the wire

Three cheerful 2-year-olds bear down on the finish line in the Kids Sprint at the Contact We Care fund-raiser in Fanwood on Aug. 17. See story and another picture on Page A-3.

# Westfield board hears update on construction

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - As high school construction progresses, administrators are making a few accommodations to ensure that the work does not impact students and faculty when they return to school Sept. 4.

Board of Education Business Administrator Robert Berman presented a construction update at Tuesday's meeting. He explained that the work is progressing quickly and all projects are on schedule. Berman said that he and the fire department have designated emergency exits through the construction sites. At the end of the spring, exits in the construction area were inaccessible because of safety reasons, however, Berman said people can now exit in the area, if necessary.

In addition, the board is spending \$36,202 to lease five rooms at the Armory to replace classrooms that are unavailable the start of construction, the high school used four classrooms

in the Armory. Superintendent William Foley said the fifth classroom provides extra availability, if needed.

At Tannaques School, the field has been stripped and is being leveled. Berman said that the process has been hindered by state water restrictions since the field cannot be watered daily. The field will probably not be used until the spring. Though there was some concern about limiting children to the blacktop during recess, Foley said they had the same limits the last time work was dene on the field.

Berman also mentioned that construction on the high school athletic complex will start this week and should be finished in six months. Construction will not affect activities at the stadium

There are three other projects pending state approval: a new gym floor, bleachers and a dividing door. Berman hopes the floor will be complete for basketball season. The bleachers will be during construction. Last year at constructed on only one side of the gym so spectators won't be able to sit behind team benches.

# Scotch Plains to honor Alan Augustine

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Years ago, Alan Augustine helped secure Green Acres funds to build the Village Green that sits next to the Municipal Building on Park Avenue. Now, the township plans to honor his memory by renaming it Augustine Park and placing a commemorative fountain in its center.

Augustine was a Scotch Plains resident for 30 years and served area residents as mayor, councilman, county freeholder and assemblyman before his death

Martin Marks appointed a committee to develop a plan to honor Augustine. After conferring with Jeanne Augustine, Alan's widow, they decided on dedicating the Village Green.

"We looked at different things we wanted to do," said Bill McClintock, chairman of the committee. "Alan always loved that Village Green. He was on the council when it was put there."

Augustine impacted the lives of many of the residents and the committee consists of people who knew and worked with Augustine. It includes Jeanne

last year, Earlier this year, Mayor Augustine, Mayor Marks, Joel Horowitz, a neighbor of the Malool. Augustines; Nancy Augustine's former chief of staff; Town Clerk Barbara Riepe and former mayors McClintock, Joan Papen, Gabe Spera, Geri Samuel.

"We really looked up to him," said Marks. "We had a great deal of respect and admiration for him.

The project will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000, according to McClintock. It includes the decorative fountain, which will run between \$30,000-\$40,000 and signs designating the green Augustine Park. The committee

is soliciting donations through letters and personal contacts.

The fountain will not be ready this year, however, the committee hopes to rename the park this fall, possibly on Sept. 28 for Scotch Plains Day, an initiative that Augustine implemented.

"I can't tell you how wonderful it is for the township to honor Alan like this," Jeanne Augustine said. "The whole family is thrilled. Alan loved his town so much and was always willing to help anybody ... The town will benefit from (the park) as well. It will be very attractive to have a fountain in the park."

# **Internet Lounge likely** to open next month

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The Internet Lounge that sparked controversy over a proposed "adult" room is undergoing preparations to open in late September.

Alex Kovalyov has begun furnishing and doing maintenance work on his business that is located at South and Martine avenues, across from the train station. Kovalyov decided to drop the adult room, which he said was misinterpreted, after going before the Planning Board in

"It was a negative process for us," said Kovalyov. "We had no obligation to go in front of the Planning Board, but we did it for consideration. The Planning Board had no say whether it opened up or not."

Kovalyov said that the idea of the adult room was mainly to ensure children didn't disturb adults who were surfing the Internet, and to keep children from being exposed to a lingerie site in case an adult was doing online shopping.

"The Planning Board thought we were a sexually-oriented business. This is more of a kid-oriented business than a sexually-oriented business," Kovalyov said.

Kovalyov said he developed the idea for the Internet Lounge because he would take his children to an Internet café in Edison to play games. He thought that it made good business sense to have something local to entertain children.

So far, the building has been painted and signs have been posted. The building now has

See Lounge, page A-2



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Internet Lounge at Martine and South avenues in Fanwood will open next month.

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PROS

WESTFIELD The Westfield Board of Education expects to name a new board member at its next meeting on Sept. 10.

Seven people have expressed interest in the board seat being vucated by Lisa Alter, who resigned for personal reasons. The position needs to be filled from September until board elections in

The candidates are Bill Sweeney, Joseph Miceli, Beth Reese, Jenny Carroll, Beth Cassie. Ron Snyder and Tom Pyle. All will be interviewed at the public meeting except for Sweeney, who is unable to make the meeting and will likely provide written answers to the board's questions.

According to board President Arlene Gardner, all the candidates have excellent backgrounds. The board discussed how it will conduct the interviews and what it will look for in filling the position.

The attributes the board deemed as important include willingness to run for the position again in April, a familiarity and involvement with the school district and community, a background that compliments those of current board members and an anderstanding of the time com-

Board Member Carol Molnar wanted the candidates to commit

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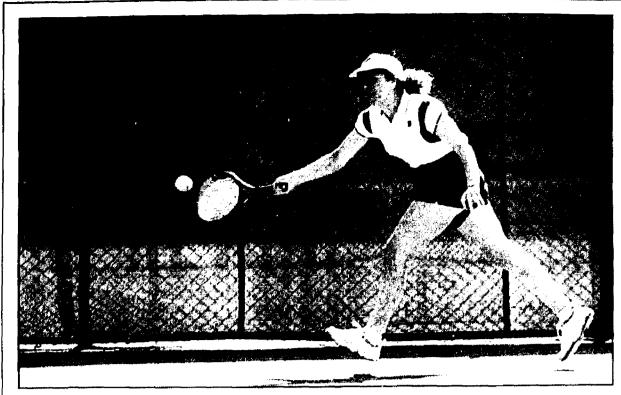
to running in April for either a one-year or, preferably, a threeyear term. She said she prefers the three-year term because it shows their seriousness and commitment to the position. Gardner said that she will encourage all candidates, even if not selected, to run for the position in April.

Other board members, such as Kimberly Rhodes and Alice Hunnicutt, emphasized the need for candidates to be available and committed to the board, mentioning that they will have to be able to dedicate two days a week for meetings.

"It's more (time consuming) than you think it is," said Rhodes. "We need, for the board's benefit, someone who is available."

The board also expressed its desire for more diversity in terms of race, age, gender, location and expertise. Gardner agreed with Molnar in her desire for a minority on the board, however, she said none has shown interest. Rhodes said she would like the new member to be from a different neighborhood than the other board members, and bring knowledge and experience in areas in which the board lacks.

The board will start its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 and will interview candidates after normal business is completed. After the interviews, the board will meet privately and announce its decision later that evening.



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Ellen Rogers of Westfield plays tennis with her husband Tom at Tamaques Park on a sunny afternoon Sunday.

# Retirement seminar set in Westfield

WESTFIELD --- Preparing for retirement could be the most important financial concern most people have today. Retirement costs are rising, the future of Social Security is uncertain, and many have not accumulated the savings they will need.

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The cost is \$20 (\$30 for two people) and includes a 145-page retirement planning workbook. Make checks payable to 1717 Capital Management, Call the Recreation Office at (908) 789-4080 by Thursday to reserve a seat and workbook

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# **Program** explains historic designation

FANWOOD - A presentation on the proposed Fanwood Park Historic District will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 in the council chambers of Borough Hall.

Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission will show a slide presentation conducted by an independent historic preservation consultant followed by a question and answer session.

After extensive research, the proposed Fanwood Park Historic District has been found to be historically significant under the National Register criteria as a representative late 19th century picturesque railroad community. It is being proposed for designa-tion on the State and National Registers.

Fanwood is located along the main line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, a precursor to NJ Transit.

The homes within the district are located on North Martine Avenue, North Avenue, Tillotson Road, Forest Road and Midway Avenue. Designation of the Fanwood Park Historic District does not place any restrictions on private property.

Continued from page A-1 and prayers, will conclude a twoday commemoration of the oneyear anniversary.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, honor guards of Westfield police, fire and rescue squad personnel, as well as representatives of the American Legion, will stand vigil at the park site.

During the 33-hour vigil, the names of all those lost on 9/11 will be read.

On Saturday morning, "A Walk for Dads" will take place in Mindowaskin Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Hundreds of schoolchildren from throughout Westfield are expected to participate in the walkathon designed to raise funds for the September 11Memorial

The community truly came together in order to create a special and serene location for remembering, reflecting and healing," said Weinstein.

# **Lounge**

Continued from page A-1 tinted windows, a kitchen area and electricity. Kovalyov expects computers and an Internet hook up in the next two weeks. Initially there will be 20 computers, but he hopes to expand to 40 computers.

Kovalyov said that the lounge is mainly a place for kids in the community to hang out. The primary purpose is so children can play Internet games that are expensive through individual Internet home accounts, he said.

The lounge will have a grand opening, but there are no hard plans as of yet, Kovalyov said.

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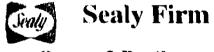
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# More than 500 run in **Contact** fund-raiser

FANWOOD - More than 500 runners from age 2 to 76 converged on LaGrande Park Aug. 17 for Contact We Care's 7th annual 5K Race and Invitational Wheelchair event. Race officials reported that both entries and funds raised were up significantly from the previous

"It's very exciting to see how the Kids Sprint event has grown in popularity," said Nancy Levine, member of the Race Committee.

"We had 141 2 to 12-year-olds registered this year, which is a significant increase over last year's entries in this segment. We look forward to enhancing this event in 2003." she said. As one parent noted. The 2-year-olds were the funniest group ever — it was fun to watch them."

All race participants were rewarded with goodie bags filled with a Contact We Care T-shirt and products, courtesy of the event's sponsors. Sponsors' names and logos were imprinted on the Tshirts. Corporate sponsors for this



Wheelchair athletes Daniel Wheeler, Jaclyn Daya and Jessica Gall show off their medals following the Contact We Care fund-raising event in Fanwood Aug. 17.

year's event were Children's Specialized Hospital, Commerce and Concurrent Technologies. Contributing sponsors were, BOC Gases, Burgdorff Realty, Rotary Club of Elizabeth, Schering-Plough, Westfield Rotary Foundation, Clark Bagels, Frank Gargiulo & Sons, and Mail Boxes,

The evening's event concluded with a prizes and awards ceremony.

Awards were given to the top three female and male, Open and Masters; Top three female and male in age groups 14 and under; 70 and over; also first-place female and male Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents. Each KIDS Sprint participant received a prize ribbon. Complete official race results are available at www.compuscore.com.

The annual event is a major

fund-raiser for the Union County based nonprofit agency which operates a 24-hour crisis hotline, 908-490-1900, and calls to 1-800-SUI-CIDE for New Jersey residents. Volunteers trained in active listening skills, offer nonjudgmental assistance to lonely callers going through difficult times. Volunteers also provides daily reassurance calls to elderly shut-ins, disabled and socially-isolated individuals.

# Verizon antennae hearing postponed for a second time

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

FANWOOD The second part of the Verizon Wireless hearing before the borough's Planning Board has been pushed back for the second time.

After the initial hearing ranfor almost three hours in June, it was supposed to continue at the board's meeting in July, however, Verizon asked for the hearing to be carried to the August meeting. Now Verizon has asked that the hearing be put off until September.

According to Planning Board Chairman Greg Cummings, the wireless company is looking at alternative sites in the borough to place cellular phone antennas. Three locations are zoned for cellular antenna use in the borough the recycling center on North Avenue, the Department of Public Works building and Borough Hall.

Verizon faced much opposition from Fanwood residents opposed to the company placing antennas on the PSE&G tower on North Avenue and Elm Street, which is in a residential area. The sites that Verizon are investigating are not in designated residential areas, however, Cummings expects that residents in those areas will also disapprove of cell phone tower.

Cummings said that the Planning Board is not frustrated with the delays because it suggested that Verizon look at alternative sites. He also said that the Chelsea Assisted Living Building on South Avenue is an option because it is the tallest building in the bor-

Verizon is looking for a location in Fanwood because of a significant cell phone coverage gap in the area. It was denied access to a PSE&G tower in Scotch Plains in the spring.

Verizon still has not withdrawn its application for the North Avenue and Elm Street site. The hearing has been scheduled to continue on Sept.

### Campus notes

Yan Li of Prospect Street, Westfield, has graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. The daughter of Bing Chen received a master's degree in electrical engineering and computer science at the 136th MIT commencement June 7.

Alaina Buckland and Nodar, both Albert Westfield, have studied abroad through a program College Middlebury Middlebury, Vt.

Buckland spent the spring 2002 semester in South Africa at a center operated by the Vermont-based School for International Training. A junior at Middlebury, she is the daughter of Gail Buckland of Westfield Buckland of and Barry Manhattan.

Nodar spent the entire 2001-02 academic year at the Middlebury College School in Florence, Italy. The son of Felix and Purificacion Nodar is also a junior at Middlebury.

Jennifer Del Roio and Seial Patel, both of Scotch Plains, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Pa. Both students are studying pharmacy.

Sarah Ishaque and Andrew Wislocki, both of Westfield, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Grinnell College in Grinnell,

Ishaque, the daughter of Saived and Arja Ishaque, is majoring in economics and political science. Wislocki, the son of Mary and Peter Wislocki, is majoring in classics.

Jamie Lynn Rigano and Jasmin Pia Roshansky, both of Scotch Plains, plan to attend Centenary College in Hackettstown. The two women graduated in June from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Rigano also received a Cyclone Scholarship to attend Centenary.

### New youth sports behavior law applauded By GREG MARX THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD - A new state law aimed at curbing unacceptable behavior at youth sports events was greeted as a welcome measure by school administrators and league direc-

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going to do."

The law, signed into effect Sunday by Gov. James E. McGreevey, empowers school boards and youth sports leagues

tors.

to establish an athletic code of conduct, which all students, coaches, officials or parents must agree to as a condition of participation. The code, a model of which will be prepared by the state Attorney General, would prohibit physical or verbal threats and fight-

A school or team with such a code of conduct in place would tors, who would be allowed to return only after completing a sports violence counseling pro-

As of Tuesday, the governor's office had not provided guidelines for instituting the new law to local

definitely

-Kevin Kessler

president of the

Softball League

Cranford Baseball and

sports pro-"It's something we are grams. But several local sports officials | said they were looking forward to getting more information.

"It's something we are absolutely, definitely going to

do," said Kevin Kessler, president of the Cranford Baseball and Softball League. "I was very happy to hear about the law ... (Abusive behavior) has been a concern."

Kessler said most problems with parents and coaches — the league never has problems with children's behavior, he said -can be solved by having a

have the authority to ban viola- league official speak to the offender. Only twice in his sixyear tenure has the league's board of directors had to convene to discuss a persistent problem, he said.

But there have been enough incidents to cause concern, he said, especially because the vast majority of problems occur in the younger leagues, where umpires can be high school or even middle school students.

At the Cranford Soccer Club, officials already require parents, players and coaches to sign a code of conduct called "Set A Good Example" (SAGE), said club president P.J. Keim.

But, said Keim, club directors will "definitely" be discussing the ramifications of the new law, especially because the current code does not specify penalties for violations.

"We'd absolutely be interest-

ed in improving our systems on the basis of the new law," Keim

Cranford Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod said the law could have ramifications for school-sponsored sports teams, as well.

"As soon as we get definitive information from the state, then it's something we need to

give real consideration to," with input from administrators. coaches, and board members, he said.

"I don't think there is a high school or middle school in the state where this issue hasn't come up," Feinsod said. "We have had a small number of incidents, but one incident is too many."

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# Commentary

# New school year, same old taxes

When New Jersey students go back to school next week, they will become acquainted with many new things — new classmates, new teachers, new books etc. They may even have new computers.

Unfortunately, their education will be financed primarily by the same old property tax system that places an unfair burden upon the middle class.

Everybody in New Jersey knows the property tax system is unfair. Why should a widow living on a fixed income in a \$100,000 house in Somerville pay more property taxes than a corporate manager earning \$100,000 a year living in a \$200,000 townhouse in Bedminster?

Most people are willing to accept property taxes for municipal services—such as police and roads—and county government, but most of our property tax bill is eaten up by the public school system. And while the amount of state aid given to public schools has increased in the last two decades, the state's support of local public education is still below the national average.

To correct this unfair tax culture that has hurt the middle class of New Jersey for far too long, a major overhaul of the property tax system is needed. The state legislature — operating with the luxury of a surplus — has enacted a patchwork of relief packages complete with rebates that no one can understand, But that's only relief — it's not reform. And nobody knows what will happen if the surplus continues to dwindle.

New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP), a non-profit organization dedicated to developing policies to place New Jersey on a solid fiscal foundation, has proposed details of a new tax plan that places the tax burden where it should be --- on those most able to pay.

The NJPP FIRST proposal — FIRST stands for Fair, Immediate, Responsible and Simplified — is based on the that the top 20 percent of the state's residents earn 53 percent of the state's income.

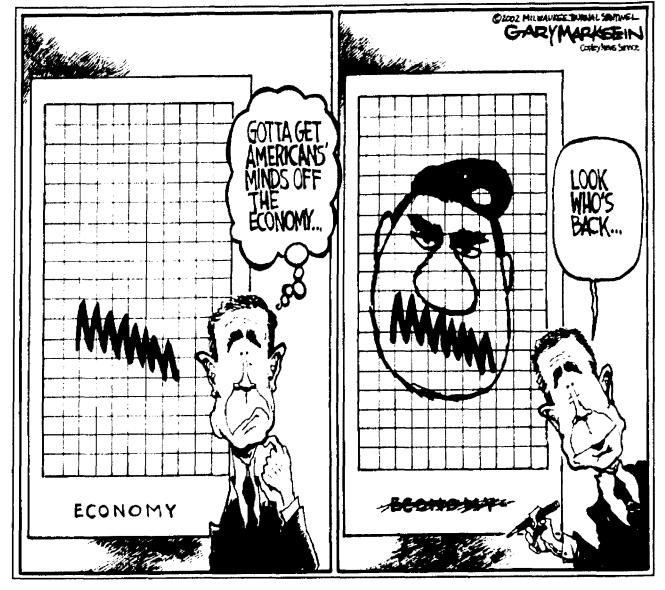
FIRST raises the top rate of the state's personal income tax to 8.87 percent from 6.37 percent on yearly income greater than \$150,000 for joint filers and \$75,000 for singles. That tax increase would affect only 5.3 of the state's residents. And even most of them would come out ahead when the amount of property tax relief and the deductibility of state tax from federal returns is calculated.

FIRST also calls for the creation of a "Financial Assets Tax" on one-quarter of one percent of personal assets stocks, bonds and other financial instruments greater than \$2 million. That tax would affect only 1 percent of the state's household.

Under the FIRST plan, the major tax burden in the state would shift from the middle class to the truly wealthy. And that's where it belongs.

Does the FIRST plan have a chance of becoming law? Given the present character of the state legislature, it's not likely.

But the clamor is growing for reform. Many organizations are calling for a constitutional convention to tackle the issue free of the partisan rancor that would otherwise mark the debate. It's a good idea and probably the only way to prompt change.



#### Letters to the editor

# Conquer cancer plates worthwhile

To The Record-Press:

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On behalf of the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research, I wish to send a heartfelt thank you to the thousands of New Jersey citizens who have purchased specialized Conquer Cancer license plates. In just four years, the sales of these license plates have generated more than \$1.3 million, all dedicated to supporting cancer research. Because the development cost for the plates was underwritten by Kenilworth-based Schering-Plough, more than 90 percent of the purchase price of each plate goes directly to cancer research.

These purchases have made a significant difference in our fight against cancer in three ways. As the second most popular specialized plate in the state, more than 27,000 drivers demonstrate their commitment to conquering cancer on a daily basis and raise visibility on the need for research. Recently, license plate revenues have funded half of the "seed" grants awarded by the New Jersey-Commission on Cancer Research to New Jersey-based researchers. These talented scientists have, in turn, used these funds to leverage \$4.50 in national funds for every state dollar provided. This

funding, awarded to our top research and medical facilities throughout the state, has contributed not only to New Jersey's prominence in the fight against cancer, but also to strengthening our scientific infrastructure.

For years, New Jersey has consistently ranked among the 10 highest states for cancer incidence and mortality. The economic costs of cancer are enormous. Recent analysis indicates that all cancer-related costs to New Jersey are estimated at more than \$5 billion per annum. Needless to say, the burden from human suffering and sacrifice cannot be measured. However, it is for these reasons that the commission is dedicated to carrying out its mandate despite its budget crises.

Again, thank you, all of you, who help the NJCCR and New Jersey cancer researchers in our efforts to eradicate cancer. I encourage your readers, especially those whose lives and families have been touched by cancer, to join with me in keeping our message of hope in the public eye. Buy a Conquer Cancer New Jersey license plate.

Paul E. Wallner
Commission on Cancer Research Chairman

# Jersey Boy Mike Deak

# The panic on the first day of school

I always cried on the first day of school.

The tears came just as the rosy finger of dawn poked me in the eye and roused me from a shallow slumber filled with anxieties. The swirling nausea in my stomach lapped at the feet of a dozen butterflies as fear and sadness tightened their grip on my bladder. Dry heaving sobs shook my body from ear to toe; I felt like a Death Row inmate awaking on the day of his execution.

Eventually the anxiety attacks became muted by the time I reached high school. In those years the anxiety was replaced by a listless dread and the existential acknowledgment that high school was to be endured as a necessarily cruel passage to college and adulthood.

I don't know why I suffered mini-breakdowns on the first day of school. Outside the humiliation of physical education and industrial arts, I was a good student and I had several good friends who would come to the protection of my puny arrangement of bones. when threatened by snorting bullies. Schoolwork came naturally; the flypaper glued to the inside of my skull effortlessly captured nuggets of knowledge. Still, the first day of school induced paroxysms that spun my brain like a whirling dervish of anxiety; the memories of those panicky dawns causes an involuntary shudder ven as I write these sentences.

Of course by the time I reached the back door, a new lunchbox in my hand and the sunlight glistening in my Vitalis-inebriated hair, the anxieties had vanished, like playful specters taking leave of their annual visit. By the time I had settled in my seat in the classroom, everything was fine and I even looked forward to the first homework assignment, like the goody-goody two-shoes geek I eventually became (yes, I was president of the high school chess club— oh the shame!)

It's been 39 years since I first entered school and I amazed at the clarity of my memories, as if they are pictures that never fade. I remember in 1962, before an infamous Supreme Court ruling. Mrs. Kraft started the first-grader's day with a prayer and a reading from the Bible. I remember the sunny and warm Friday November afternoon when Mrs. Cole announced the president had been shot; I also remember the song we sang to her on the last day of school when she retired after decades and decades of teaching. In third grade, Mrs. Moore read to us after lunch E.B. White's Charlotte's Web; because I was a boy I had to stifle my sobs when Charlotte died. In fourth grade. Mrs. Pardoe was a tough and demanding teacher who nevertheless fervently believed that her pupils had to have at least two hours a week of art. In fourth grade, I also remember Mrs. Moore, who was doing guard duty at lunch, gently scolding me because I had come to the defense of a student I believed had been wronged; I actually invoked the First Amendment's freedom of speech; the twig was bent some even say warped - at an early age.

These are fond memories and though I had more than my share of anxiety attacks — they didn't make child-sized Prozac back then — I genuinely enjoyed my schooldays. And yet in those dawns of doom, I always cried on the first day of the school.

I'd like to think my tears came as I pondered the loss of summer freedom. But I know better; I've never been a renegade and I crave structure for my life. The tears came from the fear of the great unknown, the same fear that wakes us even now in the desolate moments before dawn. By this time in my life I should have realized the unknown is nothing to fear; in fact, the unknown should be embraced because there are still adventures to be experienced. There are still . mysteries to be solved and there is still much to be learned.

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"Hopefully we'll get enough rain so there won't be a problem."

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"I'm very concerned about the water shortage. Over the years of this happening so many times, you'd think they'd learn their lessons and make the reservoirs deeper."

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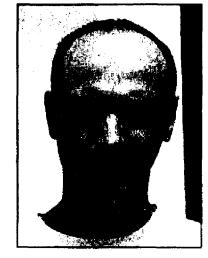
"I'm not overly concerned, because there's nothing we can do. It's nature. We've never run out of water."

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"I'd love to be able to wash my car, but (the restrictions) are for the greater good. We'll get by."

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### TAKING **NOTES**

### **Facts about** school buses

About 450,000 yellow school buses provide transportation service daily nationwide.

About 23.5 million elementary and secondary school children ride school buses daily throughout the United States, twice a

That's about 47,000,000 student trips daily - before adding an estimated 5,000,000 more for activity trips daily.

Approximately 54 percent of all K-12 students in the country ride yellow school buses

This equals about 10 billion individual bus rides or 20 billion boardings and deboardings, annually.

America spends an average of \$493 per regular ed child for transportation annually.

America spends an average of \$2,460 per special needs child for transportation annually.

Slightly more than 46,000 school buses were manufactured during the 12 months of the 1998-99 school year.

New Jersey not only requires lap belt installation on new large school buses, students are required to use them.

The national school bus accident rate is 0.02 per 100 million miles traveled.

# **Bus safety** for parents

Here are school bus safety tips for parents:

Make sure your children get to the school bus stop in plenty of

Discourage loosely fitting and baggy clothing that can get caught in handrails, in swinging doors, and on seats.

The most dangerous area is at the loading and unloading areas. Instruct your children to avoid horseplay and to stay back away from the bus until it is okay to board

Instruct your children to remain seated while on the bus, and avoid horseplay or being exceptionally noisy.

It is up to seven times safer for children to ride the bus to school vs. riding in the private passenger vehicle. Encourage your children to take the bus.

Stop for school buses with red lights flashing...even in the school yard!

Don't buy student raincoats that are yellow, buy another color. The yellow raincoat has a tendency to blend in with the yellow school bus making it hard for motorists to see the student.

### **Bus safety** for child

Here are some school bus safety tips for children:

Be on time. Never run to or from the bus. Stand back from the curb. Don't push or shove. Stay in your seat. Don't yell or shout. Always obey the driver.

Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.

Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Never crawl under a school

bus.

A short guide to our school districts

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# Learning to be good sports

New state law stresses proper conduct During a special seminar on youth sports issues at the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center

on Sunday, Gov. James E. McGreevey signed legislation to prevent improper conduct from parents, coaches, officials and players from marring youth sports events. "Sports provide an opportunity for our youth to learn teamwork and good sportsmanship —

qualities which can lead to success not only in athletic competition, but also in all aspects of life," McGreevey said. "This bill will ensure that we continue to stress the positive aspects of youth The Governor said the bill, A-446, would permit a school board or youth sports organization to

establish an athletic code of conduct for all students, coaches, officials or parents of students as a

condition of participation in any athletic program by the student or youth athlete. A school or sports team with an athletic code of conduct in place would have the authority to ban any youth athlete, coach, parent or official who violates the code. Violators would only be

allowed to return if they complete a sports violence counseling program. The legislation was sponsored by Assemblymen Robert J. Smith (D-Camden/Gloucester) and Louis D. Greenwald (D-Camden). Senators Joseph Coniglio (D-Bergen) and Stephen M. Sweeney

(D-Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem) sponsored the measure in the upper house. McGreevey signed the bill during sports parenting expert Rick Wolff's "Sports Edge" show on WFAN radio. The program, broadcast live from the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center this morning, featured a panel discus-

sion on youth sports issues. The panel included Yogi's son Dale, a former Major League baseball player, Sports Illustrated Senior Writer Peter King, Saint John's University Women's Tennis Coach Kyle Copeland and Ashley Hammond, a professional youth

soccer coach. "New Jersey is a state with hundreds of excellent youth

sports programs supported by dedicated parents, coaches and officials," McGreevey said. "This bill provides an important tool to protect the quality of these valuable programs."

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# Some tips on becoming a positive parent

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No one in their right mind would apply for this job. And yet every year, millions of adults begin a task that is long, difficult, sometimes scary — but always reward-

ing. They become parents. As CEO of the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), I have worked with experts and seen many studies that reinforce the fact that no one is born knowing how to be a parent. It's something we all have to learn. CWLA provides a curriculum for parenting education to more than 18,000 child care, preschool and Head Start centers that use these materials to train thousands of parents of young children in positive parenting techniques. CWLA is working to give parents the information they need and want to make parenting more enjoyable and more

CWLA envisions a future in which families, neighborhoods, communities, organizations and governments ensure that all children and youth have the resources they need to grow into healthy, contributing members of society. To help achieve that goal, CWLA provides the following 10 tips for positive parenting.

1. Appreciate the value of play: it is a child's work. Play is critical to all aspects of a child's development, but is often overlooked as a valuable tool. Play can prevent discipline problems, offers a natural way for children to learn, and is essential in the formation of a positive relationship between parent

2. Talk with and listen to your child. It's important to make eye contact and use gentle touch when communicating with your child. Give clear and consistent instructions — but not too many at once. Remember the importance of nonverbal communication, and be sure to hold a child for comfort or to share smiles and hugs.

3. Build your child's brain and body. Provide healthful meals and snacks and model good eating habits. Encourage exercise by being active with your child and limiting

time in front of the television or playing video games. Support your child's efforts in school and provide opportunities to learn and explore by visiting the library, museums, zoos and other places of interest.

4. Be your child's first source of information. Encouraging your children to ask questions now, makes it easier for them to ask questions when they are older. By answering questions from your child with honesty and openness, you can create a relationship of mutual trust and respect that can prevent your child from developing unsafe habits or taking unnecessary risks.

5. Learn how children develop and know your unique child. When it comes to your child, the real expert is you, the parent. Know all areas of your child's development physical, intellectual, social, emotional and moral -- and remember there is nothing to be ashamed of if your child needs special help to progress at his or her own best rate.

6. Cherish your child's individuality. Support your child's interests and talents. Try to spend time alone with each of your children every day. Praise your children's differences and avoid comparing them or asking why they can't be like someone else.

7. Set your household up for suc-- make it work for the whole family. Model and teach good safety

habits and establish routines. Discuss and enforce family rules that work for your household — for example, putting toys away after

8. Take care of yourself. If you are tired, ill or just worn out, you cannot be an effective parent. Eat healthfully, get enough sleep, take occasional breaks from parenting if possible, and enlist the support of family, friends and neighbors when things seem overwhelming.

9. Make time for family activities. A sense of belonging is enhanced when families take time to engage in common activities such as having meals together and sharing tasks and responsibilities. Use family time to discuss need and feelings, to solve problems and promote cooperation.

10. Teach your child right from wrong. A child's understanding of right and wrong develops slowly, from within. Actively teach your children a code of moral conduct and lay the groundwork for them to develop their own moral guide.

CWLA is the nation's largest and oldest membership-based child welfare organization. We are committed to engaging people every-where in promoting the well-being of child, youth and their families and protecting every child from harm. For more information about CWLA and for additional positive parenting tips, visit our Web site at

# Five questions you should be asking

Focus on teaching, classroom environment

(NAPSI)-Knowing what questions to ask may help parents better evaluate the quality of their children's education.

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), along with 34 partner organizations, developed five questions to help parents assess the quality of a child's education.

With the many issues parents have to think about regarding educational standards, we wanted to make it easier for them to assess their child's education by providing them with a one-stop list of questions to consider," said NAIS President Patrick F. Bassett.

Many parents look at high test scores or school rankings to determine if a school is providing an excellent education. Yet, these criteria do not provide important insight into critical elements of an educational experience. Recent research from the U.S. Department of Education confirms that there are several factors that strongly influence excellence within a school-public or private. The five questions parents can ask are:

Are there high quality and committed teachers? High quality teachers are individuals who are well prepared in content knowledge, possess strong teaching skills, and have a command of the materials that are being presented in the classroom. They are also able to develop an understanding of how students learn and what interests and motivates them.

Is there a low student-to-teacher ratio? A small student-toteacher ratio allows students to receive individualized attention that leads to greater academic and personal success. When teachers are able to spend more time understanding each student's learning style, they can successfully tailor teaching approaches and actively engage students in the learning process.

Do students feel challenged by their school? First rate schools provide students with challenging classroom instruction and demanding graduation requirements, leading to greater preparedness for life-long learning, as well as college. Students know when they're being asked to meet high standards-and respond according-

Are there strong partnerships among parents, teachers and students? The best schools develop collaborative relationships among parents, teachers and students. Strong partnerships are built on regular, open communication about classroom goals, as well as student academic achievement.

Does the school have a climate that supports achievement? The most successful schools are those in which students and teachers share a sense of purpose and where student achievement is active-

Education is perhaps the most important investment parents can make in a child's future," said Bassett. "It is our hope that parents across the country will pose these questions and evaluate their child's school to determine if it meets the high quality standards that correlate with student and school success.

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CRANFORD--The Shea School, founded in 1989, has produced some of the finest dancers in the area. They have performed at Carnegie Hall, Radio City, Disneyworld, NJPAC, the PNC Bank Arts Center, on Broadway with the Trinity Irish Dance Company, the State Theater in New Brunswick, Paper Mill Playhouse, Garden State Art Center, Irish Festival in Holmdel, and the South Street Seaport in Manhattan.

Although competition is not required, many of the boys and girls who attend the school spend countless hours practicing for local and regional contests. Training to be a competitive dancer requires a tremendous commitment on the

compared to the rigorous training that many athletes endure. But for the Deirdre Shea Dancers, it has paid off handsomely. This year, seven dancers qualified to represent the school at the All-Ireland and World Championships in Ireland and Scotland.

Deirdre Shea dancers perform at St. Michael's School in Cranford, Roselle Catholic and the Cranford VFW, as well as with singer Bobby Byrne at the South Street Seaport, the Chieftains at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, and with Cherish the Ladies at the Paper Mill Playhouse. As part of the school's community outreach program residents of local area nurs-

ing homes, senior residences and

part of these students and has been hospitals are treated to perfor-

Fall registration is going on now. New beginner classes will be held on Monday and Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 10 a.m.: pre-K and Kindergarten classes are scheduled for Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call (908) 276-8181 for a registration form.

# Back to school? A trip to the optometrist may be in order

(ARA) - Among all the crayons, paper, scissors and glue you purchase for your child's first day of school, the most important school supply is a healthy pair of eyes. Studies indicate vision is the key element (almost 80 percent) of the learning process during a child's first 12 years.

The basic vision skills needed for school use are:

Near vision: the ability to see clearly and comfortably at 10 to 13

Distance vision: the ability to see clearly and comfortably beyond arm's reach.

Binocular coordination: the ability to use both eyes together.

Eye movement skills: the ability to aim the eyes accurately, move them smoothly across a page and shift them quickly and accurately from one object to

Focusing skills: the ability to keep both eyes accurately focused at the proper distance to see clearly and to change focus quickly.

Peripheral awareness: the ability to be aware of things located to the side while looking straight

Eye/hand coordination: the ability to use the eyes and hands

If any of these or other vision skills is lacking or not functioning properly, your child will have to work harder. This can lead to headaches, fatigue and other eyestrain problems. As a parent, be alert for symptoms that may indicate your child has a vision or visual processing problem.

When children have undetected vision problems, school can become a struggle. Signs that your child may be experiencing vision difficulties in the classroom include: trouble finishing written assignments, losing their place when reading, having a short attention span when doing close work, skipping words when reading, making errors when

copying from a classroom board. holding reading material closer than normal, rubbing their eyes, and having greater potential than grades may indicate (under per-

To ensure a lifetime of healthy eyes and vision and success in school, the American Optometric Association (AOA) encourages comprehensive eye exams to be performed when a child is six months old, three years old, when a child enters school, and every two years after that. A school vision test or a pediatrician's screening is not a substitute for a thorough eye examination.

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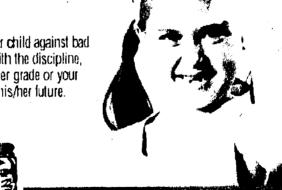
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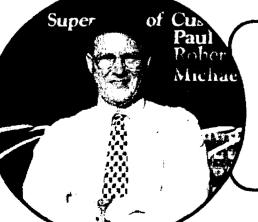












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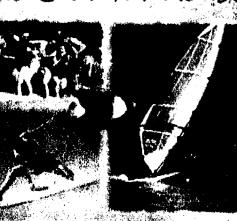


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# Community Life

### **Briefs**

#### Westfield mails calendar to homes

WESTFIELD - The 2002-2003 Westfield Public Schools Calendar of Events and Directory of School Information was mailed to each school fami-

The extensive calendar includes a comprehensive listing of all school activities. The calendar has been published by the Westfield Board of Education for the past 30 years as a service to the staff and community.

A limited number of extra copies of the calendar are available to the public. Requests can be made at the schools or at the Office of School/Community Relations at 302 Elm St.

#### JCC department get new leaders

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tina Jacobs, JCC membership director, has accepted the additional position of co-director of youth & family services. Jacobs has also served as senior adult director, Camp Yachad special event coordinator and group worker in the senior department at JCC Metrowest.

Jacobs will work with Jodi Baxter, JCC director of after school services, who also has been promoted to co-direct the Youth & Family Services Department. Her additional responsibilities will include staffing several special events, developing new programming, and coordinating the administrative aspects of the department.

#### Vendors are needed for Scotch Plains Day

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Lions Club of Scotch Plains will hold a flea market and craft fair at the Municipal Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

The event coincides with Scotch Plains Day. Activities include a DJ, pony rides, petting zoo and Rainbow the Clown.

Vendors interested in a sintle space for \$15, double spa**c**e for \$20, a triple space for \$30, or a quadruple space for \$40 can contact Ron Kelly at (908) 753-8218.

#### Residents invited to Sukkot dinner

SCOTCH PLAINS - The community is invited to attend a Sukkot dinner from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave. Visit the Sukkah, dance to traditional music and dine with family and friends. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (ages 2-13) and seniors. Reserve before Sept. 17 by calling Tina Jacobs (908) 889-8800 ext. 218.

#### Stem cell program planned Sept. 12

WESTFIELD - A discussion of the Promise of Stem Cell Research: Life or Death? will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at First Congregational Church of Westfield, at 125 Elmer St.

The discussion will be facilitated by the Rev. John A. Mills, director of Wisdom's Light, a ministry of public religion and science discussions. The session will describe the science of stem cells and the promise of medical healing offered by the research. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the ethical and moral issues raised by the harvesting of stem cells and their subsequent use. These issues will include the controversy of when life begins. of human dignity, and of government regulation of the research. Specific religious issues of God's image, sacrifice and God's purpose will also be

discussed. The public is invited; there is no registration fee. This session is a program of Wisdom's Light. More information about this ministry can be found on the Internet

http://wislit.home.att.net. For more information, call (201) 768-7285.



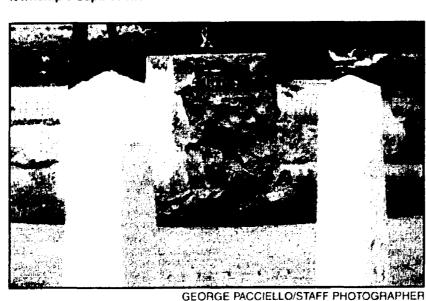
GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield's memorial at North and Broad streets is complete and will be dedicated on Sept. 21.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers from the Cranford Parks and Recreation Department watch as a buildozer grooms the site for the township's Sept. 11 memorial at Crane Park.



A closeup look at the granite marker which is the centerpiece of the Westfield memorial

# Worship, exhibit offer hope

#### Art exhibition offers hope for future

CLARK - Diversity Art Gallery will open its fall series of exhibitions with "Envisioning World Peace." The exhibition, which runs from Sept. 8-23, can be seen from 1-4 p.m. Sundays, from noon-2 p.m. Fridays and by appointment at the chapel building of Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road.

The show, which coincides with the anniversary of the terrorist attack, was conceived to express a positive vision of human capabilities to unite and live in peace and understanding.

Ten artists are participating.

#### Westfield clergy to mark anniversary

WESTFIELD - Members of the clergy will conduct an ecumenical worship service to mark the one-year anniversary of the World Trade Center tragedy.

The service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad

The service will involve no speeches or sermons, but will call on participants to worship through prayer, readings from Scripture and other sources, special music and a candlelighting ceremony in memory of the 12 Westfield individuals who died in the attack.

The clergymen finalizing plans for "September 11: Remembrance and Hope" include the Rev. Msgr. Joseph Masiello of Holy Trinity Church, Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El, the Rev. Edward Carll of First United Methodist Church and the Rev. Leon Randall of St. Luke's A.M.E. Zion Church.

#### St. Bart's planning Sept. 11 remembrance

SCOTCH PLAINS - St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church will host a "Sept. 11 Remembrance Service" at 7:30 p.m. in the church on Westfield Avenue.

The service aims to continue the healing by acknowledging our loss and by offering hope. It will provide an opportunity to impact the world in a positive, peaceful and prayerful

# Work begins on Cranford's 9/11 memorial

### Completion date is expected next May — if funds are there

we need a lot more."

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD - Work on Crane Park for the World Trade Center Memorial began last memorial committee are hope ful parts of the project will be in place for a memorial service marking the anniversary of the terrorist attack.

Last Friday, employees of the Recreation Department began clearing the shrubbery that lines the park on North Union and Springfield avenues. The remaining shrubs will be trimmed so the park is more visible from the street, and the iron railing will line the park where the greenery has been removed, said Parks Director Frank D'Antonio.

along with brick pavers through of the memorial may work planning the park, the sixpillared memorial, and a commemorative statue are slated to be completed by May 2003, said Jerry Dobbins, chairman of the memorial committee. But by Sept. 11, the committee plans to. have a flagpole in

Those railings,

place, as well as a temporary wooden version of the monument, Dobbins said.

The timely completion of the memorial may depend on the success of the committee's fund-raising efforts. Dobbins said funds are "starting to comein, but we need a lot more."

"It's going good, but we expected it to be a little higher by this time," he said. He and committee treasurer Joan Varanelli said both small and large donations are welcome, and residents or businesses who make large donations will receive recognition somewhere in the memorial.

Committee members have refused to say how much money has been raised.

The committee's next big fund-raising initiative is a golf outing at the just-opened Hyatt Hills Golf Complex. The outing, to be held Oct. 7, will cost \$180

per golfer. Interested residents should contact Mark Mayer at (908) 276-1462 or Mimi Cirincione at (908) 322-951.

The committee is also selling luminaries, which will be week, and members of the used to light up the township on Sept. 11, and has planned several other fund-raising pro-

> In neighboring towns, the Kenilworth Policeman's Benevolent Association recently unveiled a small memorial to the two local victims of the attacks, Westfield is nearing completion on a large memorial at North Avenue and Broad Street, and Scotch Plains plans to name its new baseball park "Memorial Field" and crect a plague dedicated to the vic-

In Cranford. the memorial committee has The timely completion also been at memorial depend on the success of service on the the committee's fund-raisanniversary of ing efforts. Funds are the attacks. The service "starting to come in, but

will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sept. -Jerry Dobbins, -11 in Crane Park, with a chairman of the flag salute, memorial committee song prayer.

Three of the widows of local

residents killed in the World Trade Center will speak, and the families will present commemorative pins to local police officers as a show of gratitude for support over the past year. The pins were designed by Cranford resident Betty Derasmo.

After the officers are pinned, the committee will present seven wreaths one for each of the local victims, and one representing all the victims of the attack - which will be displayed on the wooden memori-

After several more speeches and songs, nearby church bells will play "Taps," and the participants will walk over along sidewalks lit by luminaries to St. Michael's Church, where a memorial service will be held. The ceremony in the pa**rk is**, expected to last about one

#### Edward Farley Jr.

WESTFIELD -- Edward J. Farley Jr., 73, died Aug. 24, 2002 at his home.

He was born in Detroit and had lived in Westfield since 1965.

... Mr. Farley retired in 1996 after eight years as a Prudential **Insurance** Co. of America broker **in Gree**n Brook. He earlier was a Vice president of Taylor Business Institute affiliated **Bloomfield College.** 

He received a degree in busibess in 1951 from the former Upsala College in East Orange. Mr. Farley founded the seciation of Veterans

Association Programs Administrators and served as president of its New Jersey chapter. The association, which once had representatives at every New Jersey college, helped veterans with upgrading bad-conduct discharges and in matters related to Agent

He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 5503 in Clark.

His wife of 47 years, Joyce, died in 1998.

Surviving are four daughters, Cheryl Ford of Asbury Park, Pamela of Basking Ridge, Judith Jacobs of Verona and Cynthia Farley Geyer of Ridgewood; a sister, Patricia DiGiacomo of Tuckerton; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass was offered Wednesday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Farley was a parishioner. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Surviving are two daughters,

Karin Vella of Mendham and

Eleanor Romeo of Westfield; a

son, William Hardy of Pennsylvania; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

at Walter J. Johnson Funeral

sent to American Cancer Society,

Home in Clark.

Services were held Wednesday

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Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home.

#### Eleanor S. Hall

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Eleanor Bandmaier Hall, 81, died Aug. 24, 2002 at the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A native of Mannheim, Germany, she lived in Clark before moving to Scotch Plains in

🤭 Mrs. Hall was a volunteer for a nutrition program in Winfield Park. She was a member of senior **citizens** clubs in Clark and Winfield Park.

Her husband, Harry, is

#### 507 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

**Susan Koues Hull** 

" Susan Koues Hull, 61, died June 23, 2002 at her home in Pountain Inn. S.C.

A native of Scotch Plains, she fived in Cranford from 1964 until **she mov**ed to Fountain Inn in

Mrs. Hull was a social worker for Union County before her 1964 marriage to her husband, Gerald Francis Hull. She resumed her pareer in 1985 and continued as a social worker with the state of South Carolina after moving to that state.

She was a parishioner of Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford and Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville, S.C.

Her father, Frank Bleecker Koues Jr., is decensed. In addition to her husband,

Mrs. Hull is survived by her mother, Evelyn Curry Garrison Koues of Fountain Inn; a son, Christopher of Phillipsburg; three daughters, Caroline of Lancaster, England, Amanda Murray of Ocean and Susannah Harris of Westfield; a brother, Frank Bleecker Kones III of Marietta, Ga.; and eight grandchildren

Graveside services were held June 26 in Spartanburg, S.C. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Church, North Avenue East and Forest Avenue, Cranford.

Arrangements are by Cannon Funeral Home in Fountain Inn. Donations may be sent to Interim Hospice, 775 Spartan Blvd., Spartanburg, SC 29301.

#### Julie Piculich

FANWOOD — Julie Yurguitis Piculich, 84, died Aug. 22, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mrs. Piculich lived in New York state before moving to Fanwood in 1971.

She retired in 1980 after 15 years as a cook at Cranford Hall

Nursing Home Her husband, William, is Hazelwood Cemetery, Rahway.

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and a daughter, Lorraine, both of Fanwood; a brother, John Yurguitis of Wilkes-Barre; a sister, Nellie Maggio of New York City; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in

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### **Obituaries**

#### **Frances Laurent**

WESTFIELD - Frances E. Laurent, 66, died Aug. 23, 2002 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich.

Born Sept. 27, 1935 in lizabeth, she was a daughter of the late Harry Maier and Martha Hake Maier. Mrs. Laurent lived in Westfield before moving in 1978 to Westmoreland, N.H.

She was a former selectman for the town of Westmoreland and very active in Republican politics. A homemaker and gardener, Mrs. Laurent enjoyed traveling.

was chairman Citizens for Life at St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church in Keene, N.H.

Surviving are her husband, John J. Sr.; five daughters, Carol Mamczak of Temple, N.H., Janet Kielce of Naples. Fla., Jean Leo of Dunbarton, N.H., Denise Ray Westmoreland and Martha Kendall of Troy, Mich.; a son, John J. Jr. of North Kingston, R.I.; three sisters, Jean Porter of Jackson, Mich., Mary Maier of Brooklyn and Mildred Hynes of Dunellen; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces

Mass was offered Wednesday in Keene. Memorial donations may be sent to Westmoreland Lions Scholarship Fund, c/o Donald E. Hall, Route 63, Westmoreland, NH 03467.

#### Anne Marie Rotondo

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Anne Marie Rotondo, 38, died Aug. 23, 2002 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan.

A native of Plainfield, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving recently to Edison.

Miss Rotondo was with Pathmark Stores for 15 years, most recently as a budget analyst at its Carteret office. She earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Kean University in

She was a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Her father, Francis A., died in September 2001.

Mary K. Moran Rotondo of Scotch Plains; three brothers, John F. of Scotch Plains, Stephen J. and Christopher, both of Edison; a sister, Mary Frances of Edison; two nieces and four nephews.

Services were held Monday at the Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038-

### Frank Henry Nerl

WESTFIELD Henry Nerl, 85, died Aug. 27, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of Newark, he lived in Westfield before moving to Cranford in 1973.

Mr. Nerl retired in 1980 after 30 years with the former Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp. in Clark. He was an aerospace historian and during World War II flew observer planes in the Civilian Air Patrol at the Linden He was a founding member.

of the Dawn Patrol Motorcycle Club in Raritan and a life member of the National Rifle Association. Mr. Nerl was a member of the National Old Timers Auto Racing Club, Confederate Air Force and Yankee Air Force.

His wife, Catherine Powell Nerl, died in 1996. A son, Alan, and a brother, Joseph Max, died-

Surviving are a daughter, Patty Boytes of Cranford; two sons, Robert Frederick of Dunellen and Danny of Fensterville, Pa.; three sisters, Marie Drummond, Josephine Young and Frances Martin, all of Florida; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. today at Gray Memorial Funeral Home, 12 Springfield

# **Hazel Tripp Connelly**

Tripp Connelly, 84, died Aug. 25, 2002 at her home.

City before moving to Scotch

Mrs. Connelly was a member the Westfield Senior Community Center. She sang in the choir at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Jersey City.

Deceased are her husband, Purcell Connelly; two brothers, George Ravens and James Ravens; and two sisters, Jennie

SCOTCH PLAINS - Hazel Mar Ross and Louise Albert. Surviving are two sons, Frank Tripp Jr. and Vaughn She lived in her native Jersey Tripp; a daughter, Francine Tripp-Jones: a brother, Kobert Jackson; her former husband, Frank Tripp Sr.: 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and

> Mass will be offered 10 a.m. today at Christ the King Church, 768 Ocean Ave., Jersey City. Burial will be in Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville. Arrangements are by Parker Funeral Home in Jersey City.

# **Barbara Rothman cited**

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WESTFIELD --- Barbara Rothman has been named a "Community Champion" for 2002 by Prudential Corp.

She is a certified relocation counselor with the Westfield office of Prudential New Jersey Properties. Rothman will receive a \$250 "Rising Star Grant" to go to the Center for

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The longtime Westfield resident is a director of the Center. for Women and Families and the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation.

She also is a trustee of Children's Specialized Hospital.

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### Everyone's a winner

GEORGE PACCIELLO STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Everyone wanted a chance to show off their skill at the weeklong Kenilworth Fire Department carnival last week.

# Rail commuters put squeeze on Garwood parking

Dy MICHAEL RELLY

CORRESPONDENT

GARWOOD --- Rail commuters are abusing the borough's parking laws and harming businesses, some store owners say. But others see no negative impact on their businesses.

"People stay all day sometimes," said Ljubica Landeka, manager of B&B Liquors, located on Center Street, Landeka said when cars are parked outside.

her store for more than an hour, her customers denied access to the store. The problem

for her is worse during the evening, Landeka said, and she wants to see the cur-

rent one-hour parking signs replaced with either meters or 15-minute parking signs. Landeka said she has not contacted the borough police with her concerns. There are three public lots

spread throughout the borough. and no metered parking. But in Avenue, South Avenue, Center-Street and the 300 400 block of Willow Avenue, parking is limit ed to one or two hours during the "We don't have meter maids

here," and with the limited size of the police department, regular ticketing is not a top priority. said Police Chief Dennis K. Lesak.

Lesak added that while he personally has been frustrated by the lack of parking near the police department, he has not received complaints from local businesses.

But Lesak said he has occasionally noticed commuters parking in the lots of area businesses before leaving for work. If store owners or residents see commuters using their parking, they should alert the police department, he said.

Some owners find the parking situation in Garwood better than in other locations. Lou Mossucco. owner

National

Haircutters

Salen & Beauty

Center Street,

said that after

-keeping a shop

in Westfield for

vears.

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"Westfield, that's the worst town to park in in New Jersey.'

-Lou Mossucco owner of National Haircutters Salon & Beauty Supply, Garwood

Garwood's parking situation c "Westfield," seems idvllic Mossucco said, "that's the worst town to park in in New Jersey."

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And while some business owners may complain of commuters taking parking spots, not all who ride the train drive their cares to "Everybody's seen this bicy-

cle," said Cranford resident Theo the most densely commercial. Moreines, gesturing to his 22area of town, bordered by North vear old Cyclepro bicycle, resplendent with child seat.

He has been coming to the Garwood train stop for seven years, and began using a bicycle after the birth of his first son five years ago.

Moremes said that he rarely sees commuters driving, and of those he knows, many walk or bike to the station.

And breycle maintenance is cheaper than car repairs. Moremes quipped, adding "and no insurance either."

#### Westfield board hires 52 new teachers

WESTFIELD - The Board of Education has hired 52 new teachers, but still has a few openings, Superintendent William Foley told the board at its meeting Tuesday night

Foley said that settling with the teachers' union early aided the recruiting process.

The board still must replace William McMeekan, Jr., the video technician at the high school who won national awards for his video production "Catching Fire," a documentary of the Westfield Fire Department, McMeekan accepted a teaching position in another school district.

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# Thief raids purses while 4 women are in a meeting

A resident reported criminal mischief to his vehicle which was parked in the Southside train station lot on Aug. 20.

Four Westfield women reported money was stolen from their purses while they were in a meeting at Coldwell Banker in the 200 block of Central Avenue on Aug. 21. The women's purses were on top of their desks \$100, \$35 and \$42 were stolen from three purses and the fourth woman's purse was stolen. It contained \$10 and credit cards and was valued at

A real estate agency on Lenox Avenue reported a bad checks totaling \$5,000 on Aug 21

A Westfield resident reported a burglary to his neighbor's motor vehicle at the 1900 block of Grandview Avenue on Aug. 22

An officer filed a report of the theft of four valve stem covers from a white BMW four-door parked in the 200 block of St. Paul Street Covers were valued

An officer filed a report of criminal mischief to a wall at Drug Fair at 260 North Ave. East

Two juveniles were charged on Elm Street in the theft of 12 valve stem covers from motor vehicles on Aug. 23

Carlos Serrano was picked up on warrants out of South Plainfield and North Plainfield and charged with hindering apprehension on Aug. 24.

Richard L. Young of Center Street, Bound Brook, was charged with defiant trespassing at the Jolly Trolly Restaurant on 411 W North Ave. He was released with summons

The theft of a bike from the rack at the Northside train sta-

### Police Log

bike was a blue Swiss carbonframed 21-speed mountain bike valued at \$1,000.

Edward L. Carter of 121 Cacciola Place was picked up on a contempt of court warrant out of Hamilton. He was released after posting bail.

Joseph Jones of 10 Sylvester St., Cranford, was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams on Aug. 26

Jayoshiel Kakileti of 1026 Grandview Ave., Westfield, was charged with driving while intoxicated on Aug. 26.

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

A Fields Lane resident reported the house was hit with some type of substance on Aug. 18. No. permanent damage was reported.

A Cook Avenue resident reported Aug 23 that her son's bicycle was taken from an opengarage. The bike was a orange, 24-inch Mongoose, 21-speed boy's style mountain bike with a gray cable key lock wrapped around the center frame

A Raritan Road resident reported that her relative took her vehicle without permission on

A Raritan Road resident reported that her bicycle was taken from her front porch on Aug 16 The bike is a green women's Huffy with a black seat.

Karamchand Bhola, 40, of 9025-77th St., Queens, N.Y., was charged with obstruction of justice and simple assault, and Rajendra Jagmohan, 30, 929 Plainfield Ave., Plainfield, was

tion was reported Aug. 26. The charged with obstruction of justice on Aug. 24 after an alleged incident on 1500 Front St.

> Police were called to Front Street after a victim complained that occupants of a white mini van had just assaulted him. The victim was bleeding from the neck. Police attempted to stop the vehicle at Terrill Road, however, the driver drove away

The victim said that he was smoking a cigarette by the garage when Bhola approached him and said that he couldn't smoke at a gas station. The victim said that Bhola took the cigarette from his mouth and pushed him down. He said Bhola and several others began to kick him while he was on the ground.

Bhola and Jagmohan were charged and later released on summonses.

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Residents of Swansmill Lane reported that someone damaged his daughter's vehicle while it was parked on the street on Aug 24. The driver's side mirror was shattered and the driver's side window mount was scratched

A Plainfield resident reported being robbed of a scooter on Front Street after leaving Farley Avenue. The victim said that he was approached by tour males, all between the ages of 13 and 15. years old. He said that one male ran up along side of him and pushed him off the scooter A second male punched him in the back of the head. While on the ground the other males kicked him. The suspects walked back toward Farley Park. The victimwalked to a business on Terrill Road and called Plainfield police

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# **Briefs**

#### Nonprofit conducts anniversary sale

NEW PROVIDENCE Sharing, a volunteer, nonprofit for the handicapped, is having its 25th anniversary sale from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Sept. 14 at its headquarters, 1442 Springfield

Items available include books, clothing and treasures at discounted prices

Proceeds from the sale will be applied to the cost of mailing the free monthly newsletter done by and for the disabled. It has a circulation of 3,000 copies mailed to 46 states, Canada, Kenya Switzerland and Egypt.

#### Temple offering parenting classes

SPRINGFIELD Temple Sha'arev Shalom is offering a program designed to help expectant parents raise a child as a proud Jew

Classes will run for three Tuesdays, beginning 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22 Early registration is encouraged Cost of the class, including materials, is \$36.

#### Kean musician **Grammy nominee**

UNION -- Allison Brewster Franzetti, affiliate artist in chamber music at Kean University, has been nominated for a Latin Grammy in the category of Best Tango Album. The Latin Grammys will take place at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and will be broadcast by CBS.

The CD, "Tango Bar," was recorded for Chesky Records. It contains standard tangos from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. In addition to being one of the nominated artists. Brewster Franzetti also produced the album with her husband Carlos Franzetti.

#### Library's Friends want old videos

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library are soliciting old VHS videos, compact discs and Books on Tape.

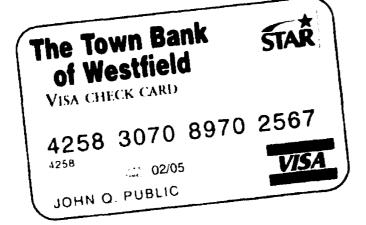
All items must be in good condition and can be dropped off at the Bartle Avenue library beginning Tuesday. Friends plan to sell these items in October at a flea market coinciding with Scotch Plains

Day. Videos must be commercially produced. Home movies and programs taped off the air are not wanted.

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# BEST BETS THIS WEEK

#### Sensational Saturdays

The Children's Museum will continue the series of interactive Educational programs, titled "Sensational Saturdays," designed for children ages 3 to

The programs run the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new home of the Children's Museum offices in the PeopleCare Center at 120 Finderne Avenue in Bridgewater.

The programs schedule is: Saturday, Sept. 7: International Games.

Saturday, Oct. 5: Harvest Festival.

Saturday, Nov. 2: Native Americans.

Activities will be scheduled indoors and out as weather permits. The "Flight" program will include balloon rockets, parachutes, paper airplanes, kites, bubble wands, and beachball aerodynamics. Weather permitting, a miniature hot air balloon will be launched at 11:30 a.m.

Suggested donation is \$2 per

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#### Masterwork seeking singers

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. Yocal 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.

#### **Operatic chorus** is being formed

A new operatic chorus is being formed in New Jersey.

Under the direction of Italo Marchini, the ensemble will \*pecialize in operas with large choruses and choral concerts by operatic composers. Marchini was director of the Ars Musica chorale for 17 years.

Planned for the ensemble's first season are a workshop on the Verdi "Requiem" in October and a full-scale performance of that work in February.

Experienced singers are desired. Choral experience and the ability to sight-read music are required. For more informa tion, phone (908) 541-0850 or (973) 783-1549.

#### Special exhibit at arts center

A special exhibit opening Tuesday, Sept. 3 marks the history of the Watchung Arts Center "Throughout the Years."

This historical exhibit includes documents, newspaper stories and photographs of events that have happened in the 25-year history of the arts center. A number of other articles cover the history of Watchung as a borough.

"Throughout the Years" may be seen through Friday, Sept.

Also on Sept. 3 the Arts Center opens a "Menagerie" of art by Lorrie Baldwin and "Floral Fantasies" by Jonathan Haklik. Those two exhibitions may be seen through Saturday. Sept. 28.

A reception for all three shows is 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

Arts Center hours for the public are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday plus 1-7:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, visit

www.watchungarts.org or phone (908) 753-0190. The Arts Center is on the east edge of the Watchung Circle; take Route 22 to Somerset Street north or Warrenville Road to Mountain

Boulevard east.



#### The sun will come out next month in Neshanic

The Somerset Valley Players, located on Amwell Road in Neshanic (Hillsborough) will be presenting "Annie" Sept. 6 to 29, Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m.; Sunday performances are \$3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$17. For reservations, call (908) 369-7469. Featured in the cast are (standing) Jenna Doran, Olivia Markey, Becka Larsen, Amanda Richards and Jessica Evancho; seated, Laura Sarles, Samantha Satnick, Beverly Thompson and Leslie Linguiti.

# Raritan Valley chorus starts new season

Mark Trautman is named the group's new artistic director

resume rehearsals for the 2002-2003 concert year on Tuesday, Sept. 10, under the direction of Mark Trautman, the new artistic director and conductor.

After an extensive search and interviews with many qualified applicants, Trautman was selected in May to lead the Hillsborough-based community chorus. The new conductor promises an exciting year filled with old favorites and some exciting and new challenges. The winter program ill include music in French, German, Hebrew, and Latin by a variety of composers from the sixteenth through the twenty-first centuries.

Trautman, a resident of Highland Park, studied piano at St. Mary's College of Maryland and earned a bachelor's degree cum laude in organ performance from Towson University in Baltimore and a master's degree with distinction from Westminster Choir College in Princeton. He is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, a national music honor society, and Dean of the Middlesex Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. His teachers have included Michael Phelps, Eugene Roan, and Thomas Spacht. He has performed throughout the Northeast as an accompanist, conductor, and organist in concert and

The Raritan Valley Choral Society will conductor of the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra in 1997 and 1998.

> Since 1994, Trautman has served as Director of Music at Christ Church, New Brunswick, NJ where he conducts the choir and coordinates the award-winning Lunchtime Recital Series. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Church Music at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick.

On Friday, Dece. 6, the Raritan Valley Choral Society will present its holiday con-St. Joseph's Church and Parish Center in Millstone. Featured will be the music of Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanza. It promises to be a concert for the whole family to enjoy.

The Riverside Singers, an auditioned ensemble, offers members an opportunity to sing more challenging music a cappella. Auditions will take place following chorus rehearsals during the month of September. The Riverside Singers perform in all con-

The Riverside Quartet was formed to meet the community performance needs of the Society. Their repertoire is broad and includes music for all occasions. They are available for daytime performances as well as evenings and weekends. Performances on radio and television, and served as guest—are complimentary for non-profit groups.

The Raritan Valley Choral Society rehearses on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church at 381 South Branch Road, across from the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex. The concert year runs from September through June. Registration will take place during the month of September. There is a \$50, registration fee and an approximate \$5 charge for purchase of music which members may keep. The Society is open to all singers without audition. Prospective members are invited to visit a rehearsal prior to joining the Society. For information about the Raritan Valley Chorus Society, please check the

www.princetonol.com/groups/RVChoralSoc iety or call (908) 281-8509.

The Raritan Valley Choral Society is incorporated in the State of New Jersey as an educational, non-profit organization, and is supported in part by funds made possible by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and administered by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission through the State/County Partnership Local Arts Programs.

# Lipizzan **Stallions** to perform at Lord Stirling

The world famous Herrmann's Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria under the direction of Colonel Ottomar Herrmann, will return to Lord Stirling Stable, 256 S. Maple Ave. in Basking Ridge on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4, 5, and 6.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. The show is presented by the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable.

Founded in the 16th century for the exclusive use of the Hapsburg Royal family of Austria, the Royal Lipizzans are unquestionably the rarest, most aristocratic breed of horses in the world with only a few hundred ever existing at one time. These flying white stallions were fea-tured in the Walt Disney movie "Miracle of the White Stallions.".

The Lipizzans have been in the Herrmann family since the reign of Austrian Emperor Ferdinand II who gifted the great white stallions to Knight Ritter von Schoevel to lead his finest officers into battle.

The performance, "Airs Above the Ground", was originally outlined by Xenophon the Greek, and presents spectacular leaps and plunges that were designed to inspire terror in the hearts of foot soldiers. Accompanying the display of horsemanship is a narrative that recounts the history, evolution and contemporary application of the sophisticated training for both horse and rider.

The 2002 performances of the Lipizzan are sponsored by the Somerset County Commission and the Friends of Lord Stirling Stable and will be their only appearance in central New Jersey this year. Proceeds from the event will benefit Somerset County Park Commission Lord Stirling Stable.

Ticket information is available by calling (908) 766-5955. Advance ticket prices are \$17 for adults and \$12 for children age 6 to 12. Children 5 and under will be admitted for free. Tickets are available at the Lord Stirling Stable office at 256 S. Maple Ave. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m..Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday beginning Tuesday...

Tickets are also available by mail with checks made payable to FLSS, 99 Morning Glory Road, Warren, NJ 07059 with dates and times of performances and the number and type of tickets requested. A self addressed stamped envelope is required.

Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Seating is limited.

# Symphony to perform 'Requiem' on Sept. 11

Orchestra presents a free performance of the Giuseppe Verdi "Requiem" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 in Liberty State Park, Jersey City.

Featured singers for the memorial concert are the Westminster Symphonic Choir, based at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. Soloists are Sylvia Valayre, soprano; Dolora Zajick, mezzosoprano; Salvatore Licitra; and Samuel Ramey, bass. Conductor is Zdenek Macal, music director emeritus of the NJSO.

The concert will be recorded for telecast later that night on the PBS network.

"Although the Sept. 11 attacks physically occurred in Manhattan, the people of New Jersey and the nation were significantly impacted by this tragedy," NJSO President Lawrence Tamburri said in a release announcing the concert.

"Many of the victims, survivors and rescue workers were from New Jersey," he said. "This particular tribute is intended in part to recognize both the losses and the contributions made by the citizens of

New Jersey." "As a naturalized American,

The New Jersey Symphony I value and cherish my citizenship greatly," Macal said. "The tragedy of Sept. 11 impacted me profoundly, and for a year I have wanted to appropriately express my grief over those lost and left behind, as well as to honor the selfless people whose valiant efforts following the attack provided so much hope for the nation.

"For me the Verdi 'Requiem' is the ultimate expressing of both mourning and hope," the conductor said. "I am humbled to be able to share this performance with the people of New Jersey, the metropolitan New York area and the United States.

Tickets are required; they can be obtained at the NJSO office in Newark, the Community Theatre Morristown, the State Theatre New Brunswick and Westminster Choir College in Princeton.

For more information, visit www.njsymphony.org or phone (800) ÁLLEGRO,

Sponsors of the Sept. 11 concert include Thirteen/WNET; Johnson & Johnson; the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies; and the office of Gov. James McGreevey.



Othalie Graham, soprano, will be featured in "An Interfaith Concert of Remembrance" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gladstone.

# Muses present memorial concert

Apollo Muses sponsors "An Remembrance" 7-30 Wednesday, Sept. 11 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gladstone.

Featured is Othalie Graham, soprano, a finalist in this year's "Opera at Florham" vocal competition on the Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Accompaniment is by Luke Housner, piano.

Graham's program includes songs from Faure, Sibelius and Strauss; the arias "Vissi d'arte" from "Tosca" and "Ritorna vincitor" from "Aida"; and the spirituals "Here We All Gather by the River" and "Balm in Gilead."

Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and Christian representatives will offer brief prayers at the conclusion of the program.

Admission of \$35 includes a reception and refreshments. For more information, phone (908) 234-0254.

Proceeds benefit "Interfaith Youth Dialogues," an ongoing program of St. Luke's Church. **Dance** 

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#### **NOW PLAYING**

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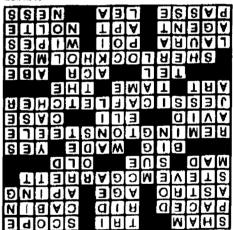
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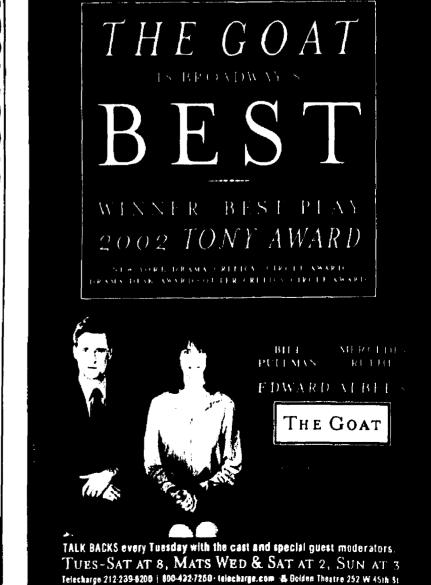
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MASS & MEETING - for Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9. (908) 322-5192.

IRISH GENEALOGY — with Richard O'Malley. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 1 p.m. Sept. 12. (908) 232-4159.

WINE & CHEESE — social for Newcomers Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. Sept. 12. Registration: (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-

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FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -The Handmaid's Tale," early 90's drama. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20. Free. (908) 322-6400.

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# Westfield's Presbyterian Church makes donation to housing project

Presbyterian Church has made a financial contribution to Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that rehabilitates old houses and builds new ones for low-income working families.

The check presentation was conducted recently on the front porch of a house under construction in Plainfield.

In a letter announcing the donation, Elizabeth McDiamid, associate for mission, said an important aspect of the church's mission outreach is "to help organizations that are reaching out to people in need. ... With the additional work that is necessary to purchase land and construct homes in the Plainfield area, hopefully this check ... will provide encouragement for your work."

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Proceeds from this event benefit the library. In the past few years, book sale money in excess of \$5,000, combined with \$10,000 from other sources supported renovation and technology initiatives at the library. In addition, proceeds help increase the video and books-on-tape collections as well as help add books to more popular subject areas.

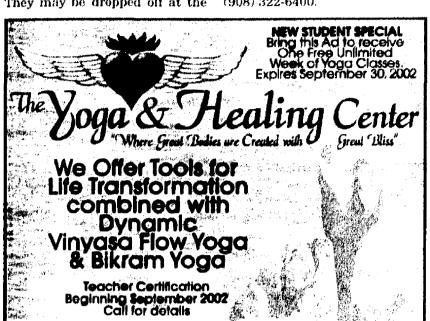
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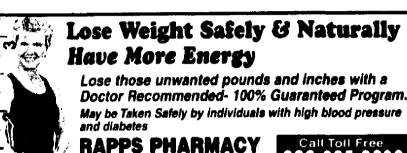
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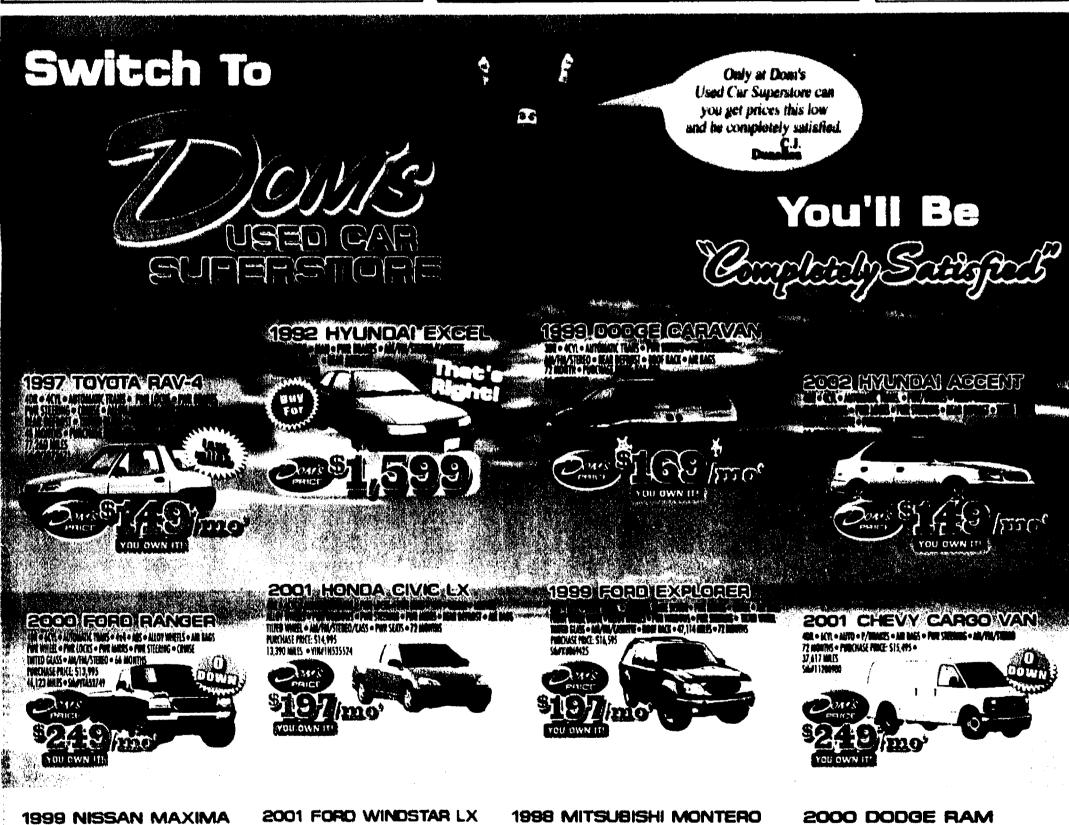
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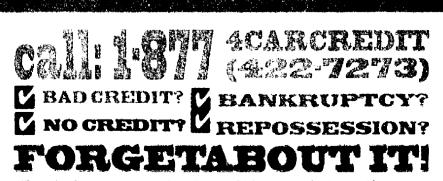
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#### **Briefs**

# Rosary Society to meet Sept. 9

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., holds its first meeting for the season following a Mass 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.

Plans for the society's Christmas party and other events will be discussed. Tickets for the Oct. 6 communion breakfast may be purchased at the meeting.

All women of St. Bartholomew the Apostle parish are invited. Refreshments will be served.

# **Union County Arc** plans Golf Classic

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Arc of Union County holds its annual Golf Classic on Oct. 10 at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club.

Proceeds go toward programs run by the Plainfield-based agency for mentally retarded people in Union County. Programs include 23 residential homes, five day programs for "special needs" people, two child-care development centers, a summer camp, an early intervention program and a private school.

Michael Bonner is the event chairman for a second year.

Corporate sponsorship packages are available.

For more information and registration, visit www.arcunion.org or phone (908) 754-7826.

# Genealogical Society resumes its schedule

WESTFIELD — The Genealogical Society of the West Fields resumes meetings 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St.

Richard O'Malley speaks about how he traced his ancestors in America and Ireland. He serves on the advisory board of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Last year O'Malley attended the fourth Irish Genealogical Congress in the Irish capital Dublin.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

#### Westfield Glee Club rehearses Sept. 16

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Glee Club begins rehearsals for its 78th season 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave.

Women as well as men are welcome. The Glee Club is under the direction of Thomas Booth and holds concerts at least four times a year. Accompaniment is by George Lachenauer, who is returning from a leave of absence.

For more information, phone Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

# Cannonball House is open on Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Osborn Cannonball House at 1840 Front St. is open to the public 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors are welcome at this 18th century historic site the first Sunday of every month. Admission is free.

Docents in period dress will provide tours of the museum as well as the surrounding flower and herb gardens.

A small white clapboard dwelling, the Osborn Cannonball House has been maintained for 30 years by the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

# Thrift shop reopens Wednesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League reopens its Thrift Shop for the fall on Wednesday.

Dresses, tops, blouses, skirts and slacks for women will be available, along with suits, slacks and shirts for men. Children's clothing and bric-abrac also can be found.

The Thrift Shop is staffed by volunteers at 1730 E. Second St. Store hours are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. New members are welcome; stop by any time during store hours.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS Westfield Head Coach George Kapner is trying to find the right combinations for a championship season.

# Blue Devils begin to unlock combinations

By DANIEL MURPHY

They may be able to open their lockers with a single kick or a well placed punch, but to open the door to another championship season knowing the right combinations is essential to the Blue Devils.

Coming off a very successful season in which it won the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 title, the Westfield High boys soccer team is again filled with talent, but is using the preseason to shake off the rust, plug some holes and find the right mixture of players to chase more titles this fall.

The Blue Devils graduated several key seniors off of last year's squad, but return a num-

ber of impact players and are headed before the season looking towards members of last year's Union County championship junior varsity squad to step up and provide the answers.

Westfield held four days of double-session workouts before going once a day Wednesday. The squad will have it's first of four scrimmage at Ramapo tomorrow, before scrimmaging Johnson Wednesday, Summit Sept. 6 and ending the preseason at Pingry Sept. 10. Westfield opens the regular season Friday, Sept. 13 when it hosts St. Peter's.

Head Coach George Kapner expects the preseason schedule will provide enough of a challenge to give him a strong indication of where his club is

"Ramapo is always a challenge," said Kapner, "Clark is good, Summit has a new coach so it will be good to see them and we always play Pingry, who is always a good test. It's a good litmus of where we're going

into the season. "It's hard to tell (where we are) at this point. Without any scrimmages yet we've just been trying to put things in and get a feel for what combinations work well together."

Since the conclusion of last season, when Kearny knocked the Devils out in the state semifinals on penalty kicks, Westfield spent little time

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# McFadden putting pieces together

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Coach Maggie McFadden has the pieces spread across the table, but only a few of the puzzle's corners have been put in place.

The Westfield High field hockey team lost a large portion of last year's squad to graduation and McFadden has spent much of the preseason trying to figure out which of the new pieces fit

Westfield has been holding one practice session a day for the past week and a half, going from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with a break in the middle. They'll begin scrimmaging Sept. 3 before opening the season with three

challenging opponents, East Brunswick Sept. 13, Voorhees, Sept. 14 and Oak Knoll Sept. 17.

In the meantime McFadden will shuffle the pieces and look for the right fits.

"(Monday) was the first day I got to see them in scrimmage situations with one another," said McFadden. "I don't have much of a feel for them yet. I'm still trying to figure out where we're going. We lost a lot of kids."

While much of the roster will be new to the varsity level, McFadden does have some experience coming back. Tracy Rood will anchor the midfield, with Emily Kahn, Meridith Ruscinsky and Alex Maus returning on

Christine Leiz and Karen varsity players to step up and

Castaldo are back on defense with Mollie Gibbons returning in goal after a solid season last year. Rood, Maus and Castaldo will serve as captains.

"I have to figure out where they all fit," said McFadden. "We're a little young and inexperienced. I think once we get the first 11 players out there and get some experience we'll be a decent team."

The biggest shoes left to fill are those of Caitlyn MacDonald, a two-year starter in midfield, and Christine Popola. McFadden is hoping the returning vets, along with two promising new players, Ali Ryan and Ashley Yarusi, can fill that void.

"We're looking for some junior

fill spots," said McFadden. "I need to get an idea of where they're going to be playing."

Despite the many question marks early in the presenson, McFadden is confident once the squad gels and the players get some time under their belts, the Blue Devils will evolve into a strong squad.

'We have things to work on, doubt about it," said McFadden. "But I have a feeling this might be a team that may start slow but can develop into a very good team.

"There's been only one team in the past six or seven years where on Day One I said this will be a good team (1999's Union County Tournament



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Tracy Rood will be called on to provide leadership in the midfield for the Westfield field hockey squad this fall.

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After Stanton Cameron's bloop double put runners at second and third in the seventh, the Pats' Sean Mulligan ripped a two-run single to left field which gave the visitors a advantage. Michael Warner's double and singles by Emiliano Escandon and Charles Poe produced three more runs and a 5-1 Somerset

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four runs as a Patriot.

Escandon drove in three runs for the Pats, who saw their lead cut to 5-4 before they put together another big inning in the eighth.

Starting pitcher Rob Luce (3-1) earned the victory before being relieved by Jason Martines in the seventh.

Somerset, now 19-24, is 13 games behind front-running Atlantic City in the second-half chase in the South Division but still has wild-card playoff hopes. Nashua's record dropped to 15-28.

**Patriots** The Pennsylvania 7:05 tonight at Bridgewater's Commerce Bank Ballpark and also are home against Nashua Saturday (7:05), Sunday (2:05) and Monday (1:05). They'll then visit Bridgeport for a threegame set before returning

Nashua 6, Patriots 3 Robert Dodd. who hasn't won

in a month, gave up six (five runs innings Monday night as the Pride won for the second straight time over the Pats as

1431 fans looked on at The Pridelands. Jose Reyes' two-run double with two out in the fourth inning against Dodd (9-5) staked Nashua to a 3-1 lead and Jose Malave's home run in

the sixth made it 4-1. Somerset's Desi Wilson homered in the fourth and Warner, who had three hits, added another homer in the ninth. Duke Baxter, former Bridgewater-Raritan High standout, singled in the seventh and eventually came home on Escandon's groundout.

Nashua 4, Patriots 3 — Malave's three-run homer in the ninth inning Sunday gave the Pride the victory at The Somerset hits. The Pats scored

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Pridelands.

Somerset in front 3-1 in the ninth, lefthanded reliev-Darrin Winston gave

earned) and nine hits in 6 1/3 up a triple and a walk before striking out a batter. He then got ahead of Malave 0-2 before the Pride pinch-hitter ripped a shot over the left-field fence for his third home run of the year.

Wilson's double drove in two Somerset runs in the sixth inning and he also had the Pats' other RBI.

Patriots 4, Pennsy 2 -Scoring three unearned runs Saturday night, the Patriots topped the Pennsylvania Road Warriors to complete a threegame sweep of their series as 4487 fans looked on at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

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three times in the eighth to overcome a 2-1 deficit.

Ricardo Jordan pitched the first eight innings to earn the victory, allowing nine hits, no walks and two earned runs while fanning five batters, and Martines finished up for his fourth save.

Patriots 4, Pennsy 2 -Somerset scored twice in the fourth inning to take a 3-1 lead Friday night and held on to defeat Pennsylvania as 6198 fans looked on at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

Mike Glavine's 18th home run pulled the Pats into a 1-all deadlock in the second stanza and the home team went ahead in the fourth when Wilson reached on a fielder's choice. moved up to second on Glavine's hit and scored on catcher Jason Fennell's double. Glavine then came home on an error by the third baseman.

Pennsy got a run back in the fifth but the Pats added an insurance run in the last of the fifth when Glavine (3 for 3) drew a two-out bases-filled

Justin Jensen (6-8) pitched the first seven innings, allowing eight hits and two runs, to earn the victory and Martines notched the save.

Patriots 5, Pennsy 3 -Poe's two-run triple capped a four-run seventh-inning outburst which staked the Pats to a 5-3 lead Thursday night as 6368 fans looked on at CBB.

With Somerset facing a 3-1 deficit, Glavine started the big seventh with a single, Orlando Miller walked and both

advanced on Baxter's groundout. Escandon drilled a two-run single to tie the game and Poe (3 for 4) ripped his triple which

put the Pats in front. The Pats had scored in the third when Miller tripled and came in on Escandon's fly ball Kirk Griffin (7-1) earned the victory with two scoreless innings of relief, striking out three, and Martines pitched the

final inning for the save. Long Island 4, Patriots 3 - Somerset, which had snapped an eight-game losing streak the night before, dropped a 10-inning decision when Doug Jennings belted a two-run homer off reliever Winston Aug. 21 at Citibank Park in Central Islip, N.Y. Glavine had two hits for the Pats, who'd gone ahead 3-2 in the top of the 10th.

# **Blue Devils**

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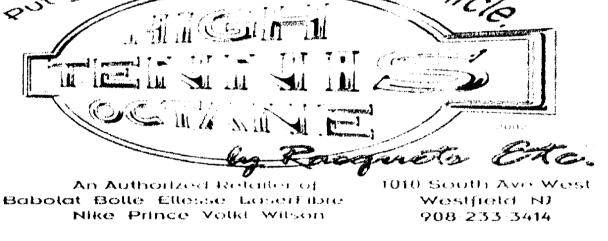
together as a team before camp opened last week. Kapner makes a point of encouraging his players to compete in a variety of sports, and while some played club ball throughout the year, the entire squad wasn't together at all over the summer.

"Our players play a number of varsity sports and are involved in other activities." said Kapner. "We encourage them to play other sports. It's not good for your body to just play soccer all year, you need to cross train.

"We're in shape, we just need to get a lot of touches on the ball for everyone and find out what groups work best together.

While Westfield will be a mix of experience varsity players and talented rookies off of the junior varsity, they'll bring to the field quite a bit of athleticism and will rely on the leadership of captains Billy Schultz and Dan Kane. Schultz should be a dangerous goal scorer up front while Kane will anchor the defense.

As the players shake off the rust and sharpen their ball skills Kapner will continue to tinker with the lineups and when all is said and done Westfield should be back challenging for county and state supremacy.



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Comcast Cablevision 17, Marion Jacobson Roofing 2 - Frank Bender hit 2 home runs for seven RBI, Bill Reichle homered and Pat Sarullo had three hits as Comcast went up 1-0 in the three-game semifinal series.

Comcast Cablevision 32, Marion Jacobson Roofing 6 Karl Grossman and Pat Sarullo led Comcast with five hits, Dom Deo, Tom Lombardi and Bill Mirto had four hits and Bill Reichle had three hits including a Grand Slam Home

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Runners pay an entrance fee of \$14 through Sept. 5, and \$16 after Sept. 5. The fee on race day will be \$20. The first 500 will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

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LKGR Law 14, Creative Industries 6 — LKGR goes up 1-0 in this 3 game set.

Creative Industries 15, **LKGR Law 4** — Creative evens series led by Robertson's three hits.

Creative Industries 26. LKGR Law 11 - Creative advance to the championship series on the hitting of Art Kopacez four hits, Rich DiMuro, Allan Schulman, Jim Steiner, Demo Cervelli and Ed Malko three hits each.

Creative Industries 25, Il Giardino Ristorante 11 -Jim Steiner's five hits, Allan Schulman' four hits and home run, George Merlo's four hits, Bob Canales four hits and Art Kopaez's four hits with two home runs led Creative.

Comeast Cablevision 10, Irish Pub 4 — Karl Grossman led Comcast with three hits including a home run.

Creative Industries 21, LA Law 6 — Alan Schulman had two hits including a home run, Dom Deo had three hits and Jim Steiner, Ray Cozzarelli, George Merlo, Art Kopacz and Ed Malko had two hits each.

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The Office 7, Union Center

National Bank 0 - Tony

Zarbo's home run and Bill

Hinkle's three hits put The

Office up 1-0 in the 3 game semi-

The Office 11, Union Center National Bank 6 —

Bill Hinkle and Dennis

Kosowicz's three hits each led

The Office to a two-game sweep

and an opportunity to advance

Championship Series

Comcast Cablevision 19,

Nilsen Detective Agency 18

- Comcast banged out 25 hits including four by Karl

Grossman and three each from

Bill Mirto, Frank Pepe and Bob

Canales to take a 1-0 lead in the

The Office 15, Irish Pub 7

Bill Hinkle and Tony Zarbo

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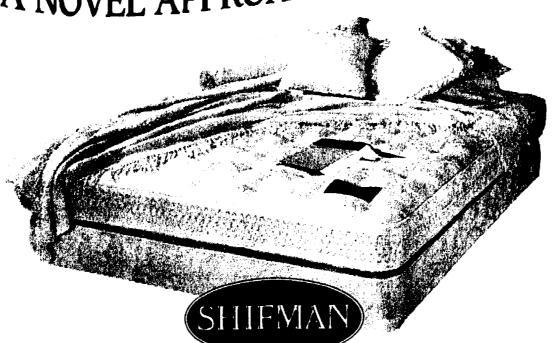
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"This new website is yet another example of our commitment to truly remarkable service," said Michael Scott, the office manager. "Customers can learn about every step involved wit buying or selling a home in Indicate New Jersey or New York, in easy-tounderstand language. After viewing this information, customers will be better educated and in a better position to make real estate related decisions."

The new site, which replaces www.nymetro.coldwellbanker.com, enable clients to search for a home via a map or county, town, neighboring town, price or property type. Other new features include dates and directions to open houses from a client's home, com-

plete with a mapping function.

To determine how much home they can afford, clients can use an easy-touse mortgage calculator and even get a real-time pre-approval on a mortgage from Coldwell Banker Mortgage.

"Clients can also e-mail sales associates to set up a time to view a home and receive a prompt response," Scott con-

Other features include a Just Listed Notifier, which can notify a buyer via home that fits criteria their becomes available. Additionally, the home for sale featured on the site includes photos and some even include 360 degree of the homes, Scott said.

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Assemblwoman Linda Stender encourages residents to educate themselves before purchasing a new home. New Jersey is one of the most expensive states in which to live and the situation will not improve in the near future. However, there are a few important things a perspective homeowner can do to better prepare themselves.

Dangerous business practices such as predatory lending make preforming preliminary research essential for consumers," said Stender (D-22). "New home buyers should educate themselves on their rights so that they are more prepared for the home-buying process."

In order to become well informed, consumers should enroll in a home buyer education and counseling program. Certain mortgage companies require new applicants to complete these courses so that they are better aware of the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in the home-buying process.

"Anyone looking for a local home buyer education and counseling program can contact their local municipality's planning and development office for help," said Stender. "Any bank's mortgage officer can also recommend programs to you.'

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# Automotive/Classified

# How to take care of an older automobile

(ARA) - Americans are keeping their vehicles longer and driving farther than ever before. Today, the average age of vehicles on the road is greater than nine years and more than 68 percent of vehicles have more than 75,000 miles.

As a vehicle's engine ages, its performance decreases and oil starts to break down at a faster rate. Over time, seals begin to deteriorate, gaskets become brittle and oil consumption increases all leading to a reduction in engine performance.

Treating your high-mileage vehicle with a little TLC and consistently following the 7 rules for high-mileage vehicle maintenance will help ensure it will go the distance. Using premium motor oil specially formulated for highermileage cars will also help a higher-mileage car feel young again.

Rule 1 - Make sure you change your oil every three months or 3,000 miles whichever comes first. No exceptions. Think of your engine as the heart of your car and motor oil as the lifeblood of the engine. One can't function without the other, so stay on top of your oil-change schedule.

Rule 2 - Find a good mechanic. If you don't do your own maintenance, find a shop staffed by ASE-certified mechanics (that's the American Society of Engineers). A good mechanic will listen to your questions and explain procedures clearly.

Rule 3 — Have your tire pressure checked at least once a month. It's the best way to prevent unexpected flats. A service station attendant can quickly and easily perform the check. Also make sure to rotate your tires and check their alignment as part of a regular tune-up (or with



If you take care of your car, your car will take care of you.

every other oil change). Rule 4 — Pay attention to warning signs. Of course, not every little thump or ping you hear spells disaster. Cars, like people, have their peculiarities, and you are sure to quickly learn what is normal for yours. With a high-mileage vehicle, however, it's best to check out any symptom - be it a sound, smell or feeling that seems the slightest bit abnormal. Remember: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of

Rule 5 — Pay attention to outward signs. If your car is leaking fluids, it can mean serious trouble. Keep an eye on the conditions

of your driveway or regular parking space for stains or spots that can warn you of possible leaks. For example, astrol's GTX High Mileage Formulation motor oil contains special conditioners that help protect and maintain seals, thereby helping to reduce leakage a common problem in older, higher-mileage engines.

Rule 6 — Schedule regular

tune-ups. Even if your highmileage car seems fine, that's no guarantee it is. Use tune-ups to ensure your car's major components are running smoothly and that they stay that way. Your oil should be changed, tires checked and rotated if necessary, belts

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Rule 8 — Check your fluids regularly. It's dangerous for your high-mileage car to get dehydrated, so be sure to keep an eye on its vital fluids. Simply lift the hood and perform a quick visual check. Use the dipstick to check the oil level; a quick glance at the coolant reservoir will let you know if you need more cooling

# A diesel engine can help a SUV save gas

(ARA) - Half of all American vacationers on the road this year are driving gas guzzling SUVs and pickup trucks, according to a new survey on driving habits from research firm MarketFacts. These bigger vehicles burn high amounts of fuel, which not only puts a dent in drivers' wallets, but also increases the country's dependence on foreign oil. Ironically, the MarketFacts study shows that fuel economy is an important issue for SUV and pickup drivers.

According to automotive experts, standard gasoline engines can't efficiently handle the weight of the larger -- and very popular - SUVs and pickup trucks. There is an alternative, however, for drivers of big vehicles to consider; diesel engines.

Diesel engines like the Power Stroke Diesel in Ford F-Series Super Duty pickups are specifically made to provide better mileage 30 percent in most cases and have more pulling power than gas engines, which is why they are especially popular among those hauling camping gear or towing boats, RVs and horse trail-

"People love big trucks for a lot of great reasons, but running a gas engine in them is like trying to heat a hotel with a small home furnace. You're going to burn way too much fuel and you still won't get the power you really need," said Patrick Charbonneau, chief technical officer, Engine Group, International Truck and Engine Corporation. "Diesel engines produce more power than gasoline engines because diesel fuel itself has more energy, And today's diesel engines are electronically controlled to boost performance and fuel efficiency."

However, the study found that despite diesel's known benefits,

many Americans are resistant because they still have a negative perception of these engines, recalling the noisy and odorous diesel engines of the 1970s. Industry experts dispel these myths saying today's diesel engines are greatly improved running quietly and not producing odors or smoke.

Major automakers in the United States have taken an interest in diesel power predominantly because of the success of diesels in Europe, "Over 30 percent of the passenger cars in Europe are now diesel, and the main reason is fuel economy," said Charbonneau. "The Big-Three know fuel economy is keenly important here in North America."

Currently in the United States, diesel engines are an option over the standard gasoline engines, adding a few thousand dollars to the cost of a new vehicle. Although buying a diesel engine is a higher monetary investment initially, automakers say diesel engines make up this cost difference within just three years from fuel savings alone. Diesel engines also add greater resale value to pickups and SUVs due to their longevity.

Industry insiders believe that in 20 years, 30 percent of the passenger cars, sport utilities and pickups in America will use diesel engines because of fuel efficiency and near zero emissions capabilities. According to the Department of Energy, if diesels reach even a percent of their potential penetration by 2020, the country could conserve as much as 700,000 barrels of fuel per day - half the energy used daily by the state of California.

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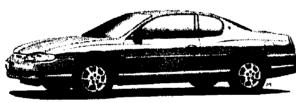
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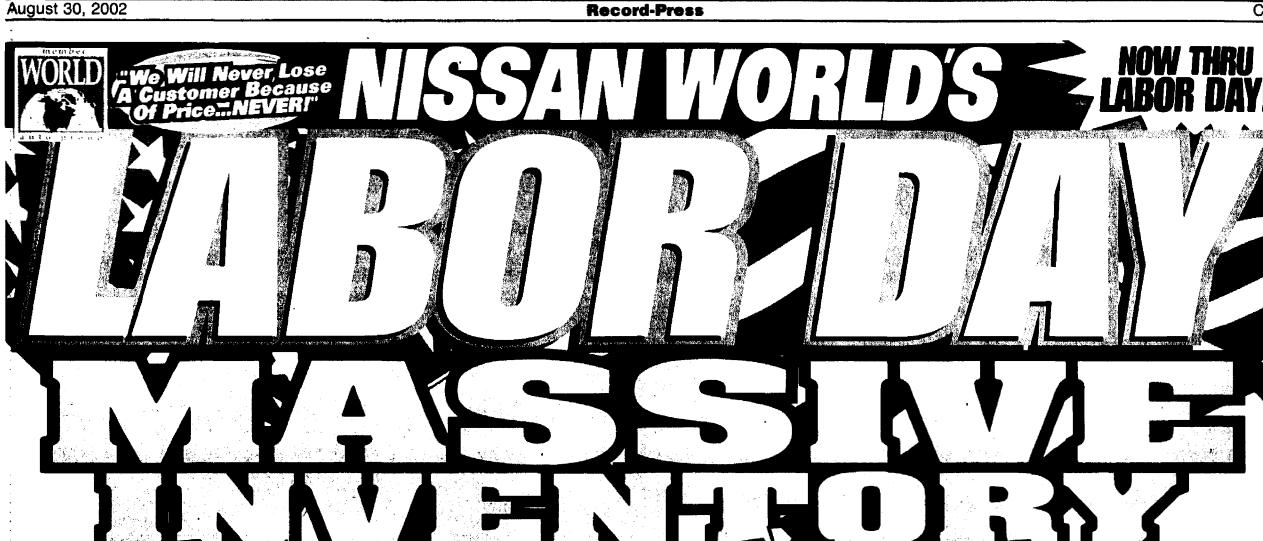
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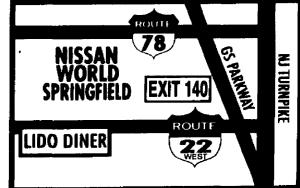
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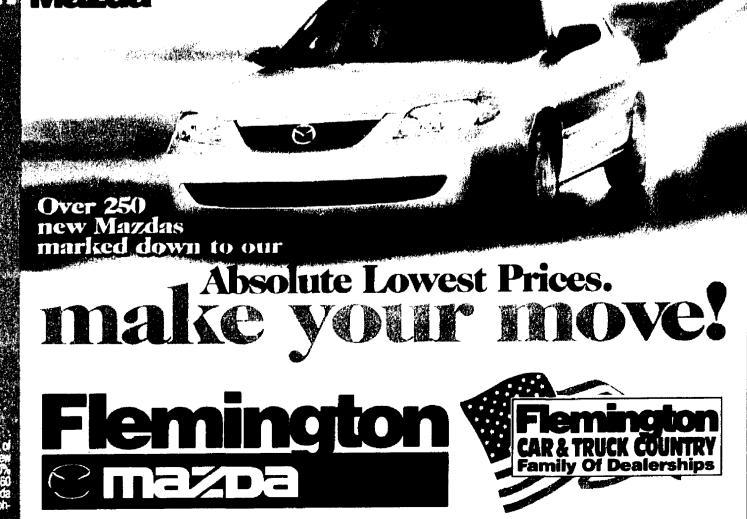


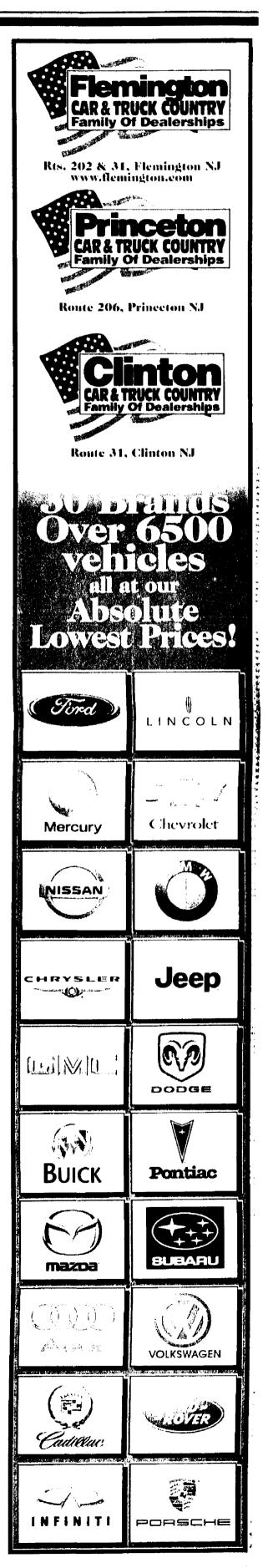
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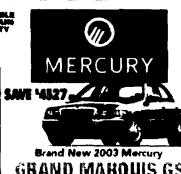


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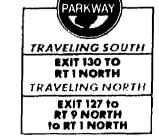
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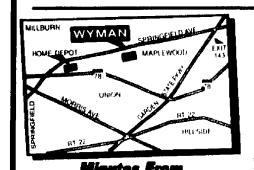
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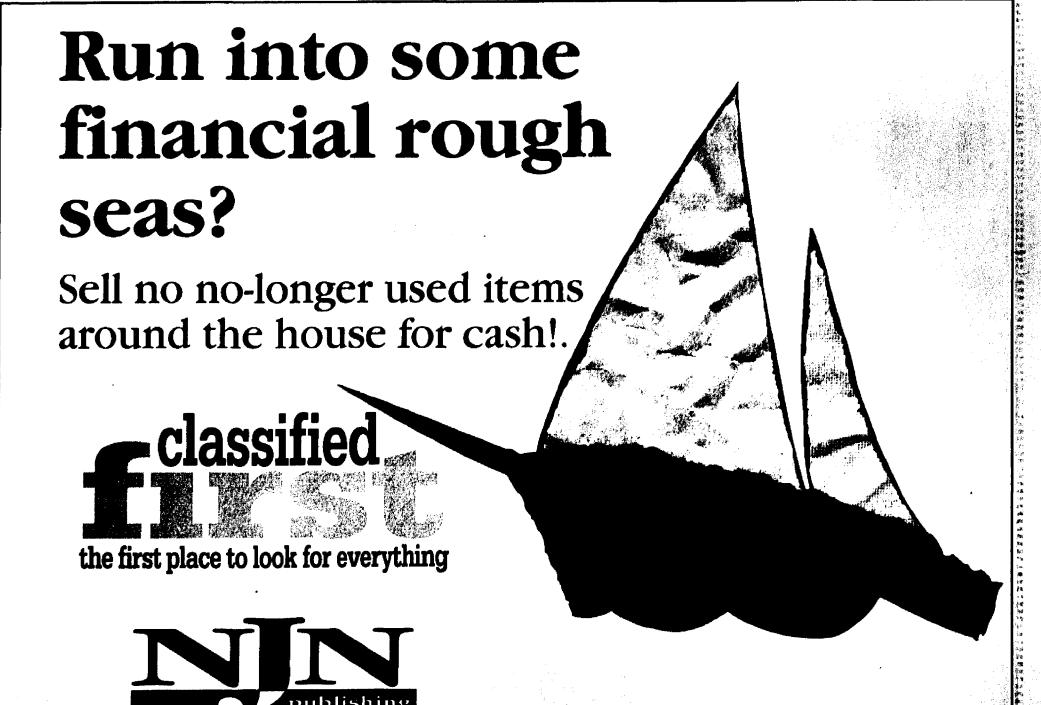
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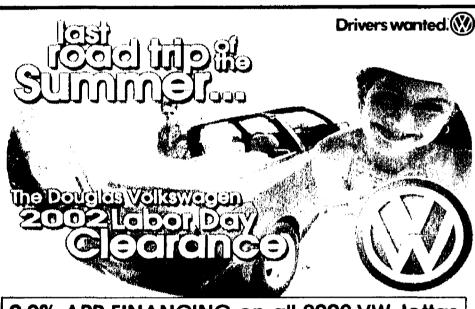
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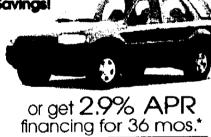
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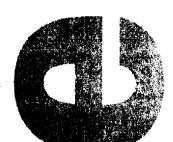
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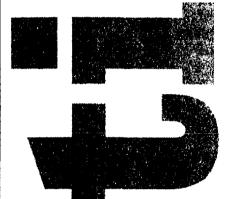
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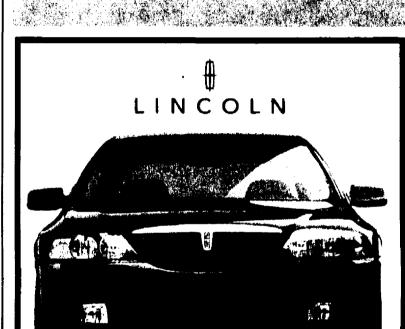
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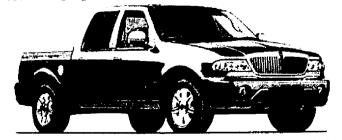
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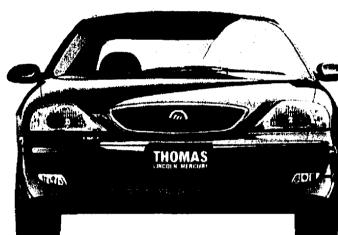
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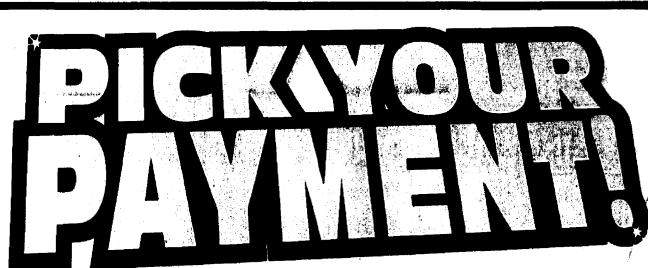
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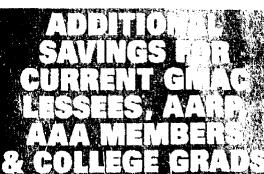
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