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Final scrimmage

The Westfield High School football team had its final scrimmage yesterday and is now preparing for its opener against Randolph on Sept. 13. See Page C-1.



Apple a day

Eighth-graders at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield are wearing wooden apples made for them when they were in kindergarten by Industrial Arts Teacher Tom Reynolds, who is retiring. See story on Page A-4.



Festive festa

The Italian Festival at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains, which has been a Labor Day weekend tradition for years, got rained out last weekend, but the weather cleared up enough today night to allow these riders a spin on the Ferris wheel. More pictures on Page B-1.

REMINDER

Gem of a show

The 31st annual Gem and Mineral Show of New Jersey Mineralogical Society will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Fanwood train station on North Avenue.

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Parties all agree on Park fields

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — An about-face by the Board of Education will allow work to begin on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood shared services Field of Dreams project at Park Middle

School.

The board voted at last Thursday's meeting to rescind its decision on the park's design and approved the same field design as the Fanwood Borough Council and Scotch Plains Township Council by an 8-1 vote.

Plans for bidding the project

were delayed after the board approved a park design with two baseball fields. The two councils approved a three-field design on engineers' recommendation. The school board saw designs later than the two councils, were not given a presentation by the engineers and saw two options as

opposed to the three the councils saw.

After a shared-services meeting, the school board agreed to see the presentation from Killam Associates, the engineering firm designing the fields, and reconsider its decision.

"I changed my mind (from last

meeting) because I feel much better informed," said Linda Nelson, board vice president.

Robert Lynes, vice president for Killam, along with Ed Zazzali, chairman of the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, present-

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Class Act

First-grade teacher Marie Byrne hands out name tags on the first day of class at Tamaques School in Westfield. Classes are to begin in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district on Monday.

Fanwood gets 4 bids for its downtown

Panel will review plans throughout fall

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The Borough Council received four bid proposals last week for the downtown redevelopment plan, which it approved back in March.

The proposals will be reviewed by an 11-member committee which includes Mayor Louis Jung, Council Members Joel Whitaker and Katherine Mitchell, Borough Attorney Mark Peck, Planning Board Chairman Greg Cummings and Vice President Eric Hess.

Jung said that the committee will set several meeting dates for the fall and narrow the bids down to one or two contractors.

He also hopes the committee will make a decision by the end of the year.

The redevelopment plan has been the top priority of the borough. The plan calls for the redevelopment of about six and a half acres downtown which includes LaGrande, Martine and South avenues, as well as Second Street.

The plan calls for the construction of townhouses on LaGrande Avenue and Second Street, and the upgrading of the commercial district on Martine and South avenues. Jung also said that parking will be an important factor when looking at the four plans because it determines what can be done.

After the committee selects a proposal it will negotiate a redevelopment agreement.

Bank branches saturate the area

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

Traveling down a small two-block stretch on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, one will soon be able to choose from among four different banks. The scene is similar in several municipalities as bank branches continue to pop up everywhere, even right next to each other.

In a densely populated state

such as New Jersey, banks expand their territory and multiply branch locations to compete for customers. According to Tim Doherty, director of communications for New Jersey Bankers Association, the competition is great for consumers, who are given several options for banking. Municipalities come out winners as well because there is a positive synergy between banks and the communities where they

are located, said Doherty.

Two of the biggest banks in the area are Fleet and Commerce.

Fleet has eight branches in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield, Cranford, Garwood and Kenilworth, thanks mainly to its acquisition of Summit Bank.

Commerce, headquartered in Cherry Hill, has recently expanded to the area. It currently has

six branches in Union County and will open six more by 2004. It has branches in Cranford, and Fanwood, and plans to open others in Garwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield in 2003.

"We find Central Jersey to be a very desirable market," said Fred Graziano, regional director for Commerce Bank.

The bank is opening 41 new

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Scotch Plains taps Nancy Malool for council seat

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council voted to appoint Nancy Malool to the council seat left vacant by the resignation of Guy Celantano three weeks ago.

In a 3-1 vote, the council chose Malool to finish the term

until the November election. Councilwoman Geri Samuel was the dissenting vote.

After Celantano resigned and decided not to run for reelection, the Republican Party submitted three names to the council to fill Celantano's seat, as well as a candidate for November's ballot. The council choose from Malool, Ken

Greenman and Carolyn Sorge. Sorge will replace Celantano on the ballot.

Malool has served the township as a member of the Planning Board, Cultural Arts Committee and Ethics Review Board. She was also chief administrative aide for the late Assemblyman Alan Augustine and serves on the Augustine

Park Committee.

"I'm very happy to be selected," Malool said. "I feel I have a lot to offer the people of Scotch Plains. I hope to be able to do some good in the next couple of months...My goal is get elected (in November) and serve an additional four years."

Malool added that she learned a lot from her time

working with Augustine and hopes to emulate him in her political career. Malool currently is in her final year of law school. Her term on the council started immediately, as she was sworn in by Township Attorney Doug Hansen.

She will be publicly sworn in at next week's council meeting on Sept. 10.

3 months later, she still is without a home

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Not much has changed during the past month for Rose Barnett, the homeless woman from Westfield. Though she has lodging most nights, she still does not have a place to call home.

Since her landlord converted the apartment she was staying in to an office in May, Barnett has been on the streets, moving from different motels and friends' homes. Because of her income from Social Security, about \$500

a month, she is unable to receive welfare and has had difficulty getting into a shelter.

She says that when articles about her ran in local newspapers, two people contacted her with places to stay. However, things didn't work out, as one room was five flights up and she is unable to climb because she's partially disabled.

Currently she either stays with a friend from another municipality or her son, who has found a small room in which to live. However, Barnett says that her son's place is too small for the

two of them and it's mainly a place where she can bathe and stay out of bad weather.

"Everything is still the same, no different," Barnett said. "I'm not looking in Westfield, this is out of my league. I'm looking in places like Garwood, Roselle, Roselle Park or Scotch Plains...I just want a decent place that I can afford."

Barnett says that she looks for places to stay every day and her name is on seven waiting lists for an apartment. Jewish Family Services of Elizabeth has been assisting her and will pay \$1,250

for first month's rent and security for an apartment. Barnett says that they have given her a list of potential places, but they aren't livable.

"I told them that 'when you would send your mother there to stay then I'll go,'" Barnett said.

Barnett says that she is looking for a place for \$700-\$840 a month. She has found a few places in Roselle Park that are promising; however, she is still waiting. She said that being homeless gives people a negative connotation and that delays the process.



Rose Barnett
... still needs a home

Kenilworth forced to add fourth kindergarten class

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD PRESS

KENILWORTH — In response to an unexpected surge in enrollment, the school district will add a fourth kindergarten class at Harding School by the second month of school, Superintendent Lloyd Leschuk said.

The district's pre-school program had 60 students last year, Leschuk said. Even with the normal enrollment increase from pre-school to kindergarten, three classes would have been enough, he said.

But in late August, enrollment in kindergarten shot up by a third, to 80 students. "We have experienced in the past two to two-and-a-half weeks a constant flow of people coming into our classes," Leschuk said. "I could not have predicted it. When we did our kindergarten round-up, the normal number of people appeared."

Leschuk said he did not have detailed demographic information

on the influx of students, but the school district verifies that every new student is of the proper age and a borough resident.

The enrollment increase means the district must hire a fourth kindergarten teacher, Leschuk said. To adequately cover three classes of 26-27 students with aides would cost about \$60,000, including benefits, more than the cost of hiring another teacher, he said.

Oct. 1 is the "drop-dead point" for hiring the extra teacher, Leschuk said. Until that point, kindergarten students will be divided into three classrooms, with teacher aides assigned to the classrooms.

The school is fortunate in that Harding does have four classrooms designed for kindergarten, meaning they have bathrooms in the classroom, Leschuk said. One of those rooms is currently used by a special-education class, which will be relocated in the building. Harding School has had only three

kindergarten classes for about the past five years, said Principal Fred Rica.

Finding the money for the extra salary "is going to be difficult for us, but it's a have-to," Leschuk said. Business Administrator Vincent Gonnella said salary and benefits savings from several summertime resignations would help to cover the cost.

In fact, Leschuk announced the district had received notice of three new resignations in the last two weeks of August. The three teachers resigning are high school Spanish teacher Leonora Fleming, middle school math teacher Colleen Donnelly, and second-grade teacher Barry Saide.

Leschuk said each of the teachers has a contract clause stipulating the district can hold them for 60 days following notice of resignation. The district will exercise those clauses, Leschuk said, so those teachers will continue full-time until replacements are hired, and no substitutes will be used.



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Groovin'

Members of the Heartland Band perform the music of John Cougar in a Mellencamp tribute at the Cranford Municipal Building Tuesday night. The concert was part of the township's Concerts on the Lawn series.

Town Council rushes to catch up after summer lull

By DAVID LAZARUS
CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — With one eye on the clock, the Town Council heard reports from several committees Tuesday night.

"We have to finish by 9:30," was heard more than a few times as the 8 p.m. meeting started, but a full agenda pushed the end back an hour.

"We didn't do too bad. Committees hadn't met in six weeks, so there were a lot of resolutions to discuss," Mayor Greg McDermott said.

Among the most important issues was the renewal of Westfield's contract with the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) which provides a large group of municipalities with much more affordable insurance that can be obtained in the consumer market. The town and representative Jim Gruba and Risk Management Consultant Ray Vaughn answered questions and

presented documentation about the benefits of the plan.

"This has been one of the most volatile years in the history of insurance," said Vaughn noting the confluence of the terrorist attacks and the corporate scandals which have sent stock prices tumbling.

"This was very important for the town to be able to renew this policy," McDermott said. "JIF saves us a lot of money."

The Traffic Parking and Transportation Committee chaired by Rafael J. Betancourt awarded a contract to fix the area around the Shop Rite grid to Wilbur Smith. Proposals from three companies were reviewed, including one from RBA which had revamped the Rahway Avenue area.

"It will be good to have another company doing this project because we will be able to draw comparisons with RBA," Betancourt said.

McDermott was pleased with the work done thus far.

"Our Department of Public

Works did a great job this summer getting projects done when traffic was light," McDermott said.

The Laws and Rules Committee chaired by Carl A. Salisbury brought forward four resolutions including an ordinance which

would prohibit Westfield from entering into contracts with companies that had made political contributions of \$400 to a candidate, \$500 to a political party or \$2,500 in total.

"We are not even sure that this

is a problem in Westfield," admitted Salisbury. "This body will not tolerate even the slightest appearance of impropriety."

The most significant development from the Building and Town Property committee was the addition of a cellular antenna in the North Avenue Bell Tower. Totally financed by Verizon Wireless Communications, the antenna will

help to eliminate several cellular dead zones in numerous parts of Westfield.

A request by Xocalatz Café to distribute free coffee at the train station for two weeks was scaled back to one day.

"We would be hurting the companies that sell coffee near the train station," said McDermott. "One day is more legitimate."

Bank branches

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branches in the state this year, as it works toward 375 new branches in its four-state area by 2005. According to Graziano, Commerce will open 10-12 branches in Central Jersey yearly for the next several years.

The Fanwood branch is across the street from a Sovereign Bank and the location for the Scotch Plains branch will be on the same street as Fleet, PNC and First Union banks. Though banks seem to be right on top of each other, Doherty says financial institutions carefully select their branch locations.

"It's like the old real estate maxim, 'location, location, location.' They also look at economic indicators such as average household income, existing banks and distance from existing branches," Doherty said.

The total number of bank branches in the state has actually decreased since last year, though the difference is small. As of May, there were 2,098 bank branches in the state, compared to 2,137 at the same point last year, according to Thompson Financial Publishing. Savings banks have slightly increased from 737 to 755.

"(The decrease in branches) is most definitely attributed to the economy," Doherty said, adding that the swing from year to year is small despite economic difficulties.

Parties agree on fields

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ed the three plans to the board, answered questions and made recommendations. Plan One, which was ultimately approved, includes three baseball fields, two soccer fields and a football field.

Lynes recommended the three-field design because the fields are more spread out, leaving open space. By pushing the soccer and football fields to the corners, it allows for flexibility and preservation, he said. Fields can be adjusted so areas that are run down are allowed to rest. The plan does not allow for baseball and soccer games to be played simultaneously.

Plan Two, which the board previously approved, includes two baseball fields and does not provide as much flexibility to adjust the fields, Lynes said. Plan Three also

had three baseball fields, however, two baseball and one soccer field were smaller than in Plan One.

Zazzali said that the three-field plan was in the best interest of all parties. He said that there is a high demand for fields from various community athletic teams and the municipalities need to make accommodations. Jim Walsh from the Recreation Commission added that there are about 118 teams with 1,400 players from various community athletic leagues that request field space.

"We don't have a lot of land in Scotch Plains and we're trying to do things to accommodate our children," Zazzali said. "This will give us the opportunity to answer some needs of the community."

Edward Saridaki was the one dissenting vote on the board. Saridaki was vocal on his disapproval of the three-field plan at the previous board meeting and still disagreed with Lynes' recommendation. He said that with so many teams vying for space, resting fields while other sports are played doesn't solve the problem.

Several board members had concerns with the cost and effectiveness of maintaining more fields. Board members Craig Nowlin and Thomas Russo said that the issue was addressed at the shared-services meeting and the components agreed to split the costs, though no figures were discussed.

Nowlin encouraged the board by saying that by splitting the costs with the township and borough, the board will be paying less since its usually responsible for maintaining the fields itself.

As for scheduling, Zazzali said that the board is the lead agency with the Field of Dreams project and that school teams have the priority in using fields. The board has the authority to rest the fields when needed.

Willow Grove resumes schedule

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church at 1961 Raritan Road resumes regular activities Sunday.

Sunday school is 9 a.m. Child care is available all morning.

Fellowship is 10 a.m. with refreshments available.

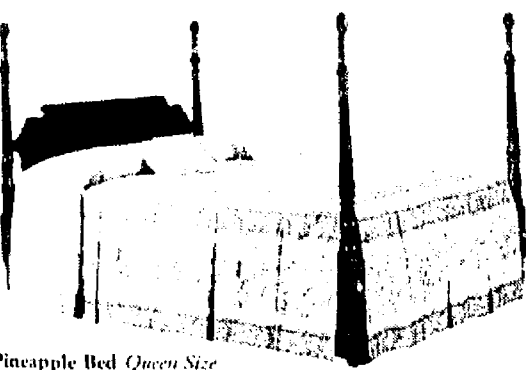
Services are 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Hetzel, the pastor, speaking on the topic "New Life." A procession from the parking lot into the sanctuary precedes the service.

A picnic in La Grande Park, Fanwood, follows 1 p.m. Food, ice cream and soft drinks for all will be available. Bring lawn chairs plus dessert or an appetizer.

For more information, phone (908) 232-5678.

Separately, 14 homeless people are scheduled to spend a week at the Presbyterian church beginning Sunday. These people are being accommodated through the church's membership in the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless of Union County.

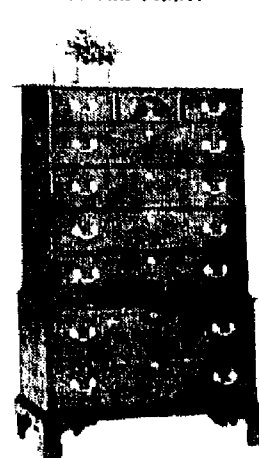
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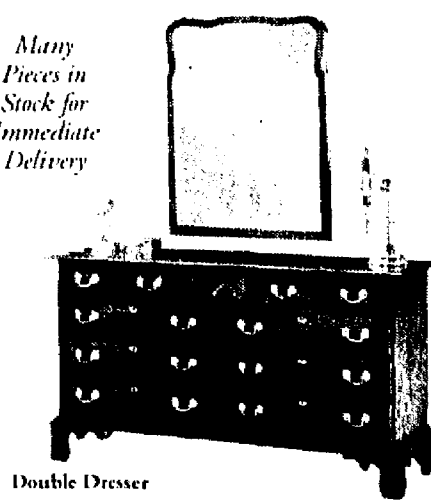
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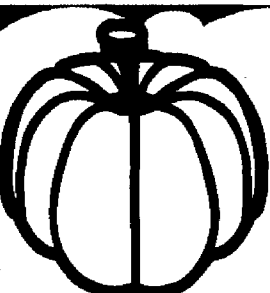
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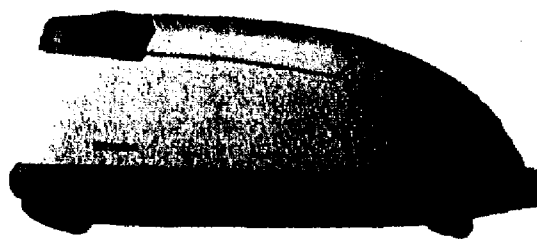
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Communities hard-pressed thanks to overdue fines

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

On a given Monday night, municipal courts are filled with people who have, in a minor way, run afoul of the law. Those people, through the fines they pay — from 50 to several hundred dollars or more for operating an uninsured or unregistered vehicle, running a stop sign, drunken behavior in public — provide a major subsidy to municipal governments.

Collecting those fines can be a difficult task. But in an economic environment that squeezes local governments from all directions, it's a task that has to be met, said Kenilworth Councilman Ed Galasso.

Galasso is spearheading an effort to collect a portion of the more than \$300,000 in overdue payments owed to the Kenilworth Municipal Court. That figure, he said, has climbed from about \$180,000 in 1998.

Though some municipal court levies go to the state treasury, Galasso said, about 60 percent — or \$180,000 — of that revenue belongs to the borough. That represents more than one year's worth of local revenues. In 2001, Kenilworth realized nearly \$167,000 in municipal court fines; for 2002, borough officials project \$154,000.

The situation is similar in Cranford, where the court is owed more than \$730,000, about

\$580,000 of that stemming from traffic violations, said court clerk Barbara Bitz. The township's share of that money is approximately \$435,000.

In 2001, Cranford realized about \$330,000 in municipal court fees, well below the township's estimate of \$408,000.

"It's just an ongoing thing," said Bitz. "Some people just do not pay one penny... Every court in New Jersey has collection problems."

In Kenilworth, officials are trying to develop solutions to those problems, though the effort is "in the preliminary stages," Galasso said.

Some of the measures are common sense, such as accepting payments from Mastercard and Visa,

not just the Discover card. Galasso said the Borough Council has agreed that would be a good move, and he has a meeting with the borough's bank tomorrow to discuss it.

Borough officials have also suggested holding a one-day amnesty, when violators could get a portion of their fines forgiven for paying the balance. Galasso said borough leaders must examine whether the borough has the authority to grant amnesty for its share of the fees.

Other problems may be more complicated. Galasso has talked about the possibility of putting together a "warrant squad" to arrest the offenders who owe the Kenilworth court the most money — in some cases, up to \$4,000. But such a move would have to be cost-

effective.

Kenilworth Police Chief William Dowd said he was receptive to Galasso's concerns. But, he said, "we're not just going to go out and start arresting people for minor violations, that they didn't pay a traffic ticket or something."

And getting offenders into court is only half the battle. People without the means to pay their fines up front are placed on time payment schedules; payment violations occur when people do not meet those schedules.

But typically, when a delinquent payer is arrested on a warrant, he is released again on a new payment schedule — with his fine either increased to reflect a contempt of court citation or

decreased to reflect a few days' stay in jail. And people who don't make payments the first time often won't make them the second time.

That paradox, Galasso said, means the success of any collection effort may ride on the cooperation of a municipal court judge — and whether the judge is willing to send repeat offenders to jail. He said he hopes to meet soon with Judge Aldan Markson to see how receptive the judge would be to the council's initiatives.

Even if the new efforts make a difference, Galasso and other borough officials know much of the fines will never be collected. "If we get 50 percent of it, I think we'll be happy," he said.

Briefs

Best Friend shop expands its hours

SCOTCH PLAINS

Expanded hours are now in effect at the Best Friend Second Chance Shop, 1750 E. Second St.

Store hours are 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday.

An end-of-summer sale continues today and tomorrow. Summer goods, furniture, baby items, crafts, CDs, books, housewares, clothing and sports gear are on sale.

Donations of good quality items are welcome any time during store hours. Collectibles, antiques, jewelry, small furniture, silver, china and unused gifts are especially wanted. New clothes that still have the tags on are also welcome.

All store proceeds benefit homeless pets awaiting adoption.

Volunteers are needed to help at least three hours a week; phone (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

Fall Fishing Derby for disabled Sept. 14

The Fall Fishing Derby for People with Disabilities is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 in Warinanco Park, Roselle.

More than 100 fishermen are expected to attend the free event, according to a press release announcing the event. Rain date is Saturday, Sept. 21.

You can bring your own fishing pole and bait. Equipment will be provided for those who need it.

Pre-registration is required; phone (908) 527-4900.

The fishing derby is sponsored by the Union County Board of Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club.

Beekeeping program at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum reopens for the fall 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 with a program on beekeeping.

The farmhouse at 614 Mountain Ave. was built on what were the West Fields of Elizabethtown. Samuel Miller, Joseph Cory and their families farmed a 100-acre tract between 1740-1820.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct tours for the public on Sundays and school groups during the week.

Also needed are volunteers for a craft "Showcase" in area schools; cooking over the open hearth on Sundays; gardening in the colonial herb and vegetable gardens; and cashiers in the gift shop. No experience is necessary and full training is provided.

If you are interested, phone (908) 232-1776.



Teacher training

More than 50 new teachers participated in the Westfield Teacher Institute's three-day orientation session prior to the start of school. The training covered areas such as classroom management, home-school partnership and special education. Above, Trista Poller, a trainer and teacher at Tamaques School, oversees the group including Allison Porro, a student-teacher at Franklin School; Suzanne Fackelman, music teacher at McKinley School; Jennifer Salski, special ed teacher at McKinley; and Cathryn Iorio, nurse at Jefferson School.

Kissmobile visit thrills toddlers

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Hershey's Kissmobile recently visited with the patients of Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. The Kissmobile visited the hospital's Pediatric Medical Day Care Center in Elizabeth as part of Hershey's Hispanic Tour, which features visits to growing Hispanic communities across the country.

The 25 1/2-foot long, 11 1/2-foot tall vehicle, which looks like a row of three giant Hershey's Kisses, arrived at the day-care center to an excited crowd. The children, ranging from 3 months to age 3, staff, and parents were greeted with life-size characters of a Hershey's Kiss and a Hershey's chocolate bar. The children greeted both the characters and the Kissmobile crew with smiles, hugs, and photo requests. The Kissmobile crew also brought toys and candy to distribute to the children.

The Hershey's Kissmobile was brought to Children's by Children's Miracle Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals throughout North America.

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Hospital initiates women's golf outing

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is accepting registration for its First Annual Women's Golf Outing, to be held Monday, Sept. 30, at Fairmount Country Club, Chatham.

Proceeds from the outing will support the hospital's expansion of pediatric clinical services to reach a growing number of under-served children in the central New Jersey region. Specifically, proceeds will be used to expand and modernize facilities, hire additional pediatric therapists, clinicians and specialists, and purchase of patient care equipment.

"We are very excited about this outing. Strong support from corporate and community partners is essential to our ability to meet the special needs of our children. Through this event, we hope to build new relationships with community and business women who are committed to improving the health-care services available to special-needs children. The funds raised will help expand the hospital's programs and provide area families with greater access to rehabilitative services designed specifically for children," said Mildred Orlando, chairman of the Women's Golf planning committee.

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Orlando, and co-chair Barbara Rothman, both Westfield residents, lead the event's planning committee, which also includes Frances Bocella of Morristown, Lorraine Cierniecki of Westfield and Susan Gross of Chatham.

The outing begins at 7:30 a.m. In addition to a day of golf, players will enjoy breakfast and lunch, and the opportunity to participate in a 50-50 raffle and silent auction. The cost for an individual golfer is \$275. A portion of the cost is tax deductible, and various individual and group sponsor levels are available. To register, please contact the foundation office at (908) 301-5410.

Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. Based in Mountainside, the hospital provides comprehensive outpatient services, inpatient rehabilitation and long-term care to children, from birth through 21 years of age, at sites in Fanwood, Newark, Toms River and Union. The hospital's foundation is the only organization of its kind where every contribution has a direct impact on the future of special-needs children.



Eighth-graders at Roosevelt Intermediate School, who are wearing wooden apples made for them when they were in kindergarten by Industrial Arts Teacher Tom Reynolds, present Reynolds with a giant apple that each eighth-grader signed. Reynolds, who has retired, made more than 18,000 apples during his 37 years in the district.

Westfield students let retiring teacher know he's the apple of their eyes

WESTFIELD — On the first day of school in Westfield, all kindergarten students in the six public elementary schools wear a 4-inch red, wooden apple necklace with their names printed in bold black letters. Very often that same wooden apple, hanging by bright green yarn, will adorn graduation robes 12 years later.

This tradition began about 35

years ago in Westfield, when the Parent-Teacher organizations first created the apple necklaces out of cardboard, a material not particularly durable for a 5-year-old. A few years later, a young teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School solved the problem.

Wood-design teacher Tom Reynolds designed a template, cut each apple and drilled the hole at the "stem" to accommodate the green yarn. Now, 18,000 apples later, Tom Reynolds has retired.

After 37 years of teaching the art of wood design in Westfield, Reynolds donated the materials he used for his last set of 500 apples as a farewell gift to the schools.

Reynolds would first cut up big sheets of plywood into squares, then trace the apples, drill the

holes and cut through the wood.

"I enjoyed doing it," said Reynolds. "It was a joint effort between myself and the PTO."

The PTOs contacted Reynolds with the names of the incoming kindergartners each March. Then they found volunteers to paint and hand letter the names on each apple.

Reynolds was honored at Roosevelt's Eighth-Grade Celebration in June. He was presented with a 2-foot by 2-foot wooden apple that was signed by every eighth-grader in the school. It now hangs in his living room.

All of the eighth-graders came to the celebration wearing their kindergarten apples. One eighth-grader brought his older brother and father — and all three wore their apples.

College courses offered free to seniors

WESTFIELD — Two college-level courses are being offered free to senior citizens who live in Union County.

Both courses take place in the Westfield senior citizens housing complex. Registration is at the first class for each course. Parking is available in the visitors parking area and along Boynton Avenue.

"Topics in History: The Rise of

Modern Europe" is taught by Christopher Gibbs. This course runs 10 a.m.-noon Friday beginning Sept. 6 at 1133 Boynton Ave.

A music appreciation course with Chris Dubrock runs 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday beginning Sept. 9 at 1129 Boynton Ave.

For more information and directions, phone Susan Lampert at (908) 233-1733.

The courses are sponsored by the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp. in conjunction with the Westfield Foundation and the Learning is Forever Center at Union County College.

Schools planning to emphasize respect

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Famous singer Aretha Franklin's hit song "Respect" has been popular throughout generations. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is taking that theme and hoping respect will be a hit with students this fall.

"Challenge: R & R" is a respect and responsibility program being implemented by the counseling department at the high school. Starting the first day of school on Sept. 9, faculty and administrators will emphasize and instill a need for respect within the student body.

"There is a lack of respect in the school," said Karen McDermott, district counseling supervisor. "We wanted to change the climate in the school for more respect."

The respect program actually kicked off at the end of the last school year. During the last week of school for teachers, they had a presentation from Michael Fowlin, a theater professor at Rutgers University. Fowlin performed skits that show how people are emotionally hurt from others' behavior. According to McDermott, the teachers learned a lot, as Fowlin showed how teachers can disrespect students and co-workers.

McDermott said that the program has already begun with a campaign for consciousness of each other among the faculty. Teachers will talk about respect with their classes. There will also be items around the school displaying the respect and responsibility theme. The emphasis will build up to the end of October when Fowlin will do his presentation for the students.

"There will be poetry, respect pins, contests, kudos awards, student of month and possible teacher of the month awards all focused on raising the level of consciousness," said McDermott. She added that the program will eventually address peer pressure and conflict-resolution.

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Westfield High School lists its honor roll students

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert Petix announces that the following students were named to the fourth marking period honor roll for the 2001-2002 school year:

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Jeffrey Bayne, Evan D. Bilheimer, Caroline R. Cariste, Gene Chen, Allison Clancy, Christina Cordeiro, Urmi Dedhiya, Leah DiMatteo, Gilad Edelman, Katherine Fahrenthold, Michael J. Fantini, Scott B. Fishberg, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Megan Fowler, Lauren Gilmetti, Deanna Goldner, Justin Goncalves, Alexandra Hermann, Bryan M. Kahn, John Kerr, Henry Koehler, Edward Krankowski, Jeremy Krell, Elizabeth MacKay, Emily Rose MacNeil, Michelle Morawski, Taylor Mulvey, Kathryn Mulvey, Tara O'Donohue, Brian Oxman, Rebecca Schulman, Neda Simaika, Anne Siwulec, Amanda Spector, Monica Sull, Christopher Tropeano, Benjamin Wieder, Kathy Yang, Lisa Zhang and Nicole Zubizarreta.

HONOR ROLL

Jeremy S. Berk, Amy Bernstein, Diego Betancourt, Eloise Birdsey-Marks, Gabrielle Blitz, Olena Borkowsky, Jake Brandman, Samuel Brenner, Stephanie Bridgman, Wesley C. Brockway, Jacqueline Burns, Rebecca Cass, Garrett Cockren, Amanda Cohen, Katie Cole-Kelly, Arielle Confino, Lyndsay Couture, Ashley Current, Brent S. Davis, Lindsay Degiralamo, Thomas Del Duca, Jacqueline Delafuente, Amanda Dickson, Carina C. Don, Mark Doss, Jeffrey Dresely, Brian Dunstan, Lauren Eisenberg, Jessie El Koury, Jamie Elbaum, Shaun Elwell, Francesca Estomo, Evan Falk, Jenna Federgreen, Allison Feldman, Michael Feniger, Sara M. Flood, Kristina Fraites, Benjamin Fulton, Jennifer Gerckens, Ashton Golemb, Michael Gorski, Julie Gralla, Emily Rose Greenberg, James R. Hanas, Mark Harbaugh, Camille Hausheer, William Hearon, Craig H. Hewit, Meisha J. Hill, Katelyn Hoens, Jeffrey Hogan, Peter Hrinewski, Richard Hughes, Ralph Iannazzone, Kevin Jean-Louis, Kate Judd, Lauren Kelley, Edward Kerins, Samuel Kim, Christy M. King, Sarah L. Klass, Perri Jana Koll, Rebecca Korn and Michelle Koppersmith.

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GRADE 10 DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

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Hannah Burke, Ryan Burslem, Sean Callahan, Youri Choi, Christopher DeFreitas, Kathleen Ferio, Jennifer Frost, Katherine Geenberg, Alyson Goodman, Dennis K. Graham, Sarah M. Hoban, Kevin Hobson, Anthony Johnson, So-Mi Kim, Meghana Limaye, Emily Mortenson, Amanda C. Reider, Andrew Royston, Rebecca Sabreen, Irina Sheremeteyeva, Caroline Sheridan, Jaclyn Steinbach, Lauren Steller, Shari Thomashow, Kate Warren, Allison Wicks, Laura M. Yee and Jenna Zorn.

HONOR ROLL

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Maria Pomann, Angela Ricci, Vincent Shen, Christian Urban, Christine Velazco and Kelly Yang.

HONOR ROLL

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Erica Cenci, Michael Charnatz, Charles Chaung, Wan Ting Chen, Tara Christakos, Valerie S. Chu, Erin E. Cockren, Maureen Cooke, Joanna Coraggio, Bryan Cordes, Jacquelyn Cusimano, Kevin J. Cutro, Ngoc Lan Dang, Dillon DePlmer, Daniel DeSerio, Amy Beth Early, Alex Emmet, Kiera Evans, Rachel Falcone, Joseph Fischetti, Heather Fishberg, Bret Fleming, Amy L. Frank, Christopher Freisen, Robert Freundlich, Pamela Fried, Katherine A. Gilrain, Bethany Goldman, Elyse Goldweitz, Emanuel C. Guasp, Alvaro Guerra, Eli Harel, Katherine Hild, Nicole Infantino, Robyn Jeffries, Katie Jenkins, Leah Kaplow, Theresa J. Keil, Gangtae Kim, Kirsten Kolb, Shannon E. Kunath, Megan Lesko, Brian J. Levy, David Louie, Matthew Lowenstein, Michael MacKechnie, Caitlin MacDonald, Christopher MacKay, Elizabeth Madresh, Sarah Mahran, Katie Massenzio, Martta McGlynn, Sara McGovern, Brittany Miller, Kathleen Miller, Julie Noguchi, Neil Owens, Caroline Page-Katz, Rosanne Palatucci, Anura Patil, Alexandra Pino, Cristina Popola, Laura Pregenzer, Valeria Rawnicki, Christine Romano, Sarah E. Round, Elisabeth Saleme, Joseph Santos, Rory Schulman, Daniel Seeger, Shaun Simone, Lauren Solon, Jessica Ann Speir, Gregory Stewart, Meghan Tomlinson, Jessica Tyminski, Rachel M. Wagner, Andrea Waksman and Emily Yulkovitz.

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Commentary

It shouldn't be the silly season

It's that time of year again.

With Labor Day and the first day of school come and gone, the fall campaign season has begun. From now until Nov. 5 residents will be bombarded with literature from candidates from the senatorial and congressional level to the municipal level. And sometimes innocent residents get caught in the crossfire of mud. Residents with genuine concerns about how their tax money is being spent become disgusted with the trivial and petty political charges made during campaigns; that's why this time of year has received the derogatory label of the "silly season."

Before the drizzle of political releases reaches a torrent of words, this newspaper would like to outline how it intends to cover this year's election. Our goal is to provide our readers with enough information so they will be able to make an intelligent and informed choice on Election Day. More importantly, we hope to motivate reader interest in the election and encourage voters to exercise their democratic right to vote and influence the community in a positive way. The continued good health of our democracy depends on residents participating in the political process.

We want our readers to have candidates' full biographical information, platform stances, charges against opponents and the opponents' rebuttals, and positions on past, current and future issues.

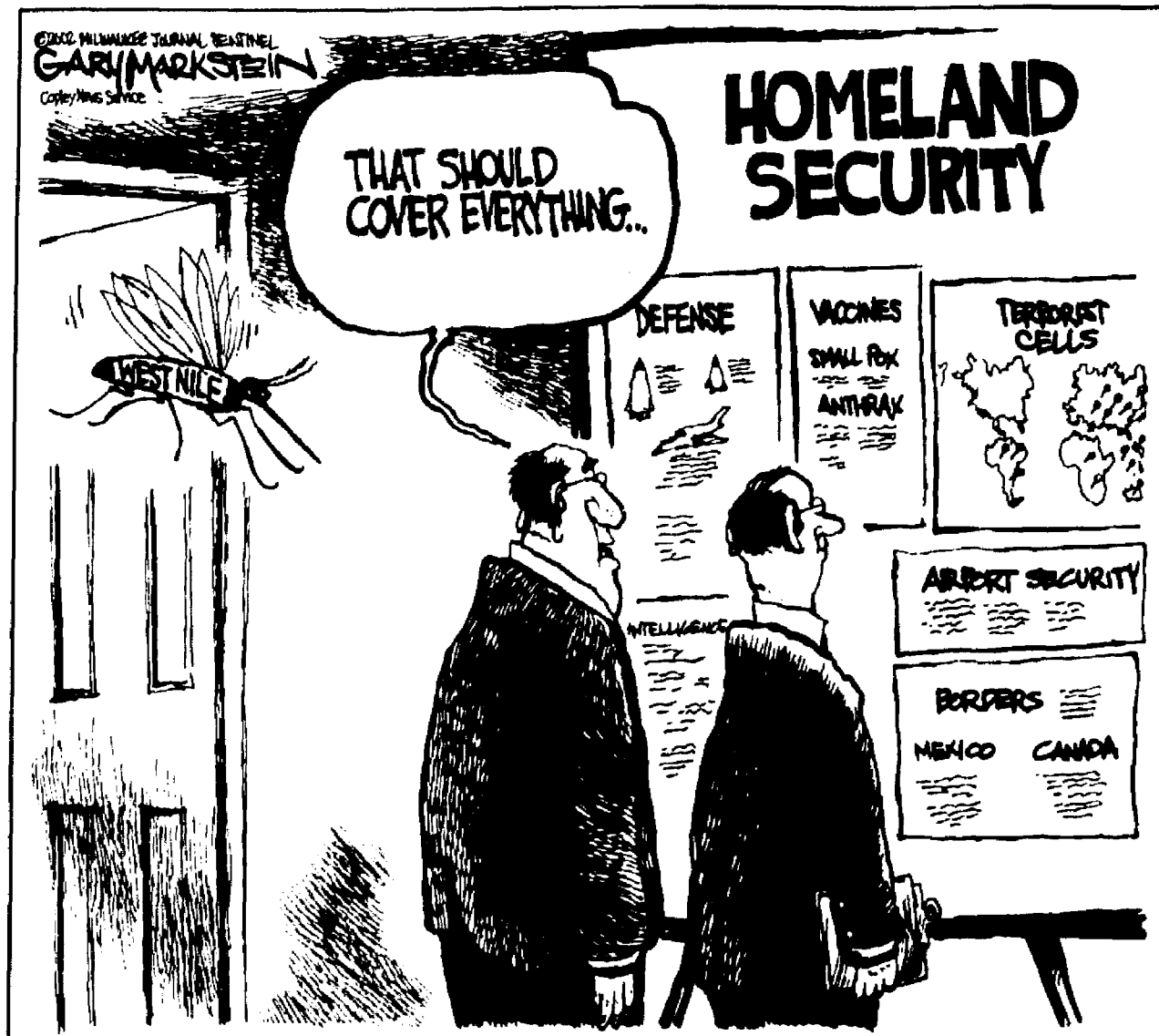
Readers' letters on campaign issues and the candidates are welcome, as usual; however, if the volume of mail reaches an overwhelming number or a number of letters are obviously being composed on the same printer, we may opt to publish only a proportionate representation of the letters received. This newspaper would prefer letters to be no more than 200 words. Letters will be subject to editing for reasons of length, good taste and libel.

Press releases from the candidates will be treated as the basis of news stories. That means they will be subject to editing and the inclusion of replies from opponents. If political candidates want to get their unadulterated partisan message to readers, they can do it the old-fashioned American way by buying advertising space in this newspaper.

Endorsements, if warranted, of candidates will appear in the Oct. 25 issue.

In the issue before the Nov. 5 election, we will include a campaign wrap-up on each candidate or slate and complete voting information. No new charges will be printed as letters in this pre-election issue.

We hope the candidates will focus their campaigns on serious issues, instead of engaging in personal attacks. By presenting the voters with the facts, we are confident they will make the best choices on Nov. 5.



Letters to the editor

Salvation Army can help on Sept. 11

To The Record-Press:

It is almost one year since the horrific tragedy of the terrorist strike on the World Trade Center and the commemoration of that day will be different for each of us. As The Salvation Army of New Jersey, from its headquarters in Union, continues aid to the families and victims of the disaster, we are keenly aware of the emotional stress that will be endured that day. Each of us will be vividly reminded of the events of that fateful day, not only by the media, but also through public events throughout the metropolitan area.

The Salvation Army, in support of those affected by the tragedy, will be available for emotional and pastoral support. Our devoted case workers and support staff will also join in that effort. I hope and

pray that as the years pass, the horror of that day will not be as acute in our memories and that peace will reign.

Though I have said this before, I cannot say it too many times. Thank you. Thank you to the rescue and relief workers, to the volunteers who gave so many hours of hard work, to all the companies who magnanimously donated goods and supplies to the groups of people who ran local drives and, of course, to those of you who were so generous with your financial contributions. I feel blessed by the support of so many wonderful people and I know I can count on your continuing support in the future.

God bless you all.

Lt. Col. Norman E. Wood

N.J. State Commander of The Salvation Army

Let's not forget the military abroad

To The Record-Press:

On Sept. 11 citizens across the nation will attend services in our communities to remember those whose lives were tragically taken from their families in the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The terrorist attacks which took place on that date transformed America forever and triggered a war the type of which we have never before encountered.

As we pause to remember all of the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, 2001, let us also remember the

men and women who, this very day, are in harms way. Perhaps the best way to honor the memories of those whose lives were taken is for America to assure that such an attack never occurs again.

On behalf of the 76,000 New Jersey members of The American Legion, I wish to assure the families of the victims of this American tragedy and those who currently serve in our Armed Forces that we shall never let them be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them all.

William "Billy" Mack

American Legion State Commander

Give blood on 9/11 anniversary

To The Record-Press:

I am writing to encourage all healthy area residents to donate blood. To commemorate the first anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, Ethicon will be hosting a 12-hour blood drive 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Wellness Center on our Bridgewater campus on Route 22 West. To make a reservation, please call (908) 218-2903 or (908) 218-2902. Walk-in donors are also encouraged. Our blood drive is help in cooperation with New Jersey Blood Services and the American Red Cross. Our goal is to collect 250 units.

Blood donors can safely donate blood every 56 days. Since blood lasts only 42 days in refrigeration and platelet donations last only five days, New Jersey Blood Services conducts blood drives throughout our region seven days a week to ensure an adequate blood supply. Donors must be between 17 and 75, have identification with picture or signature, be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds — with 17-year-olds needing the written consent of a parent. New Jersey often finds itself with a blood supply shortage because only 3 percent of the state's eligible population gives blood, while nine out of 10 of us will need a blood transfusion during our lifetime.

A safe and ample blood supply is critical to the health of our state's population. Blood donations are most commonly used to help premature infants,

burn and accident victims, cancer patients and transplant or orthopedic surgery patients. New Jersey is a very diverse state and we need a diverse donor pool to have available rare blood inventories for every ethnic group.

In the coming months our state will face an increasing blood supply shortage as a result of new Food and Drug Administration guidelines that are strictly precautionary and deal with a possible risk of transmitting mad cow disease via blood transfusions. The new regulations call for the deferral of blood donors who have spent considerable time in Europe. If you have questions about these new FDA guidelines, please call the Regional Services Department of the New York Blood Center at (800) 688-0900 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org. The new FDA rules will also eliminate the importation of "Euroblood," which counts for 25 percent of our state's blood supply!

To ensure our health and safety, donating blood has never been more important. Please step up and donate "the gift of life."

DONALD H. BOWERS
Director, Public Affairs,
Ethicon Inc.
Bridgewater

The writer is also a volunteer with New Jersey Blood Services, which has its office in New Brunswick.

Teacher thanks all for their support

To The Record-Press:

Hello to my friends and former students in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. I worked in three of the district's elementary schools, most prominently at McGinn School, as well as at Terrill Middle School and at SPF High School.

This is George Hilger, a former instrumental music teacher in the district.

Many of you know that in December 2000, I was diagnosed with leukemia. Because I worked in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, having taught hundreds of students there over seven years, I thought you might like an update on my medical progress.

After 20 months of cancer treatment, I'm progressing really well. There is currently no sign of the disease, after undergoing a stem-cell transplant this past March. I just wanted to let you know this. I want to thank the entire Scotch Plains-Fanwood community and all my former students for your wonderful cards and well wishes. Most of all, thanks for not forgetting about me.

I hope to return to my teaching position in Hillsborough sometime later this school year.

God has healed me through your steadfast prayers. I miss you all.

George Hilger
Somerset

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

It's time to abolish gym class

As a child I was the sort of geek who couldn't wait for summer to be over so I could go back to school.

I liked school. I enjoyed reading books, doing homework, watching filmstrips, and listening to lectures. Because I was a good student, I relished in academic challenges and I always felt proud when I was in the top reading group or advanced placement class. Taking tests was fun.

But there was one part of school that terrified me. The thought of this approaching class turned my stomach into a queasy ocean of anxiety. Once the class began, I quivered like Barney Fife who suddenly has to draw his gun. And when the class was over without humiliation or embarrassment, I felt a tremendous relief, like a prisoner spared the firing squad.

That's why, more than three decades ago, I believe gym class should not be a required part of the public school curriculum in New Jersey.

This is not a popular stance and I doubt it will ever happen. But I believe there are millions of people who have been scarred by their experiences in gym class but are afraid to speak up in fear they will be labeled an anti-American pervert or, worse, a geek.

The benefits of gym class have always escaped me. I have never believed the blustery blithering blather that sports builds character. For every person whose self-esteem is enhanced by gym and sports, there is another person who is shamed and humiliated. And in the past two decades, I have been asked to perform a somersault or walk crab-styled across the office floor for a raise. What lessons of life can be learned in a game of dodge ball? Is the aggressive competition urged by gym and sports truly a positive factor in the development of children? And how many of us play a team sport after the age of 30, when 60 percent of our lives are still to be lived?

I admit that in lower grades gym class may have some socialization benefits, but by the time puberty strikes, a different set of dangerous dynamics is at work. Adolescents are naturally concerned with their body image as a slew of changes overtakes them. Unfortunately, gym class not only accentuates these changes but ignores the anxiety they cause. This is equally true of both boys and girls. For some, the most anxiety-producing part of gym class is not the activities but the routine of changing clothes and showering.

How insensitive is this? Take, for example, a 12-year-old sneaks a video camera into the middle school locker room and tapes his peers changing and showering. The boy then, for a prank, posts the tape on the Internet. Should he be prosecuted for child pornography, a crime that overwhelmingly repulses our society? If an adult were found in a possession of a videotape of 20 naked 13-year-old boys showering together, chances are he'll be labeled a sex offender. Yet we force our children to participate in this pornographic tableau. It's disturbing that not more people express outrage over the government forcing children to shed their right to privacy for no good reason.

If physical education must be a required course, then educators must show some mercy to those of us who had trouble climbing the ropes. Just as there are academic programs for the gifted and talented, so should gym classes be geared to the athletic ability of the student. Just as the student struggling in geometry should not be in the same class as a calculus whiz, those of us in need of remedial help in physical education shouldn't be in the gym class as the star quarterback. It just isn't fair.

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What was your favorite subject in school?



"History and Civics. It stayed with me because I majored in Political Science in college."

Brian Murdock
Westfield



"English"

Pamela Kevelson
Westfield



"Math. I'm very analytical."

Patty Becker
Mountainside



"Math. Because I got to figure things out."

Christine Boruch
Westfield



"English. I always loved to read."

Renee
Scotch Plains



"Social studies and math."

Patricia Douglass
Orange

Aid request for high-priced playground stuns board

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The McGinn School PTA has requested assistance from the Board of Education in installing a new playground at the school. Though the board has helped other elementary schools with new playgrounds, this request has raised some eyebrows.

At its last meeting, the board

discussed a letter from the McGinn PTA Playground Committee dated June 18, which requested \$12,000 from the board to install an \$82,500 playground. Board Secretary Anthony Del Sordi said that the high cost comes from a rubber matting the PTA wants to install.

"I think it's irresponsible for the board to give \$12,000. ... \$65,000 should be adequate for that type of facility," said Lance

Porter, board president.

According to Andrea Nolan, the PTA playground committee chair, the PTA is only requesting \$7,500 from the board for installation costs. The PTA has raised \$65,000 from sponsors and hoped to raise an additional \$10,000 for rubber surfacing, which would bring the total to \$82,500. However, it has been unable to raise that amount.

Most of the money raised came

from a \$37,500 donation from the family and friends of a student who died from an allergic reaction to wood chips, which is usually used as a surface at playgrounds. PTA President Donna Whitaker said that rubber surface idea came from those who made memorial contributions for the child.

The board has assisted other schools with installing playgrounds, though not all the assis-

tance has been financial. Del Sordi said that Evergreen School will be installing a playground for \$56,000 and Brunner Schools playground cost \$25,000.

Board member Linda Nelson said that because the board helped other schools with playgrounds, it should assist McGinn, however, not until it is presented with the specifications of the project.

Board member Edward

Saridaki cautioned the board about paying so much money for a rubber mat base when tire playgrounds in the state have been removed because they were deemed unsafe. He said he isn't comfortable giving money to something that regulations won't allow years later.

The board will request a presentation from the McGinn PTA Playground Committee before making a decision.

Fanwood resident wins eldercare certification

FANWOOD — Borough resident Marianne Kranz, coordinator of Meal-on-Wheels and the Shopping Service of Sage, a nonprofit eldercare service provider based in Summit, has completed the Grotta Foundation for Senior Care's Certificate Program on Aging through the Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College.

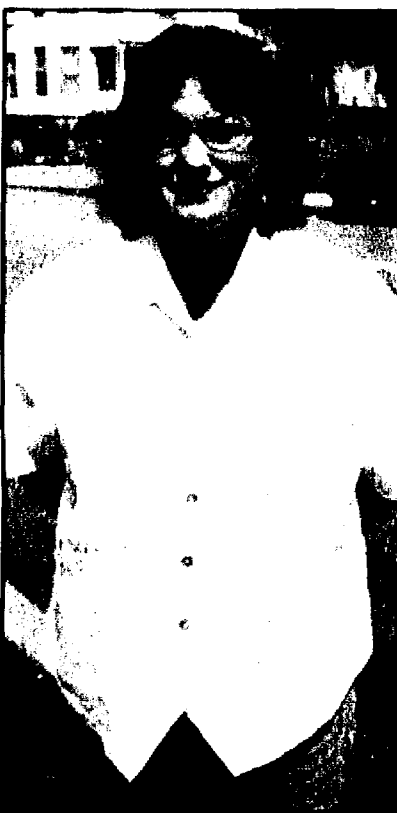
Kranz was one of 25 chosen to attend the nine-month course of study that presented participants with an overview on aging.

"I want to thank the Grotta Foundation for giving me the opportunity to gain insight into my clients' needs," Kranz said. "The program has also enabled me to interface with others in the community who share Sage's goal of providing services to the elderly and their families."

Kranz has been with Sage for more than four years. Besides her involvement with Sage, she is active in the PTA and in the borough where she lives with her husband and two sons.

Founded in 1954, Sage is a private organization that provides solutions for older adults and their caregivers through services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life.

Besides Meals-on-Wheels and the Shopping Service, Sage services include Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, home care, a resale shop, a furniture repair workshop and InfoCare, an information and referral service. Sage serves more than 5,000 older adults and their families annually in Union, Essex, Somerset and Morris counties.



Marianne Kranz
...completes nine-month course

Scotch Plains resident reports an incident of identity theft

SCOTCH PLAINS

Criminal mischief was reported at Evergreen school overnight on Aug. 27 where graffiti was painted near construction work.

A vehicle was reported scratched in the 500 block of Park Avenue during the day on Aug. 28.

A Highlander Drive resident reported receiving harassing phone calls during the night on Aug. 29.

An Oxford Drive resident reported on Aug. 29 that someone attempted to use his identity to access his bank account at different locations over the past couple of days.

Two boy's BMX style bicycles were reported stolen from the St. Bartholomew's Church during the Italian Festival. The bikes were left unattended and unlocked.

A North Plainfield resident reported being involved in a motor vehicle accident Sept. 1 in which the other driver left the scene. The accident occurred on Route 22 West and Glenside Avenue when the victim was struck by a vehicle running a red light at the jughandle on the eastbound side of Route 22. The victim notified police and later the Fanwood police stopped a vehicle on Terrill Road that matched the description of the one that left the scene. James T. O'Brien of 309 Cook Ave., Scotch Plains, was charged with driving while intoxicated by the Fanwood Police Department.

Police Log

WESTFIELD

A resident of Basking Ridge reported being the victim of a theft by deception on Aug. 27.

Jamal Nassiri of Fanwood was picked up on warrants out of Westfield and Scotch Plains on Aug. 27. He posted \$245 bail and was released.

Three juveniles were charged with the theft of valve stem caps from a motor vehicle parked in the 400 block of North Avenue on Aug. 28.

A Cranford resident reported a theft by deception in the 500 block of North Avenue East on Aug. 28.

Ivan Palazan of Bronx, N.Y. was picked up on warrants out of Elizabeth, Hoboken, South River, Chatham and Westfield on Aug. 28.

A theft from a business on South Avenue was reported on Aug. 29. Value of the theft was \$250.

Richard Young was charged with disorderly conduct in the 400 block of North Avenue West on Aug. 29.

A resident reported criminal mischief to his motor vehicle while parked in the 600 block of North Chestnut Street Aug. 30.

A resident reported theft of his cell phone on Aug. 30.

A resident reported criminal mischief to his motor vehicle while parked in the 600 block of South Chestnut Street on Aug. 31.

A Mountainside resident reported the theft of a wallet while at Lord & Taylor on Aug. 31.

Following a motor vehicle accident on Sept. 1, Chauncey Green, 34, of Somerville was charged with driving under the influence, possession of drugs, giving false information to police and parole violation. He was transported to Union County Jail.

A business on North Avenue reported damage and theft to several vending machines on Sept. 1.

Pamela Gross of Westfield was charged with driving while intoxicated on Sept. 2.

Robert J. Wilson III, of 244 North Ave., Kenilworth, was picked up on a contempt of court warrant out of Westfield and Cranford on Sept. 2.

James Williams of 114 N. Scotch Plains Ave. was picked up on a warrant out of Watchung on Sept. 3.

Kelan Doyle and Joseph Santos of 44B Sandra Circle were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Santos was processed and released and Doyle was held on bail.

Library's Friday night films drawn from reading lists

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library's Friday Film Festival kicks off the fall season by celebrating the Book Beat selections from the high school's summer reading lists. The free films start at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood Room downstairs at the library.

Friday night's movie is "The 13th Warrior" (1999/R/102 min.). Antonio Bandaras stars as the Arab courier Ahmad Ibn Fadlan in this recasting of the Beowulf story (based on the novel "Eaters of the Dead" by Michael Crichton). He is sent to the barbaric north as an emissary because he fell in love with the wrong woman. In AD 922, this usually was a death sentence. After befriending the Vikings, he fights with them against the Wendols in a battle that can't be won.

"The Shawshank Redemption" (1994/R/142 min.)

will be shown Sept. 13. Based on Stephen King's story, the movie is set in the 1940s, and tells of banker Andrew Dufresne (Tim Robbins) who, after the murder of his wife, is sent to the prison. Over the years, he retains hope and eventually gains the respect of his fellow inmates, especially longtime convict O'Red (Morgan Freeman). Eventually, he achieves his ends on his own terms.

On Sept. 20 the library will show "The Handmaid's Tale" (1990/PG/108 min.). Margaret Atwood's novel is brought to life with a stellar cast that includes Robert Duval, Faye Dunaway, Aidan Quinn, and Natasha Richardson. Set in a futuristic America, it is a country still at war with itself and ruled by a repressive Bible-inspired regime. Past pollution means only 1 percent of women can bear children, and anyone com-

mitting a crime and found to be a potential mother is put into an institution to be indoctrinated. Kate is one of those and she uncovers a movement to challenge the regime.

The month's final offering on Sept. 27 is "The House of Spirits" (1993/R/140 min.). Isabelle Allende's powerful, magical realism is realized in a cast featuring Meryl Streep, Glen Close, Jeremy Irons, Winona Ryder, Antonio Bandaras, and Vanessa Redgrave. It is set in South America before World War II and highlights the struggle between a rags-to-riches father and his daughter.

The series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library with the cooperation of Palmer Video in Scotch Plains. For more information call the library at (908) 322-6400.

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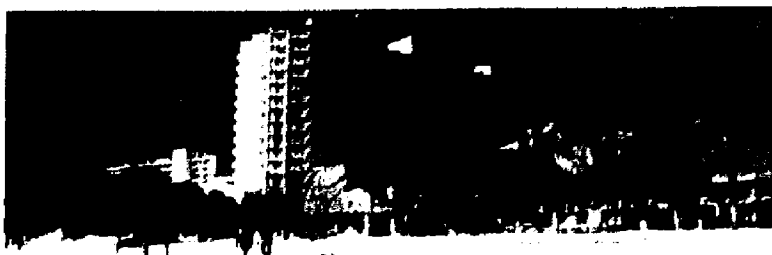
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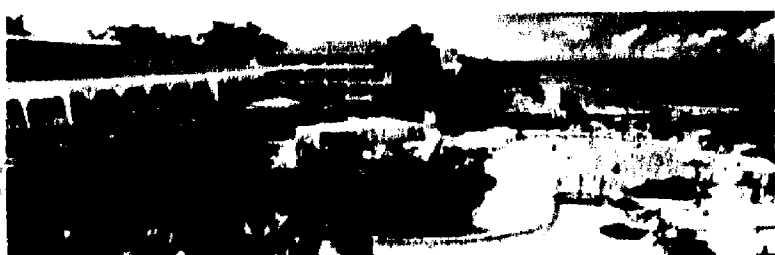
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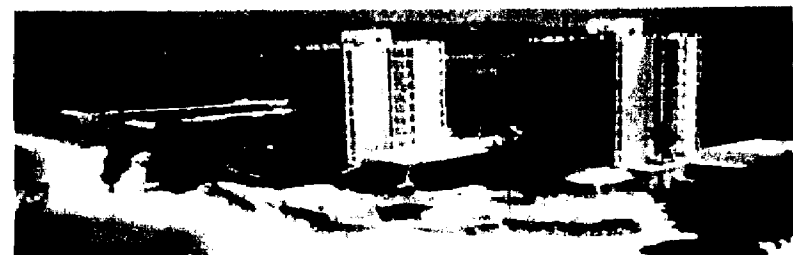
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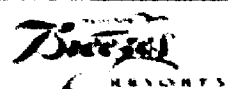
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JCC has openings for youngsters

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey Nursery School and Kindergarten has limited openings available for the 2002-2003 school year at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave.

Children who will be turning 2, 3 or 4 years old before Oct. 1 are eligible for enrollment.

Parents are encouraged to call Susan Bennett, Early Childhood director, at (908) 889-8800, extension 204, to learn about the program and schedule an appointment. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the facility and see the classrooms.

Registration is also available for JCC extended-day classes, Parent and Tot classes, Let's Take a Break classes and other Early Childhood programs.

Visit the JCC registration desk to obtain a copy of the Fall Program Guide, which describes all JCC course offerings.

Singles meet every Sunday

WESTFIELD — Singles age 45 and older are invited to a coffee at 9 a.m. every Sunday at First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., in the lower level meeting room.

It's not group therapy, it's friendship, a sharing of experiences and good company.

Other activities include winter movie nights, summer picnics, holiday get-togethers, and more. A \$2 donation is requested. For more information please call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

Rock reporter to appear locally

CLARK — John D. Luerssen has been on the radio on NPR Weekend Edition and on VH-1, but Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. you can meet the Westfield man at Barnes & Noble, 1180 Raritan Road.

Luerssen will recite choice quotes from his new book, "Mouthing Off: A Book of Rock and Roll Quotes," and be open to general shop talk about rock stars and the funny things they get caught saying. Luerssen is a freelance reporter for Rolling Stone, Billboard, Rockpile, and CD NOW, among others, and has interviewed many of today's most popular artists.

Octobrfest event Saturday

CLARK — The Bayern Verein Newark, a traditional German folk-dancing group, is sponsoring an "Original Munich Oktoberfest" on Saturday at the Deutscher Club here.

The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by "Bernie's Orchestra" along with Bavarian folk dancing performed by the Bayern Verein Newark Adult and Children's dance groups.

Specialty foods will be available including Bratwurst and Leberkaese. Imported and domestic beers will also be available. Tickets are \$5 per person and children under age 12 will be admitted free. They can be purchased on the day of the event at the entrance to the Deutscher Club.

The event will be held rain or shine.

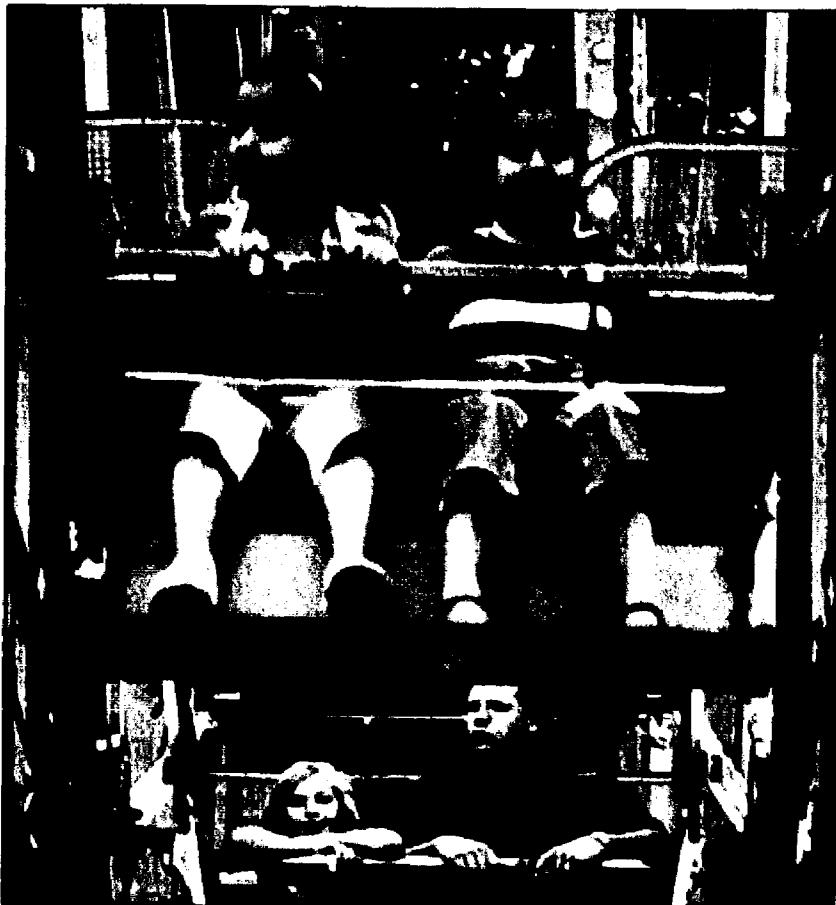
For more information, call Ralph Mehne (908) 276-7745 or Dan Sherer (908) 322-5570.

Sunday School registration set

SCOTCH PLAINS — All Saints' Episcopal Church on Park Avenue holds registration for its Sunday school following services 10 a.m. Sept. 8.

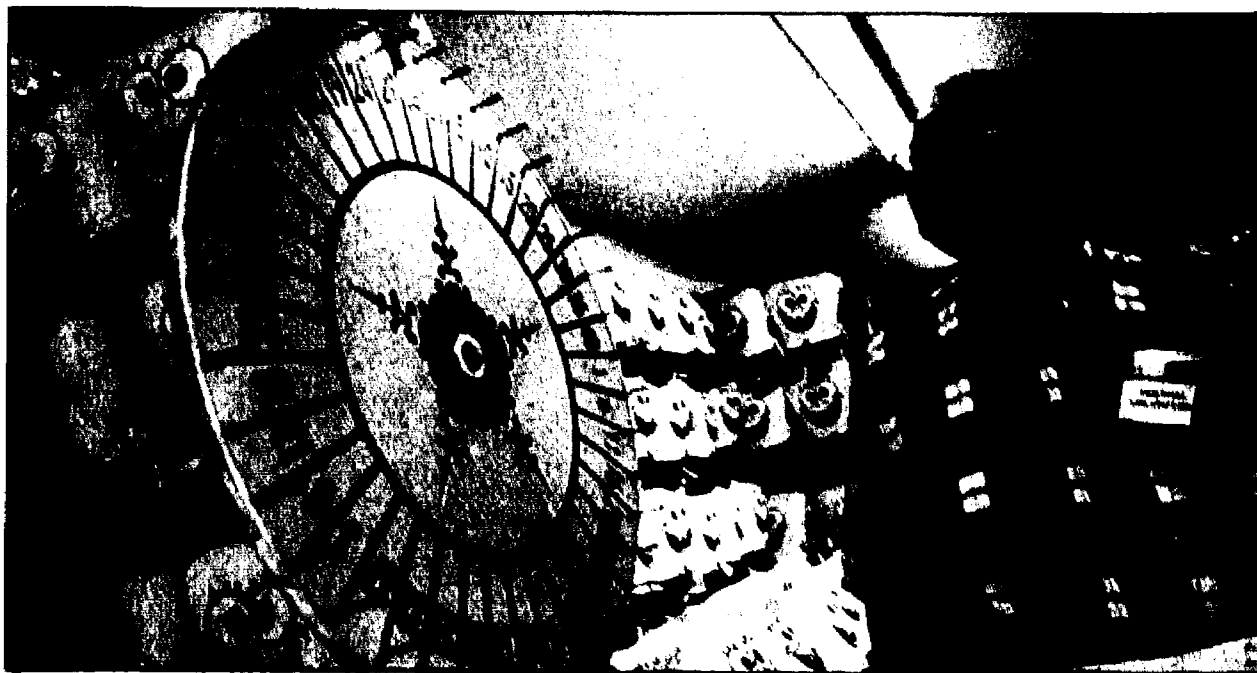
Sunday school begins Sept. 15 with four groupings: prekindergarten-kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4 and Grades 5-8. A separate program is provided for teenagers in high school.

For more information, phone (908) 322-8047. Child care is available during services.

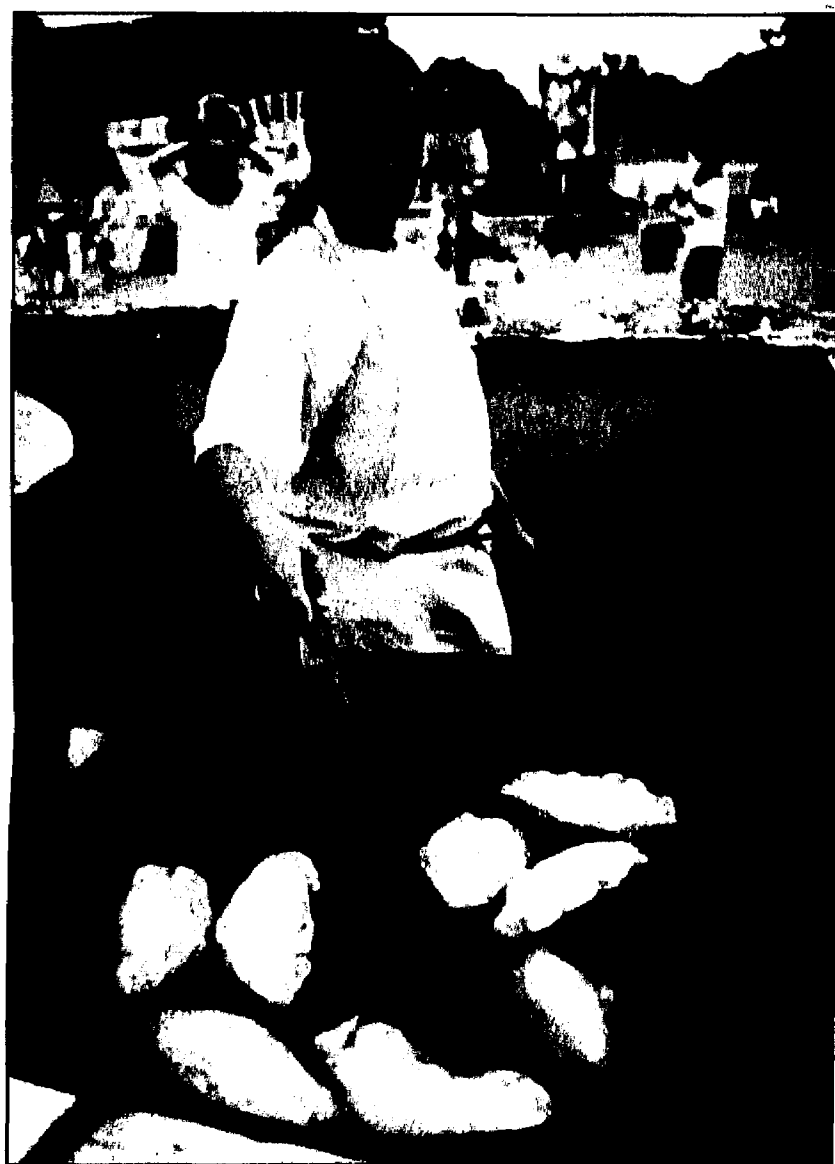


NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Melinda McGinnis deep fries calzones at the Italian Festival in Scotch Plains last weekend while in the picture above, Laura Swidersky sells 50/50 tickets to the fair-goers who are rounded up by Joe Giordano.

Food, fun at the fair



Volunteer Ken Vincent watches the wheel to see who will win a Spongebob Squarepants at the Italian Festival at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains. The festival, which has been a Labor Day weekend tradition for years, got rained on last weekend, but the weather cleared up enough Friday night to allow these riders a spin on the Ferris wheel.



Community events scheduled to mark Sept. 11 anniversary

Churches and communities are planning events to commemorate the anniversary of the terror attack on the World Trade Center. Following is a partial list of community events.

Candlelight vigil in park Wednesday

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Board of Freeholders will observe the first anniversary of Sept. 11 with a candlelight vigil in Echo Lake Park.

The event will be on the lawn near the Springfield Avenue entrance to the park beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Westfield clergy prepares service

WESTFIELD — An ecumenical worship service, "September 11: Remembrance and Hope," will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St.

The memorial service, planned and conducted by member of the clergy in Westfield is intended to provide an opportunity for mourning and healing through prayer, readings, hymns and candlelighting.

Concert to celebrate country, community

CRANFORD — The concert scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, as part of the Concerts on the Lawn series will be a special event in tribute to the victims of the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Downtown Management Corp.'s concert series will present Catalyst, a local group that will perform popular contemporary music that celebrates our country and community.

Church plans

pair of services

SCOTCH PLAINS — All Saints' Episcopal Church on Park Avenue will have two worship services on Wednesday.

At 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with special intention for victims of the terrorist attacks, the heroes who worked on rescue and recovery, those who lost friends and loved ones and our leaders. At 7 p.m., there will be an evening prayer, a commemoration that includes hymns and a homily.

Diocese marks Sept. 11 anniversary

NEWARK — An inter-religious gathering of remembrance, support, healing, reconciliation and hope is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Cathedral Basilica.

Scotch Plains Catholics mark date

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township's two Catholic churches are planning worship services to commemorate Sept. 11.

The Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary will celebrate a memorial Mass for the victims of Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church will hold a Remembrance Service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Candlelighting, service scheduled

SCOTCH PLAINS — Clergy, congregation members, government officials and those victimized by the Sept. 11 tragedy will gather at the Village Green for a service and candlelighting.

The event, which is sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Golf course officials ecstatic with turnout

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — Ten days after its opening, operations at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex are going "absolutely fantastic," said golf commission member Robert Hoeffler.

Despite some rainy weather over the Labor Day weekend, "we're still exceeding our (revenue) forecast," Hoeffler said.

The commission estimated receipts for the complex should average \$5,000 daily, Hoeffler said, and as of Tuesday, they were exceeding that by 10 to 15 percent. While activity on the complex's nine-hole golf course has been about what was expected, Hoeffler said, higher than anticipated use of the mini-golf course and driving range has brought in the extra revenue.

Complex employees have had to fill the driving range dispenser, which holds 43,000 golf balls, twice a day, Hoeffler said.

And feedback on the mini-golf course, he said, has been that it is moderately difficult but "different than any other course (residents) have played around here." Unlike the "boardwalk-style" mini golf courses in the Union County area, the Hyatt Hills course includes features such as waterfalls and rock hazards.

Hoeffler acknowledged the complex may have received an initial boost from opening during the summer, when school is out. "Come Friday, we'll see if we get the golfers out to play,"

he said. "But I think we're going to get them."

The course is designed to accommodate up to 150 golfers at one time, and Hoeffler said there had been no difficulties with play or damage to the playing surface, despite the inclement weather. As of Tuesday, morning tee times were available this weekend, Hoeffler said.

The golf course will operate on a nine-month schedule, Hoeffler said, meaning it will close for the winter at the end of November and reopen in March.

If the complex continues to do well, it could be a boon to Cranford and neighboring Clark. General Motors, which once operated an auto-parts factory on the Raritan Road site, paid for environmental remediation and construction of the golf complex, and loaned the commission money for start-up costs.

But while the land beneath the site will continue to be owned by General Motors, the facility itself is publicly owned and operated.

Revenues after operating costs and the repayment of the loan to General Motors will flow back to the municipalities, with Cranford receiving one-third of the profits because the majority of the property is in Clark.

Hoeffler said the complex will not generate revenue for the townships this year, but by the end of 2003, "we should definitely generate some income," he said.

Shronda Blackshear

SCOTCH PLAINS — Shronda Blackshear, 28, died Aug. 30, 2002 at University Hospital in Newark. She lived in her native Roselle and in Denver before moving to Scotch Plains in 2001. Ms. Blackshear was a customer service representative with Cablevision of Raritan Valley, located in Piscataway. She was a member of the Peaches of Georgia Club at the

Heard A.M.E. Church in Roselle. Surviving are her mother, Doris Mae; two daughters, Deandra and Kayla; a sister, Muriel; her grandmother, Emma; and many aunts and uncles. Services were held Wednesday at Heard A.M.E. Church. Burial was in Rosehill Cemetery, Linden. Arrangements were by G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle.

John R. Carney

SCOTCH PLAINS — John R. Carney, 70, died Sept. 1, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains for most of his life. Mr. Carney was a policeman with the Scotch Plains Police Department in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He later owned Carney's Towing service in Scotch Plains. More recently, he was a re-inspection supervisor with MCA Insurance Co. in Paramus, with which Mr. Carney worked for five

years. Surviving are his wife, Irene R. Kubica Carney; and a brother, David S. and wife Donna of Bridgewater. Services were held yesterday at Higgins Home for Funerals, Watchung, followed by a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Donations may be sent to American Heart Association, Memorials Program, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-4301.

Joyce Courtney

WESTFIELD — Joyce M. Courtney, 78, died Aug. 27, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She lived in her native Westfield and in Woodbridge before moving to South Plainfield in 1994. Mrs. Courtney retired in 1987 after 20 years as a counter clerk

with G.O. Keller, dry cleaners in Westfield. Her husband, John, died in 1984. Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Tucci of South Plainfield; and a grandchild. Services were held Friday at McCriscin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield.

John E. Jones Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — John E. Jones Sr., 80, died Aug. 30, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was born in Jersey City and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1925. Mr. Jones was a salesman with the Plainfield Lumber Co. and later with Jaeger Lumber in Union prior to his 1986 retirement. He was a former member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. He was a member of American Legion Post 209; Atlas Pythagoras Lodge 10, Free &

Accepted Masons, in Westfield; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Trenton; and the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains. Surviving are his wife, Betty L. Nelson Jones; a son, John E. Jr. of Brick; a daughter, Sharon of Scotch Plains; a brother, Rice of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and a grandchild. Services will be 10:30 a.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. Burial will be in Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

Victor Deltito

SCOTCH PLAINS — Victor L. Deltito, 73, died Aug. 31, 2002 at his home. He was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1994. Mr. Deltito was with Lewco Security Corp. in Manhattan for 15 years, retiring in 1993 as its assistant director of security. He earlier spent 20 years with the Brillo Co. in Brooklyn and became its head mechanic.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Catherine Musco Deltito; a daughter, Concetta Perro; a brother, Alphonse; two sisters, Concetta Salsivero and Josephine; and two grandchildren. Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was private.

Obituaries

Margaret DiSalvi

WESTFIELD — Margaret C. DiSalvi, 69, died Sept. 1, 2002 at Lancaster (Pa.) General Hospital. A native of Philadelphia, she lived in Westfield before moving to Willow Street, Pa. Mrs. DiSalvi was once the head librarian at the Newark Museum, where she worked for 15 years prior to her retirement. She held a bachelor's degree from West Chester State College and a master of library science degree from Kean College of New Jersey. She was chairman of the Homeless Hospitality Committee and food bank at First United Methodist Church of Westfield. Mrs. DiSalvi sang in her church's Chancel Choir for 29 years and toured Europe with the church-based Oratorio Singers. She also was the treasurer of the Wesley Singers. In addition, Mrs. DiSalvi was a

docent at the Miller-Cory House Museum and a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Surviving are her husband, Dr. R. Daniel DiSalvi; two sons, Thomas C. and Lawrence R.; a daughter, Margaret D. Wolf; two brothers, Roberts R. Clark and Theodore H. Clark; and eight grandchildren. A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Lancaster with the Rev. A. Andrew Beare officiating. The family will meet with relatives and friends after the memorial service. Arrangements are by Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home in Lancaster. Memorial donations may be sent to Good Shepherd Home, Long Term Care Facility, 601 St. John St., Allentown, PA 18103.

Florence Moloski

SCOTCH PLAINS — Florence E. Moloski, 81, died Sept. 2, 2002 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Mrs. Moloski was born in Westfield and lived in the town before moving to Scotch Plains in 1939. She had resided in Edison since 1941. She retired in 1982 after 35 years as a laboratory technician with E.R. Squibb & Son. Mrs. Moloski was a member of the Squibb Retirees Club, the

Stelton Senior Citizens Club in Edison and the Stelton Baptist Church in Edison. Surviving are a son, Joseph F. Sr. of Beaufort, N.C.; three sisters, Mary Marshall of Beachwood, Helen Spies of Middlesex and Frances Flinn of Vero Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren. Services were held yesterday at Boylan Funeral Home in Edison. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Metuchen.

Carolyn Smokowski

WESTFIELD — Carolyn J. Smokowski, 40, died Sept. 2, 2002 at Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was born in Jersey City and had lived in Westfield since 1998. Ms. Smokowski was a waitress from 1998-2000 at the Charlie Brown's restaurant in Scotch Plains. Surviving are her mother, Charlotte Kulikowski; a sister, Cynthia A. Fabiano; and two nephews. A memorial Mass will be offered 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, 325 Second Ave., Garwood. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home.

Neighbors dread football at night

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — With the new lights at Memorial Field likely to be installed by early next week, residents along nearby Myrtle Street are bracing for big crowds at night games, and leery that the use of the lights will in time go beyond what has been proposed. "We moved into this house before the lights were here, and we would prefer the games continue to be played during the day," said one Myrtle Street woman. "The games going on to later at night is going to be intrusive."

When night games have been held at the field before under temporary lights, the woman said, the lights overhead were a nuisance. But the worse problems were fans moving through her families' yard and leaving litter on her property, she said. Other residents have complained about the noise that will be generated during night games, the sight of the 80-foot light towers overhead at all times, and a possible negative effect on property values. The subject of the lights has caused controversy at Township Committee meetings since last year, when the committee was deciding how to use

its share of the Union County "Field of Dreams" grant program. After the Planning Board recommended the lights not be constructed, the committee decided in a split vote to move ahead with the project. But neighborhood residents said their input had not been solicited. "For the kids' sake, I'm glad, but I don't think (township officials) thought too much about the residents," said another woman who lives on the street. "By the time (neighborhood residents) were starting to go to meetings, it was a done deal." In an effort to appease residents' concerns about crowd

noise, traffic, and intrusion from the lights, township and school board officials have developed plans for crowd control, said the lights will be used only a few times a year, and set a rough 10 p.m. curfew. But residents said they are afraid use of the lights will eventually exceed the original proposals. "We're a little leery that possibly they're going to be on past 10," one woman said. "We were told specifically that they were going to be off at 10." Other residents said they were afraid the township would rent out the field for night use to other sports programs, or use the venue for evening concerts or other community events.

New parking rules OK'd in Kenilworth

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — Over the objections of some area residents, the Borough Council last week passed an ordinance allowing emergency response personnel to park in restricted areas near the firehouse on Washington Avenue. The ordinance, passed unanimously at the Aug. 28 meeting, allows members of the fire department and rescue squad and officials of the Office of Emergency Management, to park in prohibited areas on the south side of Washington Avenue between North 19th and North 20th streets and on the north side of the avenue from North 20th Street to a point 60 feet west. The emergency personnel can use the spaces "while on

official business or responding to an emergency." At no time will emergency personnel, or anyone else, be allowed to park between the diagonal yellow lines painted on the street outside the firehouse, council members stressed. That area must be cleared for fire trucks to leave the building. But the vagueness of the "official business" language upset some area residents. "I'd like to know what official business is. Who's defining that?" said Anthony Pugliese. And resident Janet Yendrick said the cars parked on Washington Avenue create safety problems by impairing vision. Several council members had said previously the ordinance is not intended to allow parking in prohibited areas while squad members

attend meetings, but no formal definition was provided. Several borough officials said the safety concerns were overblown. "It's never been a safety problem with the cars being parked there on official business," said Police Chief William Dowd. **Teenagers urged to submit scripts to Theater Project** **SCOTCH PLAINS** — The Theater Project at Union County College sponsors a New Artists Showcase for the new school year. Would-be playwrights who live in the county and are now in high school may enter the competition. Only original works are eligible. Plays that have been previously published or given in workshop form are not eligible. Adaptations will not be accepted. All entries must be at least 10-30 pages and typed in a script format. Excerpts from longer plays will be considered. There is a limit

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Anna Rawnicki

WESTFIELD — Anna Katz Rawnicki, 83, died Aug. 29, 2002 at the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center in West Orange. Mrs. Rawnicki was born in Kovel, Poland, and moved to Cuba in 1927. She settled in Baltimore when she came to the United States in 1960. She lived in New York City before moving to Westfield in 1987. She was a homemaker who loved sewing. Mrs. Rawnicki was a member of Hadassah; the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, in Scotch Plains; the Workmen's Circle,

in Manhattan; and the senior citizens club at Temple Beth Ohr, in Clark. Her husband, Rachmiel, died in 1973. Surviving are a son, Bernardo and wife Joannie of Westfield; a daughter, Marta Goldblatt and husband Harold of Longboat Key, Fla.; and three grandchildren. Graveside services were held Friday at Beth Israel Memorial Park in Woodbridge with Rabbi George Neudel officiating. Arrangements were by Crabel Parkwest Funeral Chapel in New Brunswick.

Nellie 'Tiny' Hurling

WESTFIELD — Nellie B. "Tiny" Hurling, 83, died Aug. 29, 2002 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. A native of Virginia, she lived in Westfield before moving to Plainfield in 1969. Mrs. Hurling retired in 1987 after 10 years on the staff of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She also was a home health aide. She served on the usher board at Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield, of which Mrs. Hurling was a member for

the past 42 years. Surviving are two daughters, Virginia L. Robinson of Westfield and Ethel Robinson of Chester, Pa.; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were held Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. William Gerald Howard, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were by Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

Pam Ellen Salamone

WESTFIELD — Pam Ellen Lewis Salamone, 60, died Sept. 3, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. A native of Chillicothe, Ohio, she lived in Westfield from 1973 until she moved to Mountainside in 2001. Mrs. Salamone retired in 2001 after 16 years as a special education teacher in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system. She taught special education classes at School No. 1, McGinn School, Terrill Middle School and Park Middle School. She began her career teaching Grade 2 classes at St. Joseph's School in Roselle for a year. Mrs. Salamone received a bachelor's

degree in special education from Kean College of New Jersey in 1985. She was a parishioner of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Surviving are her husband, Louis; two daughters, Ellen Cagnassola of Fanwood and Heather Wolfson of Virginia Beach, Va.; and two grandchildren. Services will be 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. Paul's Church, 414 E. Broad St. Arrangements are by Dooley Colonial Home. Memorial donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720 or St. Luke's Church.

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Intergenerational Orchestra to hold fall registration

CRANFORD—The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra of Cranford, under the direction of Lorraine Marks, will hold its fall registration on Sept. 19 and 26, 6:30-7 p.m., in the Cranford High School choir room, 201 West End Place.

The first rehearsal will be held on Sept. 19, 7-8:30 p.m., for the full orchestra, and 8:30-9:30 p.m. for the advanced chamber orchestra. The orchestra will audition new members to its chamber group. Previous members of the chamber orchestra need not audition.

The chamber group will make appearances in prestigious venues throughout New Jersey and the tri-state area. The Nouveau Orchestra (beginners group) will begin rehearsals on Oct. 17 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. For more information call (908) 709-0084 or e-mail NJIOrch@aol.com.

The NJIO, now in its ninth year, has the distinction of being the only orchestra with an intergenerational configuration. Members range in age from 5 to 91. Members of the NJIO represent 55 communities and seven counties with two new affiliate orchestras in Princeton and Toms River. The orchestra continues to receive wide publicity appearing most recently on News 12, NJ, Jersey's Talking and Defying

Age with Lee Leonard and Della Crews as hosts, and was also featured on CBS and NBC. Articles have appeared in national publications such as Family Circle, American Profiles, and Savvy Living, and in many local and state-wide publications.

In April, the NJIO traveled to Madrid, Spain at the invitation of the United Nations where it performed a concert for the United Nations World Conference on Aging. Concerts have been performed at the United Nations in New York City, Lincoln Center Outdoor Plaza Fountain Concert Series, Washington D.C., Alexandria, Va., and numerous locations throughout the metropolitan area.

Marks, a string specialist for the New Providence school district, has received numerous awards and citations for her work with the orchestra, the community, and was chosen Outstanding Woman of Somerset County, sponsored by the Somerset County Commission.

She received the New Jersey Pride Award sponsored by New Jersey Monthly magazine for "people who make a difference in the arts."

For more information on the NJIO, call (908) 709-0084. Visit the web site at www.bobdevlin.com/njio, or e-mail NJIOrch@aol.com.



Modern Man at Arts Center

Modern Man, described as a cross between The Three Tenors and The Three Stooges, will open the Watchung Arts Center's 2002-03 Folk Concert Season on Sept. 14. Members of the group are Rob Carlson, George Wurzbach and David Buskin. Tickets are \$12, which includes coffee and desserts at intermission. Reservations are advised and may be made by calling (908) 753-0190.

Membership drive is under way for Community Players

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Players membership drive for their 2002-2003 season is now under way.

Kicking off the theatrical season here in Westfield, will be a special fund-raising performance by the Vince di Mura Jazz trio featuring the vocalist Carrie Jackson at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. The box office at 1000 North Ave., West is open and can be reached at (908) 232-1221. All tickets are \$15.

The concert jazz pianist and composer will be doing songs from his recently released CD "Imperfect Balance" along with other great jazz songs by Cole Porter and George Gershwin. This one-time performance by the noted trio will be followed by refreshments in the lobby after the performance.

The \$35 membership includes tickets to all four of the new season's shows as well as a newsletter and notification of special events.

The cost of membership is almost a 40 percent savings over buying tickets to all four shows individually. Checks may be made payable to Westfield Community Players, and sent to Membership Director Letty Hudak, 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield NJ 07090. All shows open on a Saturday night and run Friday and Saturday evenings for 3 or 4 weekends.

The first show of the upcoming season is "Over the River and Through the Woods," a comedy by Joe DiPietro. This comedy seeks to answer the question, can a nice grandson still have Sunday dinner with his grandparents after he tells them he is moving 3,000 miles away to Seattle? Performances are Oct. 12 through Nov. 2.

"And the World Goes 'Round" with music by John Kander and book by Fred Ebb, celebrates their view of life's glories, indignities and dreams. It features music from their Broadway catalog such as "Cabaret," "Maybe This Time," "All That Jazz" and their famous anthem "New York, New York." The show opens on Jan. 4 and concludes Jan. 25.

A mystery by Ira Levin, "Dr. Cook's Garden" follows in March. Here the "Deathtrap" author gives us a chilling tale about a young doctor confronting the ethics of his mentor on a visit to his home in a small New England village. It opens March 8 with the closing night March 22.

The season finale is a Wendy Wasserstein drama "An American Daughter" about the political fallout and media frenzy that ensues when a senator's daughter is nominated for a cabinet post in Washington. Show dates are May 10 through May 31.

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Prizes, in the form of savings bonds, will be awarded at an open reading in February.

Any questions may be referred to (908) 659-5189.

Plainfield Symphony survives adversity to begin new season

PLAINFIELD —Following a musically triumphant but financially harrowing 2001-02 season, Music Director Sabin Pautza and the orchestra are back for another series of concerts at the magnificent Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.

As 2002 began, things looked bleak indeed for the PSO as eight decades of culture in Union County appeared to be at an end. The Symphony seemed destined to join the many arts organizations hit hard by the slow economy and the aftermath of Sept. 11.

But the community rallied behind its orchestra. Assistance came from the City of Plainfield, Union County, the media and many generous supporters in the private sector. The Symphony completed its season in the black.

The 2002-03 season begins Oct. 26 with Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Orchestra. It will feature Concertmaster Evelyn Estava and violinist Michael Avagliano, both beginning their second season with the PSO. Also on the program are Schubert's Second Symphony and the La Scala Di Setta Overture of Rossini.

The classics continue Nov. 23 with three favorites: the Grieg

Piano Concerto No. 1, Mussorgsky's beloved Night on Bald Mountain and the familiar Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture by Tchaikovsky. At the piano will be past Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey winner Han Shien, in a Plainfield Symphony debut.

2003 begins with a recital by the Plainfield Symphony's Artist-In-Residence, pianist Christopher Johnson on Jan. 12.

The popular Free Family Concert returns on Feb. 16 with more talent from the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey winners and a special program for young listeners.

Spring brings the annual Big Band Concert on March 8. The season finishes with Beethoven's mighty Emperor Concerto on April 12 when Christopher Johnson returns to the piano. Brahms' First Symphony rounds out the evening.

All concerts will be at the historic Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave. at E. Seventh Street, Plainfield.

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College will have events to commemorate Sept. 11

CRANFORD — Two programs sponsored by Union County College serve as commemoration to events of last year.

"What Happened: The Sept. 11 Testimony Project" is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the theater on the college's Elizabeth campus. Meline Karakashian, a clinical psychologist, leads this program.

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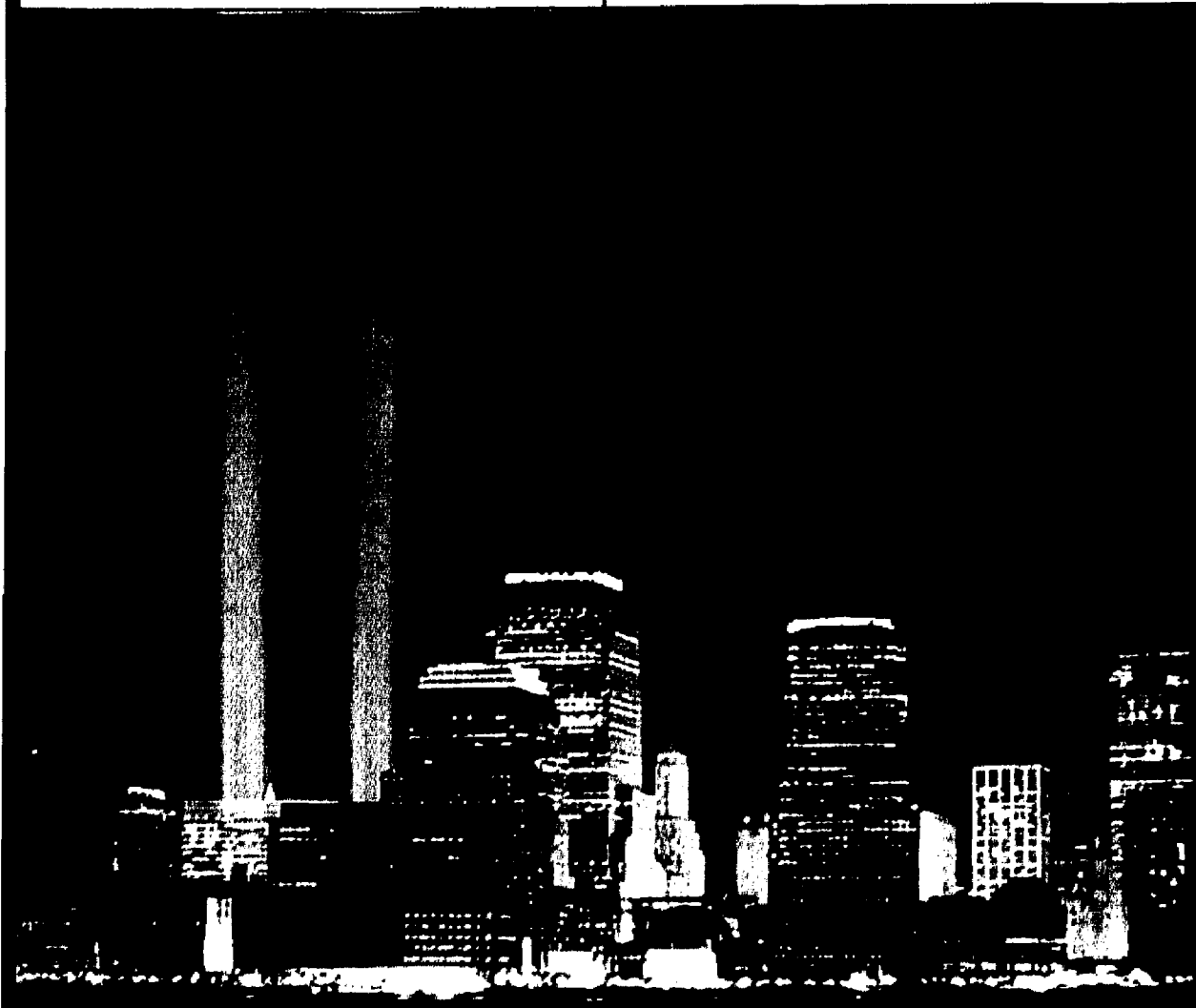
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SING OUT — first rehearsal of Westfield Glee Club for 2002-03. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Sept. 16. Women and men welcome. (908) 232-0673.

WELCOME TEA — for new members of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers' Club.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, 8 p.m. Sept. 19. Registration: (908) 928-1095 or (908) 889-6035.

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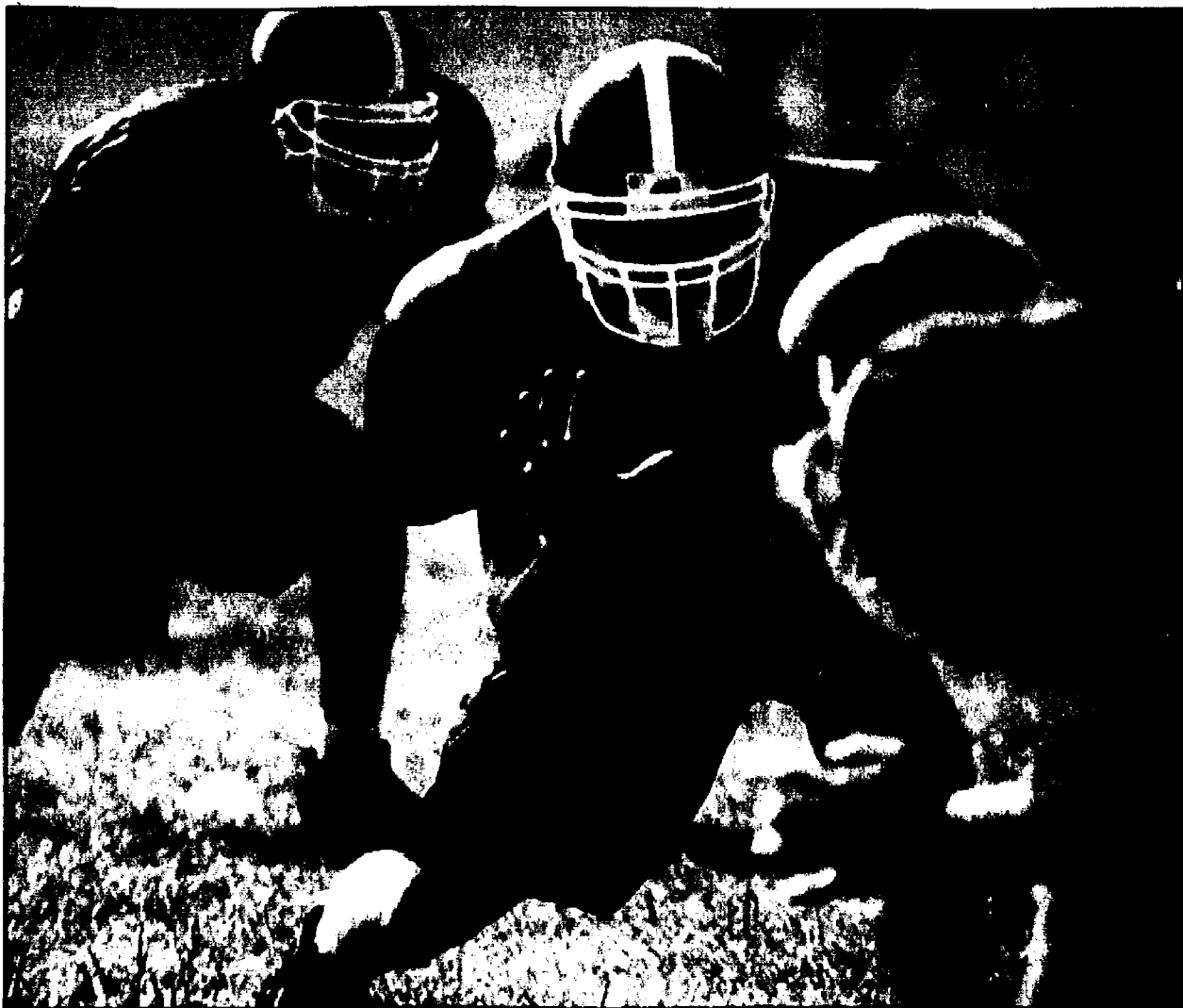
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Senior Pat Daly should be a force at middle linebacker for the Blue Devils this season. Westfield finished the preseason yesterday and is preparing for the season opener Sept. 13 against Randolph.

Raiders eyeing state title

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The disappointment of last season's finish still lingers for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High soccer team, but with 10 of 11 starts back it is determined to reach the top.

After winning their first 17 games last year and their eighth Union County Tournament title the Raiders fell to Mendham 2-0 in the semifinals of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament and finished the season 20-3.

With almost the entire starting lineup returning Scotch Plains is focused on taking the next step and winning its first state championship since 1998. Scotch Plains scrimmages Princeton today, Randolph Monday and Wayne Valley Wednesday in preparation for the season opener 4 p.m. Sept. 14 against Ridge.

The strength of the squad should again be its defense, which posted 14 shutouts in the first 17 games last year. Senior Dwight Simms will start at center back in the three-man defense, flanked by junior Mike Hessemer on the right side and senior Mike Miller on the left side. Senior Rick Fleissner will start in net for the second straight year.

"We believe in building out of the back and coming up from there," said Head Coach Tom Breznitsky. "If you don't give any up it's tough to lose. We have good depth back there."

Aiding the defense will be junior Ricardo Rocha as a defensive center midfielder. Taking on an offensive role in the center midfield will be junior Ryan Breznitsky, the second leading scorer a year ago, and sophomore Terrence Charles.

Senior Jeff Hensel will begin the season at right outside midfield, but may move up to forward at times. There is still a battle for the starting left outside midfield position between seniors Joe Bartolotta and Anthony Bruno and junior Jaime Mannino.

Ray DiNizo, an all-state caliber player, figures to start in the midfield once he is able to return from the ill effects of mononucleosis.

Senior Taylor Cole will be the top scoring threat for Scotch Plains, after leading the squad with 14 goals last year. He'll be joined up front by junior Ed Zazzali and sophomore Sean McNelis.

"The main concern we have is the same for most teams, and that's up front and scoring goals," said Breznitsky. "We're very strong defensively and very strong in the midfield, but we

New-look Blue Devils hope for same results

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Reloading?
Rebuilding?

Whatever term applies best to this year's Westfield High football team will become more evident in October and November, but one thing's for sure, the public address announcer at Gary Kehler Stadium will be calling out a lot of new names this fall.

The Blue Devils enter their 2002 season needing to replace 19 of the 22 starting positions from a squad that went 8-3 and reached the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 semifinals, Westfield's second consecutive playoff berth. While the turnover is one of the more extreme in recent years the youngsters are learning quickly, making the adjustment to the varsity level and the goals remain the same.

Westfield finished up the preseason with its third scrimmage yesterday at Livingston and will begin preparing for the season opener at Randolph 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13. With so many new faces Head Coach Ed Tranchina and

his staff are still sorting through the pieces of the puzzle, though everything is beginning to shake out.

"It's going to take some time to find out who should be in there and in what position," said Tranchina. "We want to make sure we have the best players on the field at the right spot."

"We're moving along pretty well, I'm happy about that. We're on pace and we've shown improvement from each scrimmage to the next."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils will be senior Brian Butts, who started at both tight end and outside linebacker last season. Mike DeFazio is the only other starter back, returning to the secondary. Andrew Lessner will handle the place kicking duties again this year.

After that Westfield's pretty inexperienced. Half the lineup will be seniors who saw moderate to little playing time last year, and the other half will be underclassmen who saw very limited action.

Athletic junior Jan Cocozziello will start under center, bringing

with him the ability to throw and run effectively. Tyshon Blackman and DeFazio will start at halfback with Pat Daly taking over the fullback duties from his brother Matt Daly.

The competition for the starting wide receiver positions remained fierce with Josh Zucker, Kurt Giresi and Lessner battling for the spots. Butts will be one of the focal points of the passing game as the returning tight end, and Bobby Wilt will also see a lot of time in a two-tight end set.

Matt Toth will start at center for the Devils, flanked by guards Adam Tzesniowski, Mike Finne and Everett Donelson. The tackles will be Montel Glasco, Will Taylor and Nick Gismondi.

The defense, Westfield's strength last season, should be strong again this year. Taylor, Randy Williams and David Hewitt will clog up the middle at the tackle positions, with Glasco, Wilt and Donelson on the ends of the line.

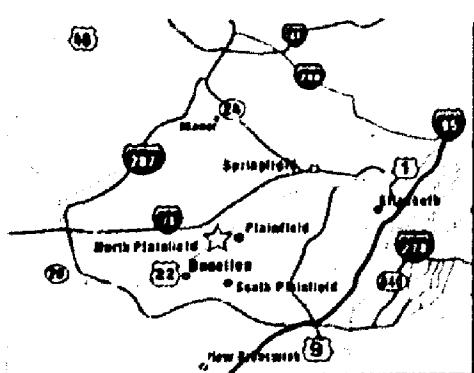
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SAT scores steady, despite greater participation

New Jersey high school seniors who took this year's SAT exams had virtually the same scores on the verbal and mathematics sections as students did on the SATs administered in 2001. The 2002 average verbal score of 498 represented a one-point dip from 2001, and the average mathematics score of 513 was identical to last year's average.

New Jersey's scores held steady as a greater percentage of the class of 2002 took the test. The 71,163 students who took the SAT is a 4.3 percent increase over the previous year. As a result, 82 percent of New Jersey's graduating seniors took the SAT, compared with 81 percent of the previous year's graduates. Only one other state — Connecticut with 83 percent — had a higher participation rate, according to the College Board, the organization that sponsors the test.

"We applaud our teachers, principals and guidance counselors for encouraging so many of our students to take the SAT," said Richard Ten Eyck, assistant commissioner for the Department of Educational Programs and Assessment.

"When teachers tell students that they should take the SAT, they are sending a positive message of encouragement that the students should explore their

academic potential to the fullest," Ten Eyck said. "With this encouragement, many high school students who may not have considered college have broadened their view and are continuing their education after they graduate."

"We do not consider a one-point difference in an SAT score to be statistically significant," Ten Eyck continued. "We do, however, consider it extremely significant that our scores are level despite the increased participation rate. Usually, a greater number of test takers will tend to lower the overall scores."

Ten Eyck noted that New Jersey's participation rate is nearly double that of the national average, which in 2002 was 46 percent. He also noted that an examination of SAT scores over time is a better way to view student performance, rather than focusing on one-year differences.

As SAT I volume builds in New Jersey, rising by 9,623 test takers since 1997, both verbal and math scores have improved for public school students. Over the past 10 years, New Jersey's mathematics score has improved by 15 points and the verbal score has improved by 5 points. This year's 498 verbal score average places New Jersey third in the region behind Maryland and Delaware, but

ahead of New York and equal to Pennsylvania.

For 2002, the male verbal mean is down 1 point for public school students while the male math mean is up 2 points for more male public school students. This represents a net gain of 4 points overall for 2001.

The female verbal mean for public schools down 1 over last year, but stayed the course all students in New Jersey. The verbal mean for all females in New Jersey is 2 points above the verbal mean for public school

females. Female public school math is down 2 points from last year, but is still 2 points above all New Jersey students. Female verbal is the only category in which public school students do not fare better than all students.

Seventy-two percent of the 29,197 New Jersey test takers scored 3 or higher on advanced placement exams, a 4 percent increase since 1995, when fewer than 10,000 students took the exams. The test is scored on a scale of 1 to 5, and a score of 3 or

greater is required for students to get college credit for their advanced placement courses.

According to the College Board, 77 percent of all AP test takers in New Jersey were from public schools, and 72 percent of grades earned by public school students in New Jersey were 3 or better, an increase of 3 percent since 1995 in the face of a nearly 20,000 increase in test volume.

Additionally, it appears that public school students scored higher than non-public school

students in some tests. For example, public school men outpaced their non-public school counterparts in the 3 or better score distributions 75.6 percent to 74.4 percent. Public school women increased their scores of 4 by 1.8 percent over 2001, and increased their scores of 5 by 2.43 percent over 2001.

In another result, minority students continued to take the SAT in New Jersey and advanced placement exams in greater numbers and are getting better scores.

Sharing not just for kindergarten anymore

Facing budget crunch, many school districts look to share services with neighbors

With 2002-03 school district budgets especially tight due to the state's fiscal crisis, many local school districts are practicing what teachers have always told their students: It's good to share.

And when those doing the sharing are school districts and local government, there are added benefits: It takes some of the burden off local property taxpayers and directs limited funds to classroom programs.

The list of services that school districts share is a long one: pupil transportation, technology, library resources, food services, curriculum development, teacher training, child study teams, special education, snow and trash removal, custodial services and purchasing. A number of small school districts are even sharing employment costs for administrators.

Interest in sharing services should be on the increase, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association, a federation of the state's local boards of education.

"Because of the state budget crisis, New Jersey's aid to local school districts was held flat. This has produced a crunch at the local level as school districts dealt with increased enrollment, skyrocketing insurance costs, and program cuts," said Glenn B. Ewan.

New Jersey School Boards Association president. "Shared services can provide an option to provide services in a more cost

efficient and effective manner."

School districts sharing services is not a new concept. Two years ago, Rutgers University found that three-quarters of New Jersey's school districts share services. Seven years ago, the New Jersey School Boards Association, in a study calling for state incentives to promote consolidation of school district services, found several examples across the state.

Current examples of shared services identified by the New Jersey School Boards Association or the state Department of Education include:

The Piscataway Public Schools in Middlesex County share bus routes for special education, vocational and non-public school students with four other districts. According to Piscataway officials, the cost of transporting a student on a shared bus route can range from one-half to one-eighth of what a district would pay individually. In addition, the Piscataway school board has shared-service arrangements with its municipality. The township, for example, paves the school parking lots at reduced costs, while the school district provides soccer facilities for township recreation programs.

In Pittsgrove, Salem County, Henry Berman, school business administrator, has a staff of three business administrators and seven clerks who provide business services to 14 districts in four counties. And the district is currently negotiating with a 15th

district. Berman estimates that the service can save a district half of what it would spend to employ a full-time business administrator with benefits.

The Northern Valley Regional High School District in Bergen County shares special education services, staff training and curriculum development with the seven elementary school districts whose students attend its two high schools. The district also operates a pre-school program for autistic children, which Northern Valley officials say saves 22 participating districts significant costs over private school placement.

In 10 New Jersey counties, school districts share services through "educational service commissions." These organizations, formed by the school districts, provide a wide range of services, such as special education programming and transportation. Some even administer drug tests to school bus drivers, which are now required by federal law.

The Hunterdon County school districts of Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough share the services of a superintendent. The school boards in Downe Township (Cumberland County) and Elmer (Salem County) have a similar arrangement.

Egg Harbor City in Atlantic County shares transportation, nursing services and Internet access with various neighboring government entities, saving more than \$71,000 a year.

Unfortunately, state programs to promote new shared-service arrangements through financial incentives fell victim to the state's budget crisis this year.

"We support state financial incentives that encourage schools

and municipalities to explore new types of shared service arrangements and which reward them for making the effort on behalf of students and taxpayers," said Ewan of NJSBA. "It is in the interest of New Jersey's citizens to restore the incentive grants available through these types of programs as soon as possible."

Created in 1999, the state's REDI program (Regional Efficiency Development Incentive) provided funds to help local governments pay for feasibility studies and the start-up costs of shared services with neighboring school districts, towns or counties. Before it was cut, the REDI program awarded nearly \$2.2 million just to school districts.

The other incentive program, REAP (Regional Efficiency Aid Program), has provided tax credits directly to homeowners as a way to publicly reward school districts and municipalities for sharing services. Last year, property taxpayers in 249 communities received a reduction in their tax bills. This year, however, homeowners in only 14 communities will benefit from property tax reductions through REAP, according to state officials. The change resulted from a cut in REAP funding from \$19.54 million to \$8.7 million.

"As school budgets become tighter, I expect that many boards of education will look for ways to stretch the tax dollar, even without state incentives, sharing services is a viable option to maintain programming," said Ewan. "Our communities will continue to benefit from the efforts of local officials who took the initiative to establish shared-service agreements."

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No tech skills? You can still help your kids

(NAPSI) There are a lot of tech-no buzz phrases these days, such as instant messaging, digital photography, online gaming and many more. The good news for non-tech savvy parents is that they can still play an active role in developing their children's technical skills.

Technical fluency has become a significant part of determining success in the workplace, where a reported 60 percent of the jobs available today require technology skills. However, technology is not widely integrated into classroom lesson plans. According to a survey by the National Center for Education Statistics, 99 percent of full-time public school teachers reported they had access to computers and the Internet somewhere in their school, yet only 33 percent reported feeling well prepared to use computers in their curriculum to improve student learning.

Shelley Goldman, Associate Professor at Stanford University's School of Education, provides tips and questions for parents who want to better understand if technology is being used effectively in their child's learning process.

Below are four questions (and the optimum answers) that mom and dad can ask to better understand if technology is being used effectively in their child's classroom.

1. Where are the school's computers located and are they connected to the Internet? Computers belong in the classroom where students can access this powerful tool whenever they need it, like a dictionary or a textbook. The Internet is a window to the world, allowing access to information and communication.
2. Who uses computers?



Parents may be able to do more than they realize to help their children learn with computers.

Computers are powerful tools for teachers and students. For example, teachers can use them to research, create exciting lesson plans, communicate with parents and colleagues, maintain students' grades and take online professional development courses, which provide models, simulations, and databases of information. Students can use them to conduct research, create and test models, run simulations and organize information in new ways, analyze information, make unique presentations and communicate with teachers and parents.

3. How are computers used? Computers should be used to develop critical thinking skills, not just for rote "drill and practice" or as a reward to play games.

4. Have teachers been trained on how to incorporate technology into their lesson plans? In the

hands of a skilled teacher, computers and the Internet can be a significant learning tool in the classroom. Teacher training such as Intel® Teach to the Future, a free professional development program on effective use of technology, helps teachers to incorporate hands-on use of the Internet, Web page design and multimedia software into their lesson plans. For more information, visit www.intel.com/education.

If you would like to supplement your child's learning process through the use of technology, there are several things you can do. Remember, you do not have to be a computer expert to help in important ways. For example, you could assist a teacher during class,

help with fund-raising efforts or even help set up equipment in classrooms.

If your child is using the Internet at school or would like to use it at home for a project, you can help your child learn to critically evaluate the information on Web sites. Discuss answers to questions such as these: Is the source credible? Does the information actually help you address the question you are asking?

Beyond seeking information, you should also discuss your guidelines for using the Internet. Are there time limits? Is chatting with friends using e-mail or instant messaging permissible? Are there certain activities or Web sites that are off-limits?

In many districts, teachers without a new contract

With the start of school approaching, 114 New Jersey school districts remain in contract negotiations, the New Jersey School Boards Association has reported. Of those school boards that have reached an agreement with the teachers' union, the reported average raise is 4.48 percent.

This year 203 of the state's 593 operating school districts returned to the bargaining table to negotiate new teacher contracts. Of those, 114 (56 percent) are still negotiating, a slightly smaller percentage than in previous years. Last year, 57.5 percent of school districts were still negotiating contracts before school started, and in 1999 and 2000 and there were 63 percent of districts still bargaining.

"We stress that it's not unusual for districts to remain at the bargaining table as the school year begins, and it should have no effect on the opening of school," said Edwin M. Lee, NJSBA's executive director. "Teachers never work 'without a contract' when the contract expires, because all of the pay, benefits and protections of the old contract remain in effect until a new settlement is reached."

Many contracts are settled in October and November, Lee added. The major issues include:

Settlement rates. The average salary increase for contracts covering the 2002-03 school year is 4.48 percent, a slight increase from the previous year's average raise of 4.25 percent, according to NJSBA data.

Other Trends in Negotiations. NJSBA has seen

other important and recurring trends in bargaining, including a greater focus on managing costs, negotiating more instruction time, and increasing starting salaries for teachers.

Starting salaries: NJSBA reports more school boards addressing staffing difficulties by taking an active role in the distribution of raises on the salary guide. Because of recent concerns of teacher shortages, particularly in certain subject areas such as math, science and special education—many boards have focused on achieving competitive starting salaries to attract and retain new teachers.

Longer school days and years: 44 percent of contracts for 2002-03 reported increases in the school day or school year. This additional time is being used for student instruction as well as staff development.

Fringe benefits: As in previous years, a substantial number of contracts, 38 percent this year—contain some kind of mechanism to control fringe benefits, especially to rein in the escalating cost of health benefits. Some examples include requiring a co-payment on prescriptions, employee contributions to the basic medical plan, increased deductibles, or increasing the number of hours that part-time staff works before being eligible to receive benefits.

"Residents should be pleased with the trends in negotiations," said Lee. "We continue to see more instruction time for students, better trained teachers, and controlled expenses."

How to take a test without the stress

Rather than cram, build a solid base

(NAPSI) One of the greatest challenges many high school students face is the SAT or ACT, the entrance exams scrutinized by more than 90 percent of colleges and universities. With the College Board's decision to revise the SAT (effective in 2005), parents and students are already scrambling to find out how to best prepare for the new test.

"Preparation is key for taking these exams," said Richard Bavaria, Ph.D., vice president of education for Sylvan Learning Center. "Students need a solid foundation of reading, writing and math skills which will then allow them to zero in on the specific challenges of the test. The 'quick-fix' cram is no longer appropriate as these tests shift their focus from testing student aptitude to testing student achievement."

To help, Sylvan Learning Center offers these "STRESS FREE" tips:

Skip a question. If you don't know the answer and can't eliminate any bad answer choices, skip the question and only go back if time permits.

Trust yourself. Rely on your instincts. Never leave an easy question blank. Easy questions have easy answers.

Read, read, read. Read the questions and answers critically.

Eliminate answers. If you can eliminate at least two incorrect answers, make an educated guess.

Stop and check. Every few questions, make sure the question number on the answer sheet corresponds with the question being answered in the question booklet.

Save your time. Don't spend too much time on any single question. Make sure you have enough time to answer as many questions as possible, in order to rack up as many points as possible.

Focus on what the question is really asking. If you don't fully understand the question, finding the correct answer is going to be tough.

Rushing only hurts you. Work at a good pace and keep track of the time remaining for each section.

Enter the exam with confidence. If you know the instructions for each section before you begin the test, you won't have to waste time reading them during the exam.

End each section by reviewing. If time permits, revisit the questions you didn't answer.

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Devils, Raiders sorting out lineups

By DANIEL MURPHY
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With the season set to begin in just a few days, both the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls tennis teams are still working out their starting lineup.

With large turnouts for both teams, deep squads and a bevy of challenge matches the rosters have slowly begun to sort themselves out, but aren't yet set in stone.

The defending Union County champion Blue Devils didn't expect to have the lineup fully set until a day before Wednesday's season opener with Kent Place. Westfield will take on West Orange on the road Thursday before hosting Shabazz Sept. 13.

"We have some ideas, but not much," said Westfield Head

Coach Ed Tirone. "We only have a varsity so it takes some time to get ready. We have nine or 10 girls we're trying to fit into seven spots."

Westfield returns five starters from last year's championship teams but most will probably be playing in a different position. Danielle Coleman, who took third in the county at second singles last year, is looking to move up to the number one singles spot this year.

Ali Bennett and Katherine Kieler combined to win a county title, and clinch Westfield's team title, at first doubles last year but are currently vying for spots in the singles rotation.

Lauren Stellar and Emily Sharpe finished second in the county last year at second doubles and are looking to move up to first doubles this year. Senior Michelle Marawski, who saw

action as a sub last year, senior Amanda Wilhelm and freshmen Lisa Aliche and Jessica Bender are also battling for positions at singles and doubles.

"I think we'll be solid depth wise," said Tirone. "The bottom of our lineup should be almost as strong as the top of the lineup."

Scotch Plains is also expecting to be a deep squad but was hoping to have its lineup set in time to get at least one practice under its belt before Tuesday's opener at home against Bridgewater-Raritan. The Raiders will then travel to Watchung Hills Thursday and host Cranford Friday.

The only roster spot set in stone is first singles where Elizabeth Pilkington will get the call for the third straight year after finishing third in the county last season. Pilkington

should challenge for one of the top three spots again this year.

Cara Hurley is battling for the second singles slot with sophomore Octavia Gomes and her freshman sister Shannon Gomes. The Gomes sisters were slated to square off Wednesday, with the winner getting a shot at Hurley's second position and the loser moving to doubles.

Junior Dani Finkel figures to be somewhere in the starting seven, with sophomores Karena Gottliboy and Joanna Rosenberg fighting for spots.

"I think we'll be stronger this year than last year," said Head Coach Sue Allen. "The girls that play doubles like to play at the net and poach, which has been one of our weaknesses in the past. We have a lot of young players this year, but they are very talented."

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outside linebacker, with Pat Daly and Tzesniowski at middle linebacker in the Devils' traditional 4-4 alignment. DeFazio and Cocozziello have won jobs in the secondary, with Zucker, Lessner and Giresi battling for the third spot.

The athletes and the players are there for Westfield to make a push for a third consecutive playoff berth, the biggest question mark is how quickly the players can make the transition from junior varsity players and varsity backups to starters on the varsity level.

The schedule will also be tougher for the Blue Devils. Gone is powerhouse Elizabeth, but so are Irvington and Kearny, who Westfield beat by a combined score of 76-19 last year. In their place Westfield will meet perennial powerhouse

Randolph in the season opener, and take on Morristown, a team they edged 7-0 in the first round of the playoffs last year, and East Side.

"It's a different level of play," said Trinchina. "The competition is a lot tougher, we'll play a lot of teams that are all seniors. They're going to have to be in better shape, be tougher physically. They have to be ready."

"The goal is to make the playoffs. We've done it the last few years and that's our goal again this year — to be a playoff team and go as far as we can go."

2002 SCHEDULE

Sept. 11 at Randolph 7:30
Sept. 21 at Cranford 11
Sept. 28 vs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 1
Oct. 4 at Shabazz 4
Oct. 12 vs. Linden 1
Oct. 26 vs. Morristown, 1
Nov. 2 at East Side, 2
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Various luck for various species

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I fished quite a few times the past several weeks, in several different locations. Three of the trips were to Spruce Run Reservoir, and one of the biggest bites I got came when I beached the "Gone Fishin' IV." It was from a bee!

But I did catch some fish, too, in spite of not being able to find any alewife herring in stock anywhere. My guess is when you read this column, with the full moon that causes a bait shortage to have left, herring may be available again. This season, the moon conditions were not the only thing that kept herring out of the netters' reaches. The drought caused lots of low-water netting problems as well.

I managed only a single white catfish one "Magic Hours" outing, but a 20-inch hybrid ("Rocket") bass took hold of a shiner and gave me a great fight, bringing the rocket tally up to 22 for the year so far on the "Gone Fishin'."

A few days later I fished during the day for hybrids but nary a drag-scream occurred from them. I had a yellow perch and a largemouth

bass that I had to cut off because it swallowed the hook. And then an hour later that same doxy bass hit me again and I released it again, managing to remove the hook this time but still leaving the first one inside.

I re-rigged and moved back in the lake for carp and was pleased to catch two big-scalers on corn kernel as well as a four-pound channel catfish.

On Aug. 19 I again tried "Magic Hours" time at Spruce Run but without herring, and all I caught were two smallmouth bass. But one was 18 inches and the other an inch longer so at least I had quality to replace quantity. I sure hope I can tell you next time about herring equals hybrids, though!

Knowing I couldn't get herring, I fished once at Round Valley Reservoir, where the drought had lowered the water at my favorite double-anchor site by 12 feet. My guess is the water was then too warm at the spot and as a result I never had a single lake trout bite. Suffice to say, I'll seek out deeper and colder water the next time.

Two other outings were at least

GONE FISHIN' interesting, if not wildly productive. First was to the Delaware River with my friend Ron Bern aboard his boat. We drifted for a while, casting to a large school of feeding fish at Byram, and as is my luck with drifting and casting, we got dork.

Setting up on two anchors, one facing Jersey and the other Pennsylvania, we then fished off Raven Rock in search of carp. We never had a single carp bite but did catch a half-dozen channel catfish, two big long-eared sunfish and a few smallmouth bass. Cranking up and repeating the effort back at Byram was a more enjoyable experience.

We found what probably had been the fish that were chasing bait on top earlier, now down at the bottom, and they were biting. And what were they hitting, these famous "game fish"? These famous game fish were striped bass, albeit little guys, and the natural bait they went for was gobbs of chicken liver, honest! Ron caught six and I had three little stripers as well as a dozen or so other fish.

Last time out was on board the

"Sea Horse" out of the Atlantic Highlands for a three-quarter day shot at fluke. I had some frozen alewife herring with me and that proved to be very good bait.

My catch included seven fluke, two sea bass, five sea robins and the first cow-faced ray I'd ever seen. The beast struck hard and ran to the left, tangling my light line with two other anglers. It then ran drag off the reel and I had hopes I had either stuck a striped bass or at the very least a monster of a weakfish.

But then it came up close enough to see a brown top. For just the quickest of moments I imagined it was the biggest fluke of the year, if not the century, but then I saw it a little closer. And no, friend, fluke don't have a big wing span! Its wide fins were flapping as it was trying to escape and up close, it had a face that did indeed look like a cow — a very ugly cow at that!

Only Captain Ed Bunting himself could even identify it. It was netted so I could take a few photos and then they put the critter back. Best guess is that it weighed nearly 25 pounds. And do I wish it was a fluke? You guess!

"Seuze me, gone fishin'."

Raiders eye state title

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need to be able to finish our opportunities. It sounds like a broken record with any coach.

"Cole is a big strong kid and he should be able to score in double digits again for us. Zazzali is quick, tenacious and hard working. If we need to we could go with Hensel or Charles and move them up."

Another potential concern may be looking ahead to the state tournament, but Breznitsky is doing all he can to insure the team stays focused during the season and builds its depth.

Scotch Plains won't have permanent captains, instead they'll be chosen prior to the game based on effort and performance in practice. Of the 24 players on the varsity team, only 20 will dress for each game, again based on play in practice. The move is designed not only to keep the squad focused and working hard in the regular season, but also improve the depth.

"That competitiveness is something we need to have throughout the course of the season," said Breznitsky. "We felt our non-starting 11 the last two years didn't seem to be fit and as ready to as we would like."

Injuries have also begun to creep up on the Raiders. Aside from DiNizio, who may or may not be ready for the opener, Bartolotta has been slowed by an ankle injury and Simms will have to sit the first two games, against Ridge and Westfield Sept. 17, due to a red card he received in the final game of last season.

SPORTSCENE

LIGHTNING 5K
The 78th Division of the Sgt. Joyce Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center in Edison will be holding its 13th annual Lightning 5K race with a one-mile fun run Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at 91 Truman Drive in Edison.

Runners will leave the Center and continue through the scenic section of the Rutgers University Livingston Campus, finishing at the Kilmer Center. The one-mile fun run will start at 9 a.m. Funds raised by the race will be used to sponsor a holiday party for physically challenged children and young adults.

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.

Awards will be given to the top civilian female and male finishers, the top female and male military finishers, and the top civilian, military, high school and college teams. There will also be awards in various age groups. Every participant will receive a finishers medal. Complimentary refreshments will be available.

The race course is certified by USATF and the race is part of the New Jersey Midland Grand Prix series.

Runner can contact LTC Richard Miller at 800-575-9073 ext. 1833 or Mr. Karl Chigas at 732-867-2046. Alternate contact is LTC Herb Tom Cusumano at 973-678-1960 ext. 426. Applications are available on the web at www.78div.army.mil/5k.

JCC SWIMMING
The JCC of Central NJ Barracudas begin their fifth season of competition in the NJ JCC Swim League under the direction of Head Coach Ann Doyle. The program welcomes swimmers of all levels with an emphasis on

individual instruction for new competitors. Practice for the fall winter team begins Monday, Sept. 23 at the WFL Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Maritime Ave. Swim meets take place on Sunday afternoons starting in early November and run through state championships in March.

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

RUTGERS S.A.F.E.T.Y. CLINIC
The Westfield Soccer Association and Westfield Recreation are sponsoring and hosting the upcoming Rutgers Sports Awareness For Educating Today's Youth (S.A.F.E.T.Y.) clinic to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 24 in the Community Room at Town Hall located at 425 East Broad Street promptly at 7PM.

Registration will begin at 6:30 PM. You may pre-register by September 17 to reserve a spot by contacting Westfield Recreation at 789-4080 and requesting a pre-registration form. The Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. clinic will be instructed by Bruce Kaufmann of Westfield Recreation. All parent coaches and assistant coaches in the Westfield Soccer Association are required to attend the clinic once to obtain a permanent certification. The clinic is also recommended for coaches in all other sports.

For more information, please contact Westfield Recreation at 789-4080.

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS YMCA
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classes will be available during the Fall 2002 session at the Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA, which begins Monday.

Youth Basketball is designed for boys and girls in kindergarten through second grade. This class teaches basketball techniques and skills and prepares children for the organized games that are part of this program. **Traveling Basketball** is designed for third through sixth graders, with practice once a week as well as weekly games against other Y's and JCC's in the area.

Youth Roller Hockey is open to children in kindergarten through third grade. Children are required to have their own equipment, including blades, hockey stick, elbow and knee pads and helmets with face masks, for this indoor class that introduces the skills and techniques required to play roller hockey. Older children will enjoy **Youth Sports** or

Tae Kwon Do. Youth sports encourages children between the ages of sixth to eighth grade to enjoy a variety of games including soccer, floor hockey, volleyball and basketball. **Tae Kwon Do** is a parent-child program to teach student ages 6-13 to practice control over violence with non-contact sparring.

Preschool programs include **Pee Wee Soccer**, **Sillyseize** and **Tae Kwon Do**. **Pee Wee Soccer** introduces 4- and 5-year olds to basic skills of the game. **Sillyseize** is a fitness class for boys and girls ages 4 to 6 and **Tae Kwon Do** introduces tots ages 4 and 5 to this "no touch" Korean karate.

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Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman



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Automotive/Classified

BMW's new Mini Cooper is a real British bulldog

BY MARK MAYNARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Sir Alec Issigonis altered British history with his sketch on a napkin of a small but sporty, fuel-efficient four-passenger family car.

That Greek-born engineer who lived in Turkey, was the designer of the first Mini, formally the Morris Mini-Minor.

Now an evolved, re-creation of that squat little car is finding a fresh place in history as BMW revives the brand and the car.

Issigonis' little car was an idea of necessity, brought on by the 1956 Suez oil crisis. England needed a car that was small in traffic, fuel efficient and large enough to hold four adults.

With its front-wheel drive, flat floor, tiny tires and stamped fenders with exposed seams, the crude econobox would go on to sell more than 5.3 million units in its lifetime.

The Mini was everyman's car — a family car and a sports car. And so it will be here as BMW continues the DNA with modern materials and safety features.

The new Mini Cooper will be sold in two models in North America. The standard 115-horsepowered Cooper starts at \$16,850, including the \$550 destination charge, and comes with a 5-speed manual transmission, 15-inch tires and many comfort features.

The supercharged 163-horsepowered Cooper S starts at \$19,850 and comes with a stiffer suspension, 6-speed manual gearbox and 16-inch run-flat tires.

More people learned to drive in a Mini in England than in any other car, but fewer than 2 percent of Americans were aware of what a Mini was, says Jack Pitney, the new head of Mini who moved over from BMW. The first Mini went on sale in the United States 35 years ago for \$786.75. Fewer than 10,000 were sold here



The new Mini Cooper is a desirable 4-cylinder car well endowed with the BMW performance ethic. CNS Photo courtesy of BMW.

between 1960 and '67, yet somehow, there are 12,000 known to exist.

True to its British roots, the new Mini is being built in Oxford, England, in the old Morris factory, which has been cranking out cars since 1927.

The Cooper name comes from racecar builder John Cooper, who turned the car into a tenacious rally winner. In 1961, the Mini Cooper model debuted, followed by a Cooper S. The new Mini continues the association with performance.

"When you see it, you recognize it as a Mini and something that makes you smile," says Kevin Philips, Mini product manager. But it is not a retro car, he insists, it is the evolution of the original.

"The car is a bulldog," Philips says, "low to the ground, tugging at the leash of the world."

The wheel base is longer than a Z3 roadster, the chassis is 50 percent stiffer than the BMW 3-Series and it stands as tall and as wide as a 3-Series, but it is the shortest new car in America.

The body shape starts small in the back and the greenhouse widens to the front. Short but wide, it looks like a two-seater, but it carries four, including a 6-foot-4 male in the back, with a 6-foot-4 male in the front seat, says 6-foot-4 Philips, who can perform the size test without mussing his hair or wincing while folding long legs into the back-seat area.

The 1.6 liter, 4-cylinder engine is not about horsepower, but exhilaration, Philips says.

Its physical dimensions make it a high performer. With tires pushed out to the four corners, the stubby shape has no extra weight swinging around, which

lets it go extremely fast through a slalom course.

The 2,524-pound Mini will scoot to 60 mph in 8.5 seconds and has a top speed of 124 mph. The Cooper S will do 0-60 in 6.9 seconds and has a top speed of 135.

The standard model can be ordered with a Continuously Variable (automatic) Transmission, which is at its optimum RPM at all times to keep acceleration strong. It won't win any stephlight races, but there are six ratios that simulate moving through the gears.

Driver adaptive, the transmission gives longer upshifts and quicker downshifts to more aggressive drivers. There are Sport and Manual modes. Because there are no gears, the CVT is half the weight of an automatic transmission and even increases fuel economy,

Philips says.

The Cooper S is sold only with the 6-speed manual.

The front-wheel-drive configuration created a suspension-design challenge for the engineers. The four-wheel independent chassis uses a multilink setup in the rear, similar to what is used on a rear-drive car. MacPherson struts in front with equal length drive shafts limit torque steer, and a 63/37 weight balance front to rear is key to front-drive balance. Despite its subcompact size, the car's body is very rigid, improving crash resistance, absorbing impacts instead of jolting them through the cabin.

Even the base model comes with six air bags: Front bags, seat-mounted side bags, a (BMW) Head Protection System from A pillar to C pillar for front to rear coverage. Child seats hook up with the Latch ISO FIX system.

Though the original Mini was cheap and built to stay that way, the new Mini Cooper is technologically advanced.

It has an I-Bus electrical system for plug-and-play ability for Xenon headlights, CD changers and more.

Electric/hydraulic Power Assisted Steering has its own motor, not a belt pulling power from the engine. The steering ratio is 2.5 turns, lock to lock, and the turning circle is 34.9 feet (which is a little broader than a 3-Series sedan).

The electronic throttle gives immediate response and optimum air to fuel mixture.

Plus, there is no mechanical linkage and a hole intruding into the cabin. Electronic safety aids include ABS, EBD (electronic Brake Distribution) and CBC, or corner brake control to modulate brakes from side to side.

Standard equipment includes a 6-speaker in-dash CD with cassette, air conditioning, automatic climate control and pollen

filter, 50/50 split folding rear seatback; one-touch down windows and central power locking.

Take your pick of 12 colors with contrasting roof and mirrors, in white, black or body color.

Wheels can be white or silver, and the base 7-hole wheel design can be switched at no charge to an 8-spoke wheel with all-season tires. A 16-inch wheel option comes with run-flat tires, which can be driven flat for 80 miles at 50 mph.

There are 14 different interior possibilities, including sport seats.

And the Mini comes with a 4-year/50,000 mile warranty and free scheduled maintenance for 3-years/36,000 miles.

The things you forget are "styled," the things that are remembered are "designed," says Gert Hildebrand, the Mini Cooper design chief who was explaining the cuddly charm of the new car he did not help design.

Brought on board in the last year, Hildebrand will guide the staff of six in Munich, Germany, who will help shape the Mini's future. Future plans could include a speedster convertible, woody or a pickup.

The original Mini design wasn't about "cool," it was about function. It was engineered — not designed — for a long life cycle, Hildebrand says.

"A teaspoon and toothbrush are hard to design because they are used every day and if they weren't designed well you would throw them away," he says.

Nor could the Mini be thrown away. "It is a classless car that communicates with all people," Hildebrand says.

But after testing one for a few hundred miles, I've decided that if I'm going to get jostled and make lots of shifts, I would rather have the supercharged Cooper S. And the aero kit, the driving lights, maybe a roof flag and....



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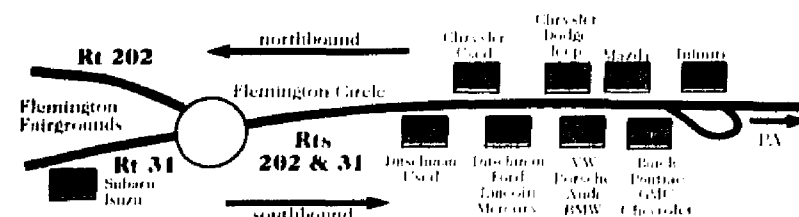
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