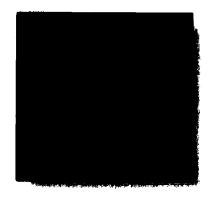
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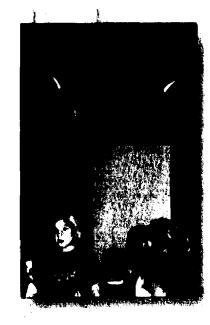
Grudge match

Scotch Plains defeated archrival Westfield, 3-0, in a boys' soccer match Tuesday. See page C-1.



Local flavor

Kenneth Waddell's feature film RAVE'n was one of three works by local artists to play at the Rialto Theater's "Westfilm 2002." See story on page B-1.



Pledging allegiance

Principal Michael Cullen and Tamaques School students retired the old auditorium flag recently and hoisted a new one. For full picture, see page A-5.

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RECYCLING DAY

Union County residents can recycle household special waste items such as batteries, paint and household chemicals at a Saturday collection at the Carl H. Kumpf School, Mildred Terrace, Clark. Items will be collected from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Proof of county residence is required, and businesses are not welcome. For more information, call (908) 654-9889.

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Friday, September 20, 2002 Angel" mourned by friends, teachers

Westfield teenager, struck by falling branch, remembered as kind and outgoing

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD - "I think of her as an angel, forever in my heart.'

Those are the words of Phyllis Freedman, Greta Schoenemann's French teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School. Those words were echoed by many students, staff and administrators who knew or came in contact with Greta, a 14-year-old high school freshman who passed away Sunday evening.

"Greta was a warm, friendly, outgoing individual who had a strong love of family and friends and consistently sought to live life to the fullest," said Roosevelt Principal Ken Shulack. "We will always cherish the memories we hold of Greta and be thankful for the true gift that she was to us

Freedman has fond memories of Greta, whom she taught for two years. She recalls that Greta was in her final class the last day of school when she retired, and that her student stayed after



NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A note left by one of Greta's friends on a picnic table outside

class when the bell rang to talk with her and wish her luck in retirement.

Westfield High School.

"I remember her beautiful smile, her bright eyes, her kind-

ness and compassion," Freedman

The compassion Freedman saw in Greta was demonstrated by many members of the Westfield community, who this week poured out sympathy and love for the young life lost. Monday, students, teachers and other community members visited the high school, leaving flowers, notes and gifts at the site of the incident that caused her death. Approximately 1,000 people attended a candlelight vigil at the school Monday night.

Student Assistance Counselor Maureen Mazzarese described the vigil as "powerful and soothing — the beginning of the healing process.

On Sept. 11, Greta was eating lunch with friends outside the school when a gust of wind from an off-shore tropical storm caused a 1,500-pound branch to fall on a picnic table, injuring 13 students. Several students were taken to a local hospital and

See **Angel**, page A-2



GRETA SCHOENEMANN

Sentencing pushed back in assault case

PLAINS Sentencing for the four Scotch Plains teenage boys who pled guilty to sexually assaulting a Park Middle School girl in January has been postponed.

The original sentencing date of Sept. 13 was pushed back because assessment results from an adult diagnostic center in Avenel were not available yet. The assessments are to determine if the

teenagers are compulsive sex

No new sentencing date has been set.

All four boys pled guilty as adults. Mark Russell and Jesus Gonzalez were charged with aggravated sexual assault and kidnapping, while Bryan Soriano and Manuel Batista pled guilty to aiding and abetting and aggravated sexual assault, respectively,

Problems with bus routes plague start of the school year

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - When the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district revised school start times for the fall, they hoped to save money by reducing the number of buses while still being able to transport students efficiently. As of the first week of school, that hasn't happened.

The Board of Education, school principals and bus dispatchers were flooded with phone calls from parents angry with buses running late the first week of school. The main problems were at School One and Coles, where buses arrived at schools 30 minutes late on the first day and didn't get students home until after 4 p.m., nearly an hour after

dismissal. According to Lisa Schaible, director of transportation for the district, the problems were largely resolved by Tuesday, when students returned from the Jewish holiday. Though there were still problems at Coles, she said, they would be resolved Wednesday.

"We seemed to have solved the problem of the School One bus route. (Board of Education buses) switched routes with the contractor and took over the Park Middle School route which was causing the problems," Schaible

The new school times were supposed to allow fewer buses to stagger schedules and take on multiple routes.

"The problem came from the change in school times where we could save about \$100,000," said Anthony Del Sordi, board secretary "But we found that the routes were longer than anticipated."

Del Sordi added that there are always bus problems at the beginning of the school year. He said that throughout the state, increasing enrollment and a shortage of drivers has aggravat-

ed the problem. At the last board meeting, several parents voiced their displeasure with the system. By the middle of the first week of school,

See Bus, page A-2

Sign startles township officials it turns out, the council wasn't latory signs until all ordinances

Volunteers Brian Gingrich and Ruth Egan stack boxes filled with food donations in the food pantry at

Holy Trinity Church in Westfield. Temple Emanu-El sponsored a food drive Monday for the Yom Kippur

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — At last week's Township Council meeting, council members were baffled when a resident called to complain about a sign designating a right turn only at the intersection of Church Street and Park Avenue.

Helping the hungry

The woman said she didn't have a problem taking a longer route when leaving her house in the morning, but she was upset that there was no prior notice. As

notified either, and it hadn't passed an ordinance allowing the

The measure was taken by the police department with consent from Union County in order to alleviate traffic problems at Park Middle School. With school starting last week and Park receiving several more students with the addition of fifth graders, Police Chief Marshall Nelson found it necessary to erect the signs.

"Although we normally would not recommend putting up reguand approvals are in place, in this particular case, I feel it would be a mistake not to start off the school year with everything set up as planned," said Nelson in a memo to the council. "Each of these regulations are needed to minimize the impact of the additional vehicles and the new drop off area at the school.'

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Signs were placed at the end of Church Street and along the front of Park Middle School. The

See Sign, page A-2

Westfield lawyer is newest Superior Court judge cutor in Essex County and has said McDaniel. "When I

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD -- A few years ago, Frederic McDaniel didn't think becoming a Superior Court judge was possible. But when the state Senate approved his appointment Sept 13, all his old doubts were vanquished.

McDaniel, a four-year Westfield resident, will be sworn in before the Senate Monday as the newest Union County Superior Court judge. Last month, Gov. James E. McGreevey nominated him to fill a seat left vacant by the retirement of

Edward Toy in 2000. "It's a fantastic opportunity," appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee I told them it was an honor to be nominated. In my heart I believe it's a privilege to be appointed to the

McDaniel sees becoming a judge as the ultimate goal for any attorney. Some attorneys may dismiss the prospect because they work for successful law firms or they feel, as he did, it is unattainable, he said.

But when he began working for the Union County Counsel's office, McDaniel said, he realized reaching the bench might be feasible, after all. And he has already built good rapport with several of the judges, especially Judge Joseph Donohue, a close friend whom McDaniel worked with for 12 years. He has also spoken with judges Rudy Hawkins, Rudy Coleman and Assignment Judge Edward

"I want to work as hard as I possible can to be the best judge that I can," McDaniel said. "I want to keep the integrity of the county and join the other great judges in Union County."

McDaniel plans to bring experiences from prior jobs to aid in his new position. He has worked with the State Parole Board as a hearing officer and director of appeals, was an assistant proseserved as deputy counsel for the Union County Counsel Division of Social Services.

All his previous positions were at the administrative level. which he says helped him develop managerial skills that are essential for his new position.

"I'm confident that I have the appropriate temperament to be a judge," McDaniel said. "People turn to the courts for help. It's important for judges to have the proper temperament to deal with what can be a volatile situation. Giving everyone involved the proper respect makes it easier to deal with from all aspects of the



FREDERIC MCDANIEL

"Angel" mourned

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released, while Greta and Amanda Gross were flown by helicopter to University Hospital in Newark.

Amanda was in stable condition and was expected to be released from the hospital Wednesday, school district officials said.

When school resumed Tuesday after the Yom Kippur holiday, students and staff began the day with a moment of silence and prayer in Greta's memory. At least five counseling rooms were set up in the school, and counselors from throughout the district and from Trinitas Hospital were walking through the halls to identify and comfort grieving students. Local clergy and youth ministries were sta-

tioned at the picnic tables outside, providing support and prayer for students.

Students and faculty showed solidarity in remembrance by wearing pink ribbons with Greta's name inscribed in gold. A wake was held Wednesday, and the funeral was yesterday at the Presbyterian Church on Broad Street.

Students were allowed to leave school early to attend the

Freshman Joe Mutz didn't know Greta well, but expressed his sympathy.

"We went to different middle schools, but we talked online. The last thing I remember her telling me was that we'd meet and talk in high school," Mutz said. "I was shocked and sad when I found out what hap-

Sign startles officials

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signs require drivers on Church Street and those exiting the school driveway to make right turns during pick up and drop off times, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

However, the new traffic pattern can't be enforced even if signs are posted, said Mayor Martin Marks. Until the council passes an ordinance, violators cannot receive summons. The ordinance will be introduced at the Township Council meeting Tuesday, with opportunities for public comment and a council vote at the following

"The biggest problem was that school construction went up to the last moment," Marks said, "The problem during the summer is that we don't have more than one council meeting per month," which didn't allow time for the proposed ordinance to be presented.

Nelson also requested an ordinance that prohibits vehicles in the southbound lane from stopping on the side of Park Avenue from Church Street to 100 feet north of the intersection, and proposed a portion of Park Avenue from the school exit to the southern edge of the school property be designated a

Problems with bus routes

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they said they had resorted to transporting their kids themselves rather than relying on the bus. One parent said that the system was "a failure from the start because the bus picked up his child on time, but he still got to school late.

Del Sordi said that the district

will continue to modify routes and work with contractors to put together a package that works. He told parents if there are any changes in pick-up times they will be notified by school principals. Board President Lance Porter added that though problems are greater in particular areas, overall complaints are down this year.



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September 11th Memorial Park Committee, Inc. P.O. Box712 Westfield, NJ 07901 For more information about the events or how you can contribute, please call 233-0189 or visit www.westfieldnj.ataclick.com/sept11

Westfield Remembers....



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The sweet taste of honey

Westfield residents Kelsi Browning, 11, and her father Dan try different types of honey during "The Buzz on Bees" bee keeping seminar at the historic Miller-Cory House in Westfield.

School computers are infected by virus

By KIMBERLY MERZ

RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

GARWOOD - Glen Stott, new technology coordinator for the school district, has had his hands full lately. During his first few weeks on the job, Stott has had to combat a computer virus that tore through the district's system.

"We did have a problem when school opened up this year with viruses (running) rampant. Apparently some virus was sent to the school system over the summer, and when our staff members returned and turned their computers on, it went right through the system," said Superintendent Bill Murphy at a Tuesday Board of Education meeting, "Mr. Stott, our new computer coordinator, did have to spend a lot of time cleaning up the machines and putting a new virus protector on. The last virus he detected was not even in the software, that's how new it was."

Murphy said the viruses had caused messages to be sent from school email address that had not been sent by school employees. Jokingly, he said that he had some explaining to do when Stott's wife, who also works for the district, received a message from him titled "Dear Darling."

was not especially disr prive and has since been elimicated, said Business Administrator Barbara Carino, "It didn't hurt anything that we know of, she

Also, board member Cary Maher said that 50 new computers have been purchased through a state contract to replace he older computers in the classrooms, some of which are 10 vears old.

The older computers will be moved to the computer lab, Maher said.

Murphy said that there was a need for the computers because the old computers couldn't support the new software programs the district has purchased.

"We did have this money in the budget but we held off purchasing until our new technology coordinator was in place," Murphy explained. "Now that he is in place, he assessed the situation and told us this is what we needed.

Board and school officials also offered an update on teacher negotiations.

Negotiators for the board and teachers' association have reached tentative agreement on a new contract, board President Ann Palmer said. Details of the agreement will not be disclosed While a nuisance, the virus until the contract is ratified

Historical group wants to tell it like it was

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By LESLIE A. SCOTT

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE ---The borough's history is in the

Peapack-Gladstone The Historical Preservation Commission is finding all the information to help "let the residents of Peapack-Gladstone know what their heritage is," said Eleanor Van Arsdale.

The commission meets four times a year and plans many things to find out what more could be done to help preserve the history of the Twin Boroughs. "If there are any community

activities we try to participate in them to get the word out on what we are doing," said Van Arsdale.

Many projects have taken place in the past. There have been seminars about the history of Blairsden, the Rock-A-Bye-Railroad, the history of horses in

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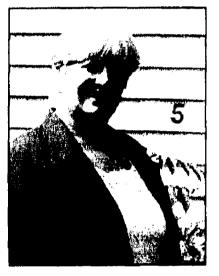
Somerset County and of the borough's four churches.

Other projects include restoring an 1850 map of Bedminster Township, which included Peapack at the time, that hangs on the wall of the Municipal Building. There is a photo album of every graduating class of the Peapack-Gladstone School until it became a regional district in 1980 and there are pictures of every P-G mayor on the walls of the Municipal

The group also partnered with the Somerset County Historic Commission and put on a walking

"We want to be very involved in the community to really promote the history of Peapack-Gladstone to its residents," said Van Arsdale.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission was founded in 1996 by former P-G Mayor Mary Hamilton, "She felt that we needed to do a little something to pre-



Eleanor Van Arsdale stands beside the schoolhouse built in 1850 that is now known as the Sara Kay Memorial Building.

serve the history of the borough." Since then changed its name to better reflect the focus of the

The mission includes several areas - to preserve, promote and celebrate local history, to collect and exhibit historical records, stories and artifacts of P-G, to encourage the preservation and public access to historical sites and landmarks, to educate to children and adults to appreciate the local heritage and to sponsor and participate in community events.

The big project for the commission now is placing bronze plaques on properties that have a real historic history in the shaping of the borough.

So far eight have gotten their plaques, they include the Andrew Rarick House, the School House, Peapack Town Hall, Ellis Tiger Ludlow House, Building, Gladstone Hotel, Scout Cabin and G F Hill Livery Stable.

More plaques are to come. The commission is also looking to put them on five other sites including the Gladstone Market. The Ludlow meat market which is now and antiques shop and the Amerman car dealer which was where Saint Brigid's first held worship services.

The plaques were installed and paid for by Edward Van Arsdale, whose family has lived in the borough for many generations.

The commission is also in charge of the shadow box. This is located in the Municipal Building on the wall beside the glass display. This box tells stories about the borough's history and is update monthly.

On display now are pictures of the 1996 tornado that came through town and knocked down trees and damaged homes. This tornado apparently followed a similar path to one that occurred in 1850.

Former chairwoman Ruth Thomson and Beverly Tiger are in charge of the shadow box.

There are also many artifacts and pictures on display in the conference room in the Municipal Building. Old books, a fireman's uniform, telephone and typewriter are a few of exhibit pieces. All were donated by local residents.

The current members of the board are Mayor Vincent Girardy, Donna Brooten, Alex Cassells, Victor Martinez, Skip McPherson, Barbara Neill, Gene Salvia, John Smith, Thomson and Van Arsdale.

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Walk-a-thon will benefit town's Sept. 11 memorial

"A Walk for Dads" grew out of shared loss and a teacher's desire to help her students cope

WESTFIELD — Like many of the charitable efforts that have risen out of the tragedy of Sept. 11, Tara Buonadonna's idea for a fund-raising walk-a-thon to benefit Westfield's September 11th Memorial Park was inspired by a feeling of shared loss.

A first-grade school teacher in Westfield, Buonadonna saw firsthand the impact that the tragic event was having on families through the eyes of her students. Anthony Starita, the father of one of her students, was an employee of Cantor Fitzgerald and was in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. Another classmate's uncle was a New York City firefighter. He was one of the 343 firefighters who died that day.

"Our class was hit very hard because of these two deaths. The tragedies at the World Trade Center was a daily topic in my classroom. The children were very worried," said Buenadonna, who teaches at Franklin Elementary School. "I thought it was important that we do something positive as a class."

Originally intended as a walka-thon to honor Starita, the project blossomed into a townwide fund-raising event to benefit a newly-created downtown park in Westfield dedicated to all 3,024 victims who perished Sept.11 in Pennsylvania.

The walk-a-thon, known as "A Walk for Dads," will be held from

"The tragedies at the World Trade Center was a daily topic in my classroom. The children were very worried...By doing this walk, we are achieving what we set out to do, namely honoring a dad we all knew. By raising money for the new park, we are able to do even more. We are remembering all the fathers, as well as the mothers and the all the loved ones who we lost as a nation on Sept.

> — Tara Buonadonna. Westfield teacher

9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield. More than 350 schoolchildren from Westfield's six elementary

New York, Washington, D.C., and schools signed up to participate after the event was first announced in June.

The Memorial Park will be officially dedicated later that day at 6 p.m. when a specially designed glass spire sculpture etched with the names of all individuals lost on 9/11 will be illuminated for the first time. The glass sculpture is bordered by a walkway lined with 12 stone pillars bearing the names of the 12 individuals lost from the Westfield community.

Joining the schoolteacher in her effort to raise awareness and funds for the park have been an active group of mothers from Franklin, including Dianne Crisan, Audrey Melofchik, Karen Mustard, and Mary Harris, who were room mothers Buonadonna's class last year. In addition to organizing the event, the moms have been working with the local business community to garner sponsorships for the event and donations.

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Wardlaw-Hartridge School students Sara and Adriana Davis, of Westfield, and John Icaza unfurl the Freedom

Attack victim honored at alma mater

EDISON — Former Westfield resident Thomas Glasser, a 1978 alumnus of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, was remembered during a Sept. 11 memorial service at the school. Glasser was killed in the attack on the World Trade Center.

The ceremony included the unfurling of a commemorative Freedom Flag, donated to the school in Glasser's memory by fellow alumnus Chip Harris.

The Freedom Flag, designed

and created by Richard Melito of Richmond, Va., was featured last year in a major exhibit co-sponthe Smithsonian sored by Institution.

Each part of the flag has a symbolic meaning, Melito has said, including a white star for all those who lived and died for freedom, bars around the star symbolizing the Pentagon and the organized protection of freedom, and a blue background representing Americans united for freedom,

The top red stripe is symbolic of the bloodshed of Sept. 11, the two middle red stripes symbolize the Twin Towers, and a bottom red stripe represents those who perished on United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

The three white stripes symbolize the rescue workers, Port Authority employees and others who worked tirelessly during and after that day, and in many cases sacrificed themselves to save oth-

Public is invited to Saturday opening of Sept. 11 Memorial Park in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The public is invited to join in the formal opening of Westfield's September 11th Memorial Park when it is dedicated 6 p.m. Saturday.

The evening ceremony will include prayers, reflection, song and the first-ever illumination of the 11-foot glass spire monument etched with the names of the 3,024 individuals who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington,

The park, which has been under construction since May, was built in memory of 12 individuals who were lost from the Westfield community.

Lining a walkway through the center of the park are 12 stone pil- teers worked each Saturday

of the 12 Westfield men who per-

Hundreds of area residents

mer readying the park for its

The evening ceremony is one of

At 9 a.m. Friday, the spire will be unveiled, and prayer, the playing of Taps and ringing of church bells will signal the beginning of a 33-hour vigil held at the park site.

Honor guards including Westfield police, fire and rescue squad personnel, as well as community volunteers, will stand vigil from Friday through Saturday

and businesses contributed to the development of the park through financial support and donations of building and landscaping materials and equipment.

In addition, teams of volunlars, each bearing the name of one throughout the spring and sum-

several activities planned in Westfield this weekend to mark

the official opening of the park.

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Beginning at noon on Saturday, the names of all the victims of 9/11 will be read.

The park is situated at North Avenue and Broad Street near the train station.

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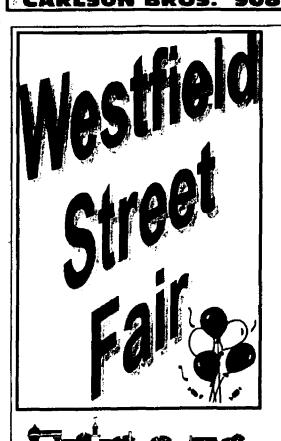
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By GREG MARX

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CRANFORD - To the uninitiated, the geographical boundaries of Cranford are limited to five square miles in the dead center of Union County, lined by Nomahegan Park to the north and the Garden State Parkway to the south and east. But a happy few know they can get into their cars on a Friday afternoon and drive 60 miles to the north and west, past cow farms and state forests, and step out at a little parcel of lakefront property known as Cranford West.

Cranford West - actually located in Hope Township, Warren County -- is nine acres of largely-undeveloped land on Silver Lake. To say that accommodations at the site are spartan may be an understatement. While there are limited electric and plumbing facilities on the property, the four guest cabins consist of five cots in an unfurnished room, and the "stove" is a metal grate laid over a circle of

The cabin walls themselves reveal the history of the site once the Cranford Boys Camp, the property was turned over to the Lions Club and later the township as maintenance costs grew burdensome. Graffiti on the walls still identifies the counselors and campers who spent summers there: Craig Sands '57-'63... Steve Anderson 1958... Doug Barile 1962.

But despite — or perhaps because of — the site's rustic character, township residents are still attracted by the prospect of fishing, swimming, boating and a little peace and quiet among

friends. "That's like our home away from home," said Suc Buontempo, who has been visiting the camp with her family every summer for the last 15 years. "It's great because you can go away and it's quiet, but whoever comes up there is from Cranford."

"It's certainly unique to Cranford," said Commissioner



PHOTO BY GREG MARX/THE RECORD-PRESS

Even on a smoggy day, Silver Lake offers a sense of peace and tran-

Phil Morin, who has also spent many weekends along Silver Lake. "It's a very low-cost, inexpensive way for families in Cranford to have a little vacation

And while the property is only nine acres, Morin said, a weekend trip to the camp opens up a host of other possibilities. Cranford West is in close proximity to the Delaware Water Gap, the Land of Make Believe amusement park, outlet shopping and golfing in Blairstown, and several state forests.

Both Buontempo and Morin agreed the site could use some "tender loving care" and some more publicity; only 50 times this summer were the camp's cabins and tent sites rented out. "So many people don't know about it. It's all word of mouth," Buontempo said.

But improvements may be in works, said Township Administrator Marlena Schmid. The township adopted a bond ordinance earlier this year that includes money for maintenance and upgrades at the property.



America's future remembers

Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 103 and Boy Scout Troop 103 participate in a Sept. 11 memorial ceremony jast week at the Village Green in Scotch Plains.

Westfield board continues interviews for new member

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education this week held part two of the interview process to fill a board seat left by Lisa Alter's resignation in June. After interviewing six candidates iointly at last week's meeting, the board interviewed William Sweeney Tuesday because he had been on vacation.

The board met in private session to decide on a new candidate, but said it would not notify the public until all candidates were contacted. As of press time, that had not happened.

Sweeney is a former board member who served from 1993 to 1996. He said that his experience will give him an advantage if he's selected.

"I can hit the ground run-

ning," Sweeney said. "It takes at least a year to figure out how things operate." Sweeney also recommended that even if he isn't chosen, that the board should choose someone with experience.

The board asked Sweeney the same questions it asked the other candidates, questioning him on the district's top priorities such as growing enrollment and budget issues. Sweeney said that he hopes the enrollment will level off, as it appeared it was doing during his tenure. He said if it continues to grow, the board should spend its money wisely when building new classrooms so it doesn't compromise other budget needs.

As for handling budget issues, Sweeney said, "Learn how to say no. You can't do everything. It comes to the point where you can't do certain things...You have to have the courage to tell the community why you can't do certain things.

Sweeney, who is an attorney in town and has an office near the Board of Education building, said that he has time to dedicate to the board, pointing out that he missed only one board meeting during his tenure.

But Sweeney also said he has not made a decision whether to run for the seat again in April if he is selected. Board President Arlene Gardner said that the board is hoping for continuity with the new member it selects. Five of the other six candidates assured the board that theywould run for re-election in April' if appointed.

The new board member will join the board at the next meeting on Tuesday.

High winds down trees, cause injuries, damage

Winds from an off-shore tropical storm blew through the area last Wednesday, causing minor Lutheran Church. damage and clean up efforts by public works departments.

In Westfield, a large limb from 80-foot tree at the high school broke off, injuring 10 students. one fatally. The police department received about 20 calls of fallen trees, branches and wires around the town. A branch that fell on Broad Street caused minor injuries, and a car window was

shattered from a branch on Nelson Place near the Redeemer.

In Scotch Plains, there was no property damage reported, but there were branches and sticks down. Late Wednesday night a tree fell, blocking a lane on Terrill Road, but it was removed by morning.

In neighboring Cranford and Kenilworth, gusts felled trees and branches, but caused no serious damage.



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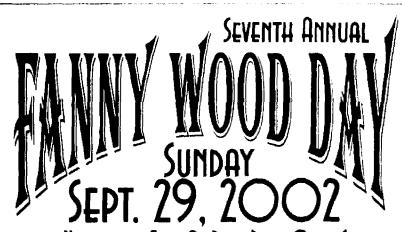
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A Grand Old Flag

Above, Principal Michael Cullen of Tamaques School in Westfield, with the help of local Boy Scouts, turns over the original, 40-year-old flag from the school auditorium to Al Riker of American Legion Post #3 for retirement. Students at the school participated in a solemn ceremony Sept. 11, marking the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. After the old flag was retired, the Tamaques Girl Scout community raised a new flag for the school, which was dedicated to the heroes of 9/11. During the ceremony a moment of silence was observed, Principal Michael Cullen addressed the students about citizenship, and students recited the Piedge of Allegiance.

McGinn PTA makes its case for funding help with playground

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Board of Education heard a formal request from the McGinn School PTA for financial assistance with a new playground, but board members have not yet decided whether to contribute.

The PTA presented its case to the Board of Education for a new \$82,500 playground to replace the tire playground that was removed this summer. The parents' group raised funds throughout the spring and summer to pay for most of the playground. However, it is requesting a \$10,000 loan and a \$7,500 contribution from the board to help pay for the project.

McGinn is currently the district's only elementary school without a playground.

After discussing a request for funds from the PTA at a previous meeting, the board invited the PTA to make a presentation, as members were skeptical about spending thousands of dollars on a playground. The PTA has raised \$65,000 that will cover the cost of the play structure, however, it wishes to install a rubber foundation, as

The rubber surface idea came from those who made \$37,500 in contributions to the playground in memory of a McGinn stdent who died. According to Fran Wagner, a McGinn PTA playground committee member, rubber surfaces are much safer than wood chips, which are usually used as playground surfaces.

Wagner pointed out that Evergreen School recently installed a rubber surface playground, and Holy Trinity Parochial School and Temple Emanu-El in Westfield have rubber surface playgrounds as

According to Wagner, rubber surfaces have an advantage over wood chips. Though the surface costs more to install, it requires little maintenance, unlike wood chips that must be replenished. A rubber base also provides a more consistent surface than wood chips, Wagner

The surface will have a fiveyear guarantee, though Wagner

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CRANFORD - Residents seeking to jump start their careers by improving writing skills can take advantage of an eight-week, non-credit course

at Union County College.
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expects it to last longer. Board Member Thomas Russo questioned the short guarantee, but another PTA member suggested that since the surface is fairly new manufacturers haven't made extensive warranties.

Board Secretary Anthony Del Sordi said that the rubber surface cost is similar to one at Del Sordi added that this is the first time in his tenure a PTA requested funds for a playground, but said the board could find \$17,500 to spend, especially if some of it will be repaid.

Lance Porter, board president, told Wagner that the board just wanted a better

Cranford coach will join Port Authority force today

While committed to new task, former teacher still makes it a point to visit students, athletes

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD - On Sept. 11, 2001, the Port Authority Police suffered some of the greatest casualties ever experienced by an American law enforcement agency. For the past year, the agency has worked to rebuild, not just its morale but its manpower - and today, one local man will join that effort.

Scott Bermingham, a former physical education teacher at the Cranford Achievement Program and a coach with many Cranford High School sports programs, will graduate Friday from the Port Authority Police Academy. And all his former students — the 80 students at CAP and the related middle school program, CAMP, at Lincoln School — will be there to cheer

him on. But when the Roselle Park resident takes his post at Newark Airport next week, he said, he will be there almost by accident. In 1998, when Bermingham took the agency's entry examination at the insistence of a friend, he admits he "didn't know what the Port Authority was.

He didn't hear anything immediately, and after a few months, didn't think much about it, he said.

But a letter last December asking him to come in for an interview was intriguing, he said — and before long, he was

me hook, line and sinker. It's a very special organization," Bermingham said, "They treat you like a man. Now I want nothing more than to be a cop."

The toll suffered by the Port Authority Sept. 11, rather than

"You hear all these stories. You just want to do whatever you possibly can to help. I'll work seven days a week if I have to."

> - Scott Bermingham on his new position as a Port Authority police officer

being a deterrent, only strength-Bermingham said. In his time at the academy, he has met Port Authority officers who were trapped in the rubble that day, and heard how Kenilworth resident Robert Kaulfers, a Port Authority officer who died in the

attack, is still remembered by his colleagues.

"You hear all these stories," Bermingham said. "You just want to do whatever you possibly can to help. I'll work seven days a week if I have to."

the same Bermingham said, he hopes to keep his connections in Cranford, where he has coached in the football, baseball and basketball programs over the last six years in addition to working

"He's just an all-around good guy," said Sharif Elwardany, 16, a student in the CAP program. "He would get involved with us — he showed us the right things to do and not to do."

Despite his new commitment, Bermingham said he plans to stay involved. "I'll put in a 12-hour day at the academy, and I'll hurry to put in a balfhour with those kids," he said. "As busy as I've been, I still make my way back to the kids in Cranford. I've had a great relationship with them.

Fibromyalgia?

Clark, NJ - A new, free 16 page report has recently been published that reveals the "Untold Story" behind Fibromyalgia pain. Fibromyalgia misdiagnosis and mistreatment is rampant and may lead to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report reveals a natural, drugless procedure that is giving new hope to these patients with miraculous results for many. If you suffer from fibromyalgia you need this no B.S., no gimmicks free report that is giving hope to fibromyalgia sufferers everywhere. To order your copy of this free report, call toll-free

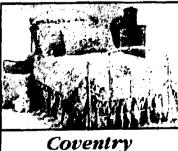


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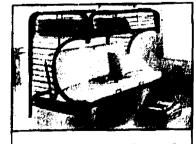


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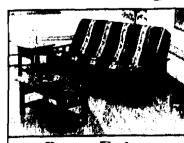
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Commentary

Careless driving and cell phones

There has been a push for laws banning the use of handheld cell phones while driving. Studies have shown that drivers using cell phones are much likelier to become distracted and cause an accident.

Gov. James E. McGreevey said last week that the state should ban cell phone use while driving. Sen. Jon Corzine has introduced legislation on a federal level that would order all states to ban cell phone use while driving or the state would lose part of their federal highway money.

While there seems to be little doubt that cell phone use while driving can lead to distraction and accidents, one has to question if all of this is necessary?

Do we need the federal government threatening to pull highway funds? Do we need a separate law governing cell phone use? Isn't this already covered under careless and reckless driving laws?

Think about all the other unsafe things people do while driving. People have been known to eat, read newspapers, apply makeup, shave and worse while driving on our nation's roads and highways. Are there separate laws to apply to each of these careless driving offenses?

All of these unsafe practices, including talking on a cell phone while driving, should already be covered under careless driving. Police should already have the power to stop a careless cell phone user and issue a summons.

As Sen. Corzine said recently, "This is an issue of safety and basic common sense."

Let's use common sense and start using the laws we already have to curb a dangerous habit too common to our

Time to 'junk' car insurance laws

Two more car insurance carriers — Great American Spirit Insurance Company and Twin City Fire Company - are leaving the New Jersey market, causing a stir among drivers and the Independent Insurance Agents of

Insurance companies are claiming the New Jersey market is unfriendly to their businesses. Drivers are sick and tired of paying some of the highest premiums in the nation. It is very apparent that major auto insurance reform is needed in this state.

Maybe it is time for this state to look to our neighbors and see how they handle car insurance. There has to be a better model of how to regulate coverage and encourage insurance companies to do business than the current New Jersey model which seems to be driving both insurance companies and drivers out of the state.

There is an old saying "don't fix it if it's not broke." Auto insurance in New Jersey is "broke." In fact, the situation may be so bad that it may be time figure the whole thing totaled and junk it for a new deal.

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Letters to the editor

Time is right to ban phones in cars

To The Record-Press:

I applaud Gov. James E. McGreevey's announcement on Monday, Sept. 9, that it is time for New Jersey to ban drivers from using hand-held cell phones when driving their cars. This is a goal that deserves our sup-

In April 2001, I introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate that demands that each state ban the use of hand-held cell phones or risk losing a portion of their federal highway funds. Although the bill remains in committee, it is clear to me that there is significant momentum toward reaching our goal of banning the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

Here in New Jersey, the communities of Marlboro. Carteret and Nutley have led the way. And, of course, New York, our nearby neighbor, acted more than a year ago to ban driving and hand-held cell phone use. We in New Jersey should do likewise.

Research into this crucial safety issue has shown for several years now that cell phone use distracts drivers and increases the chance for serious and deadly accidents. In 1997, the New England Journal of Medicine reported on a University of Toronto study that found

that the use of hand-held cell phones while driving quadruples the chance of an accident.

A year ago, researchers at the University of Utah reported that talking on a cellular phone while driving slows a driver's response time. The report, conducted for the National Safety Council, found that cell phones use slowed response times for braking and stopping.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has estimated that as many as 500,000 drivers at any one moment could be using a cell phone while driving.

The people of New Jersey are aware of this research and support banning hand-held cell phone use while driving. Last March, a Quinnipiac University survey of New Jerseyans found 85 percent supported a ban. In addition, people who own cell phones shared the same

This is an issue of safety and basic common sense. Keep both hands on the wheel! Using a cell phone while driving is distracting and dangerous. It's time to hang up the phone!

opinion by nearly the same percentage.

Jon S. Corzine

Playground request not excessive

To the Record-Press:

We are writing this letter to clarify some information and explain a few misconceptions in last week's article in the Record-Press about the McGinn PTA Playground Committee's request for financial assistance from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for a new playground at McGinn School.

It is true that we have been attempting to raise enough money to install a new structure with pouredin-place rubber surfacing that will cost approximately \$82,500. However, as one of the largest elementary schools in the district any structure must be large in order to accommodate and be proportionate to the large number of students in our school in order to maximize safety. Actually, it has the same expected cost per child as another newly-installed playground in the district. Also, since our playground structure was completely removed because it did not meet safety standards, we intend to provide a large structure to completely replace what was there before. Other schools in the district were adding units to their existing playgrounds, and so their costs were much less.

Last May, members of the playground committee met with Mr. Del Sordi from the Board of Education to outline our budget and proposed plan. At that time, we requested \$7,500 to assist with the installation of our playground system. Since we currently have the financing to accomplish this, we have pro-

posed that by using a safe, ADA-approved rubber surface, the district would save money over time, because it would not require the annual maintenance and replenishment of wood chips needed in playgrounds with a wood surface. We presented our proposal at the Board of Education meeting Sept. 12 and at that time we asked for a contribution of \$7,500 as well as a loan for \$10,000 to be repaid before June 2003 to cover the balance needed to pay for the rubber foundation. We are expecting a response at the next meet-

Finally, one of the reasons we have been able to move forward so quickly with such an ambitious project is that we are the recipients of a memorial donation contributed by the family and friends of the son of a former student at McGinn, not the family and friends of a student as was indicated in the article. This four-year-old boy died last January of an extremely rare disease called chronic granulomatous disease, (CGD), an inherited immunodeficient disease that may be exacerbated by molds and fungus that can be harbored in wood chips. The committee's choice of rubber as the most preferred surfacing material was already established before learning the cause of his illness.

Frances Wagner and Andrea Nolan McGinn PTA Playground Committee Chairwomen
McGinn Elementary School PTA

Bear hunt not the answer to attacks

To The Record-Press:

Everyone will agree that the Aug. 19 baby-bear incident at the Wood Haven Bungalow Colony in Fallsburg, N.Y., was tragic.

However, hunters have been chomping at the bit for a decade to reinstate a black bear season in New Jersey. Hunters enjoy slaughtering wildlife, term it recreation and disguise it to be wildlife management. Unfortunately, the Division of Fish and Wildlife is just that, a special interest hunting club with the selfindulgent mission to perpetuate recreational hunting while they masquerade as a government agency. They even breed animals to be released and hunted!

The division professes to use science as the basis of its Game Code additions. However, no genuine and credible science is powerfully driven by a particular desired outcome. All DFW scientific research is suspected to be skewed, tainted or somehow adulterated for its own intents and purposes. The DFW is exposed also for its economic bias because it generates its revenue from the sale of hunting licenses, which are in a dramatic and continual decline. This is not the "professional stewardship of wildlife" boasted on the division's website. The DFW has lost credibility and with it the respect, trust and confidence of New Jersey residents.

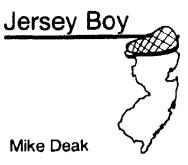
A reinstated New Jersey bear hunt would do nothing to eliminate such rare behavior as what happened

in Wood Haven Bungalow Colony. New York state, particularly the Catskill region which includes Fallsburg, is heavily hunted. Hunting did not deter the tragedy of that woman who left her baby unattended. Also, the aberrant black bear attack three years ago in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee was also not avoided by Tennessee's annual black bear hunt. Yet hunters are pointing to a hunt as the solution — with the obvious self-serving goal to hunt bears in New Jersey for the first time in 31 years.

The DFW cannot be trusted. They are driven by the arms and weapon industries, the National Rifle Association and special interest. For decades they have deviously impeded scientific research for the development and implementation of immunocontraception and other non-lethal wild animal population controls because of the consequences on the hunting

All New Jersey residents need to be enlightened of the true mission of this state agency. Call Gov. McGreevey, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Campbell and your district legislators and demand modernization of our wildlife state agency. New Jersey's wildlife belongs to all residents, not just the few remaining hunters.

Janet Piszar Millburn



Waiting for war again

I don't like waiting for war. Last week's eloquent ceremonies to mark the first anniversary of Sept. 11 seemed to bring us all as near to closure as we may ever reach. The shock that pervaded the country immediately following Sept. 11 has been replaced with a grim understanding that the world has changed — and not necessarily for the better.

We still may have trouble understanding what happened that day; we're still trying to comprehend what has hap-pened since then. We'll still waiting for the next terrorist attack. And now we have another crisis on our doorstep. While we're still trying to rid of the world of the monsters responsible for Sept. 11 and myriad other acts of terror, we are now on the path to another war, a situation unprecedented in American history.

This is no longer a game of brinkmanship; the war train has left the station. It's inevitable that sometime in the near future — perhaps even before Christmas — the United States will unleash its mighty forces against the cowardly and evil regime in Iraq.

We know it's going to happen. But we don't know how or when. How can life in the United States go on normally

— as "normal" as life can be
after Sept. 11 — with the knowledge that something awful is going to happen in the next few months. War is awful, especially when you're fighting a nation defending its homeland. And if it's true that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction ready for use, we are entering a new type of conflict with all sort of calamities and perils we've never before had to encounter.

I don't know whether Americans are fully prepared for this war. It is not going to be one of those sterile military actions — at least from the perspective of our side — conducted with computer-guided missiles and bombs dropped from high-flying airplanes. There's going to be a lot of ground combat involved as we grind our way to Baghdad. And that opens the possibility for many terrible possibilities. Will Iraq, as it did in 1991, try to wreak havoc in Israel? Will the Iragis set fire to their oil wells as they did in Kuwait? And what if the Iragis really have biological or nuclear weapons? Would they hesitate to use them in defense of their country?

In 1991, we knew that Iraq was willing to give up Kuwait and put only little more than a token fight to save itself. We were fortunate in that conflict - Japan picked up the tab, other nations joined us in the liberating force and relatively few American lives were lost.

But that may not be the case this year. Japan can't afford to contribute, other countries have doubts and the Iraqis are not likely to roll over as easily.

We are entering months of uncertainty. And the economy and the stock market hates nothing more than uncertainty. We're not going to regain the money we've lost in the past two years. And goodness knows whether we'll have a repeat of spiraling gas prices or, worse, gas lines. Perhaps that's a small price to pay. The impending war is not going to be just another television show, the sort of conflict that has made us all immune to the very real dangers of combat. It's going to be ugly. There are going to be many lives lost. There are going to be threats of more terrorism, attacks on our own homeland. And I don't know if we are prepared to handle these potential perils. There are challenging times ahead and I hope the revival of national spirit after Sept. 11 will be able to sustain

I don't like waiting for war.

Have you started your holiday shopping already?



AMY GIGLIO
Linden
No. I will probably start the week before
Christmas.



PASCALE KEVILLE France Yes. I normally start a year in advance.



MARY ROTH
Westfield
No. I haven't thought about the holidays.



MARILYN IACOPONI
Westfield
Absolutely not. I don't start until December. It's safer that way because you don't know what people want until then.

Though imperfect, Constitution has served America well

By MAVIS SERAFIN

GUEST COMMENTARY

Each year at this time Crane's Ford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, commemorates the signing of America's most important document, the Constitution of the United States, It was signed on Sept. 17, 1787 which makes it 215 years old. It was signed by delegates from 12 colonies although only nine colonies comprised a quorum at that time. It took nearly two years with much debate and disagreement to finally ratify it. It became the law of the land and remains so today.

In 1952 Congress authorized the president to proclaim Sept. 17 as Citizenship Day. In 1955 the ...DAR proposed devoting an entire week each year to its celebration. On Aug. 2, 1955 Sept. 17-23 was designated Constitution Week. Crane's Ford Chapter feels that it is vital to preserve every facet of our American history, not just the Revolutionary War which gave us the freedom we have had all these years. Certainly this document merits the interest and appreciation of every American citizen. "We the People," referred to in the preamble, owe a debt of gratitude to those dedicated patriots who devoted much of their lives to the ... presentation of this document and the preservation of our freedom.

Among those patriots were such famous persons as George

Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin, who at 81 was the oldest signer. Franklin is quoted as saying, "I seem to have intruded myself into the company of posterity when I ought to have been abed and asleep." We in New Jersey owe a special debt to our signers: David Brearley, William Paterson, William Livingston and Jonathan Dayton. Schools were named after them; towns also. They were honored and recognized in their time, but how many of today's citizens actually know who they were?

George Washington was appointed president of the convention and it took from May to September to finally bring the document to the full convention for approval. He concluded the presentation of it with these words: "It is to be expected that it may not meet the approval of every state but we believe that it will promote the lasting welfare of our country so dear to us all, and secure her freedom and happiness."

The fact that our Constitution has survived all these years is indeed a miracle. It was not a perfect document — no document could be perfect — but it has served our country well. One must remember that since 1787 our country has undergone social, economic, demographic and political changes that are mind-boggling. Our founding fathers could not

possibly imagined the country or the world that we live in today. They were concerned with preserving the freedom and welfare of approximately 3 million citizens; today we ace edging closer to 300 million people, some of whom are not legal citizens. How could they have foreseen the constantly changing and growing problems which require an interpretation of this document?

Despite monumental changes, it has continued as a symbol of democracy and it is the envy of the free world. Originally, it consisted of seven quite lengthy articles, which established the form of government we have today. Our three major branches of government, legislative, executive and judicial, were outlined at length and delineated the duties and responsibilities of each. As time went on and in order to keep abreast of the changing times and structure of United States, and as more and more states were added, it became necessary to amend the original document. There are now 27 amendments. Recently the 28th Amendment was proposed in Congress for the second time which would have made it a federal offense to desecrate the American flag in any way. That amendment was defeated again to the dismay of true American citizens. Our flag should be respected at all times and this is another time when the Bill of Rights and freedom should

have prevailed.

The first 10 amendments are known as the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment is the most controversial one in that it is referred to at least 100 times a day in news broadcasts. It guarantees freedom of speech, religion, press, peaceful assembly, and to petition the government for redress of grievances. One of these rights can be used to cover a multitude of sins whether it applies or not.

Constant references are made in all types of media to "my rights," "our rights," our inalienable rights and on and on. How many of the people referring to all these rights have ever read the Constitution and especially the Bill of Rights all the way through? Too often these constitutional rights are abused or used as an excuse for almost any type of activity, or assumed by persons who are not even American citizens. They were intended to protect American citizens, not to be used to justify any and all actions.

Let us take a look at some of the major amendments. The first 10 amendments, the Bill of

Rights, are probably the most important. Amendment 13 abolished slavery; 15 gave every citizen the right to vote; 16 established the federal income tax; 25 established an orderly process for filling the office of the president in the event of death while in office; 26 lowered the voting age from 21 to 18; 22 established no more than two terms for the president. These are just a few but they indicate that our legislative bodies have had the welfare of American citizens in mind.

Crane's Ford Chapter commemorates this week in many ways, all aimed at education about respect for the document. A display is always prepared for the library in Cranford; posters are placed in all schools; the township of Cranford has proclaimed this week for many years as Constitution Week; bells are rung at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17.

At the time of the signing and for many years after special celebrations were held, parades were held everywhere, bells were rung in many towns and speeches were given on the order of those given at our Memorial Day events. As time went on and the document was taken for granted more and more, plus the changing society we now have, these events ceased.

Often the changing times and mores are not in the best interest of the American citizens or our country. Every citizen should bear in mind that it has been said that our Constitution remains the most enduring written work and it has proved to be extraordinarily adaptable to an ever changing society. The freedoms established by this document should not be taken for granted by any citizen of this country.

This document should be required reading for all Americans. But we doubt if that is going to happen and everyone is going to rush out and find a copy of it and read it. But if they did they would learn to appreciate it, our freedom and our democracy. Whether they do or not, it is our intention to keep reiterating its value every year. Perhaps some patriotic and concerned citizens will listen.

The writer is the historian for Crane's Ford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Letters to the editor

Getting it straight on playground

To the Editor:

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education shouldn't have been "stunned" (to quote a headline in the Sept. 6 Record-Press) by a request for assistance from the McGinn PTA Playground Committee. Contrary to the impression conveyed by the article, the parents and teachers of McGinn are seeking no more than the School Board has idready extended to other schools.

The article quotes a board member as saying the McGinn Playground Committee was asking for \$12,000 from the board for installation costs. This is incorrect. The Committee was seeking a mere \$7,500.

While it is true that the McGinn Playground Committee has raised more money than Evergreen, it is also true that we have a larger student population. That means more parents who can support their school. It also means McGinn needs a larger structure because we have more stu-

dents.

The rubber surfacing the playground committee wants to install is a poured rubber surface that is used in urban areas like Chicago. We were not asking the board to fund the cost of a poured surface; we were looking at some financial assistance for installation costs. Nothing more. The article made it look like we were asking for more than what has been done for other schools; not so. We are only asking what has been done at other schools, nothing more.

One other point: the young boy Bennett Brand did not die of an "allergic reaction to woodchips," but from CDG, a rare genetic disease that affects 1 in 100,000 persons. Things that are found in mulch are among the things that can cause difficulty for someone with CDG. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding

Donna Whitaker William J. McGinn PTA President

Column was right about gym class

To the Record-Press:

I certainly enjoyed your column on Sept. 5 entitled "It's Time to Abolish Gym Class." I agree gym class should not be a required part of the public school system in New Jersey or anywhere else in the country.

I am now 82 years old, it's been a long time since I had to take gym and boy, did I hate it, especially those navy blue "bloomers." I had a male gym teacher who kept trying to force my legs to sit like an Indian when it was not physically possible. I was never a geek, but I didn't like gym and was never interested in sports, then or now. I truly believe education should focus on learning, not on physical education which should not be a required

When I decided to write my memoirs in 2000, I found my old diaries, one written I when was 12 to 13 and the other when I was 21 to 22. On graduation from eighth grade in elementary school when I was 12, my male gym teacher wrote the following in my autograph book: "To boy-crazy Vivan...always keep that smile." Imagine getting away with that nowadays?

I am interested in how your column was named "Jersey Boy." I've always considered myself a Jersey Girl, born in Bayonne and a resident of Edison since 1950.

VIVAN HIGHT Edison

President doesn't understand war

To the Record-Press:

Leaders usually weigh the cost of war before starting one. However, I am concerned that our president has not learned how to measure consequences.

Mediocre students usually end up with menial jobs. Drivers caught drunk usually lose their licenses. Investors making poor decision usually lose money in the market. Politicians losing elections usually find other work. Failure helps us learn when we suffer from it. But if we never do, how are we to make informed decisions mater?

Mr. Bush, a mediocre student, ended up at Harvard. As a drunken driver, his record was cleared. He bought losing stock, yet made enough on it to buy a baseball team. And he lost the popular vote, but became president. It seems that his handlers keep bailing him out and manipulating his destiny. This is not a man who has had to learn from life's consequences.

As our war efforts in Afghanistan stumble, and we stand on the edge of an invasion of Iraq, how I desperately wish we had a leader who truly understood consequences and how to make informed deci-

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Club's efforts benefit kids' hospital

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Welcome Club recently raised a total of \$1,600 for the Children's Specialized Hospital Mountainside. The donated money has been earmarked to help sponsor the new Inpatient

Fund-raising co-chairs for the spring 2002 term, Susan Gibbs

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and Suzanne Joseph, coordinated the club's efforts.

The Westfield Welcome Club chooses one or more beneficiaries each six-month term and holds various fund-raising activities to support these causes. Recently appointed fund-raising co-chairs Diann Gropp-Roth and Giovanna Psolka have already begun efforts

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At the club's June, July and August monthly dinners, attendees were able to purchase raffle tickets to benefit the September 11th Memorial Park Fund. The combined total for 3 months was \$400. Il Gabianno in Cranford and other local businesses contributed generous raffle prize donations.

Currently, the fund-raising committee is directing their efforts toward raising money for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. One of the upcoming events to raise funds for the squad is the sale of prepaid vouchers for a car wash at the Westfield Auto Wash, Rahway Avenue and West Broad Street.

The club's humanitarian scope extends beyond raising funds for

Eileen Eisner, Director

local causes. Club members also participate in various community service opportunities including the Red Cross' Quality of Life initiative to improve the morale of U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The club made greeting cards for the troops on Wednesday. All cards made by club members will be donated.

Later this fall, members will have the opportunity to volunteer for a "workday" to help the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

Women from Westfield and surrounding areas (Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside and Clark) who are interested in learning more about the club and how to join may call Nina at (908) 317-5812 or Vicki at (908) 301-1923, or visit the club's website

www.westfieldnj.com/welcome.

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From left, volunteers Jill Sitcer, Mary Beth de Brueys, Barbara Vanderbilt, and Patty Monninger.

League celebrates volunteers' service

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League, which runs a thrift and consignment shop at 114 Elmer Street, recently celebrated the anniversaries of service for their vol-

The most senior volunteer was Arlene Bertran, who celebrated 25 years of service. Judy Duchek and Margo Komar commemorated their 20th years, while celebrating 15 years of service were Betty Cagnassola, Marybeth de Brueys, Angela Donnalo, Patty Monninger, Jill Sitcer and Barbara Vanderbilt.

Sue Carroll, Martha Ciacciarelli. Ellen Pollack, Barbara Star and Danielle Walsh marked 10 years of

Luca, Darlene Finne, Ginny Leiz, Judy McLane and Cindy Veltri have now worked for seven years with the organization.

The organization also announced its 2002 volunteer provisional class, which includes Mary Pierce Harries. Donna Keenoy Rosann Livolsi, Lorna MacQuarrie, Joan Mulholland, Joan O'Conner, Anne Perrella, Cathy Tomlinson and Bridget Towey.

The success of the service league depends on the dedication of its volunteers. Last year, more than \$70,000 was donated back to the community by this growing organiza-



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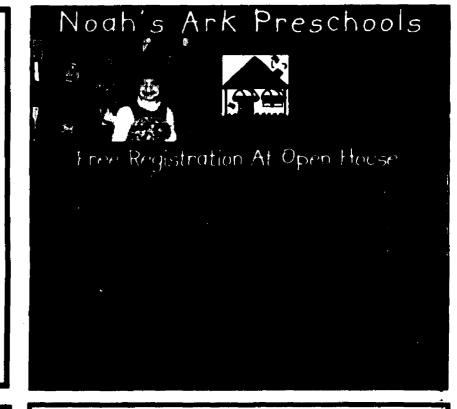
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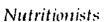
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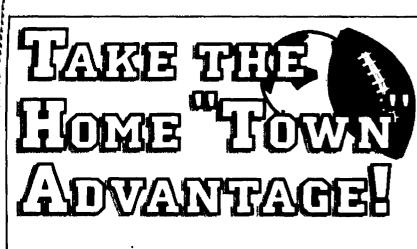
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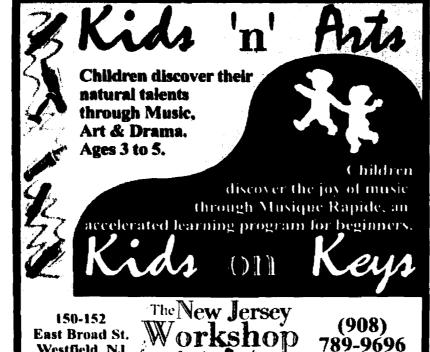
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FallFest comes to Westfield Sunday

WESTFIELD - FallFest, include traditionally the largest of Nostalgia Big Swing Band from Westfield's popular street fairs, 11 a.m to noon. Reminisce, a will feature a host of live enter- nine-member Doo Wop Band. tainment in four areas of the will perform between 4 and 5 downtown to satisfy every p.m. musical taste and style.

The FallFest Street Fair will begin at 11 a.m. continue until 5 p.m. continue until 5 p.m. again entertain Sunday. Rain Sunday. Rain Date is the more than Date is Sept. 29. Sept. 29. Downtown

streets will beclosed from 6 a.m. to accommoset-up Admission is free.

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Other entertainment will throughout the day.

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The Choice Entertainment - Dancers and The FallFest Street Fair New Jersey Workshop for will begin at 11 a.m. and the Arts will

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- attend the fair. The Aqua Clara Equadorian activities, group and several other bands will perform throughout the day, providing live entertainment and background music for shopping, rides, games, international food and family fun

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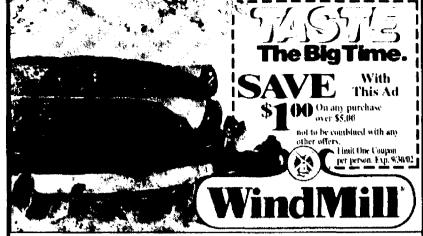


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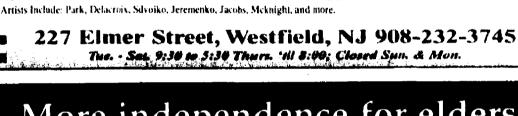
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Church to conduct pet blessing

WESTFIELD - The First United Methodist Church of Westfield will conduct a special outdoor service and pet blessing Saturday, Oct. 5. The service will be held on the church grounds at 1 E. Broad St. beginning at 1 p.m.

Each person is responsible for his pet during the service. At the conclusion, refreshments and a light snack will be served (for the people).

Fanwood GOP plans reception

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Republican Campaign Committee 2002 will hold a fund-raising reception in honor of Councilman Stu Kline, Councilman Dave Trumpp and Andy Calamaras, Republican candidates for Fanwood Borough Council. The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Giovanna's Restaurant, 1462 South Ave., Plainfield,

Cost is \$100 per person and hor d'oeurves and refreshments will be served.

"Scherenschnitte" on display at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum will host demonstration "Scherenschnitte," the art of -2.5 p.m. paper-cutting, Sunday.

Developed in China centuries ago, the craft later became a popular folk art in Europe and was brought to America in the 17th century by German settlers Pennsylvania. Westfield resident Evelyn Kennelly will lead the demonstration.

Also Sunday, Laurie and Amy Mills of Fanwood and Max Kaplan of Westfield will prepare seasonal foods over the open hearth, using authentic colonial tours and cooking techniques. Museum visitors will be able to enjoy the taste treats.

Volunteers dressed in 18thcentury costume will also offer tours of the historic farm-

For more information, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Choral Art Society seeks soloists

WESTFIELD - The Choral Art Society of New Jersey will hold auditions Oct. 5-6 for soloists for two works, Bach's "St. John's Passion" and Handel's "Judas Maccabeus." The society is seeking soprano, alto, tenor and bass soloists for both works.

The auditions will be held Oct. 5 beginning at 10:30 a.m. and Oct. 6 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit. Performance dates are Jan. 18 for "St. John's Passion" and May 10 for "Judas Maccabeus."

For more information or to make an appointment, contact James Little, musical director of the society, at (908) 277-1547.

Open house at Mother Seton High

CLARK - Mother Seton Regional High School on Valley Road will hold an informal open house 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 30 for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents.

Parents and students will be able to tour the school, examine the curricular and cocurricular programs, investigate transportation services and meet with administration, guidance and faculty members. Parents or students are invited to come alone if the evening is not convenient for both. An informal social will

follow the open house. Mother Seton Regional High School is accessible from Garden State Parkway Exit 135 in Clark.

Expo showcases talents of local filmmakers

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - For many years, the Rialto Theater has been a symbol of the smalltown feel residents appreciate in the downtown. So, it was only natural that the theater host an expo of feature films by Westfield artists, each of them shot in town or at the theater itself.

"Westfilm 2002," which concluded Monday, was a two night event featuring films by Peter Basler, Kenneth Waddell and William McMeekan Jr., all of whom either live or grew up in Westfield. Each film features scenes shot in town.

The film expo began Sept. 9 with Basler's film "Just Add Pepper," a romantic comedy that follows Ethan "Pepper" McClure on a quest to court the popular girl he has loved since his youth. The film was screened at the Long Island Film Expo and will be shown at the New York International Film & Video Festival later this

"It's semi-autobiographical," Basler said, who works in the Westfield High School video studio. "There's a lot of me in the main character. It touches on universal themes such as growing up and dealing with family.

Basler said he tried to capture a small-town feel with the film. He wrote the film while living in Denville and most of the scenes were shot in small towns such as Madison, Summit and Westfield. One date scene was shot in the Rialto, and the alley behind the theater was used for several scenes. Basler even kept the small town theme with the cast, as the actors stayed at his apartment for part of the 17day shoot.

Basler has been writing scripts since 1995, but this is his first feature. He says that film appeals to teens and young adults, but the universal themes make it for everyone.

"There's not a great moral tone of reality about family," Basier said. "I hope people relate to it."

Waddell's feature "Rave'n" is the story of a singer/songwriter

giving his last performance at a night club. Each song reflects a part of his life and sends him on an emotional journey reminiscing on his addict girlfriend and their son, his dealing brother and his distant father.

"I'm a musician and I star in the film with a friend," said Waddell, who has hved in Westfield for two years. "It's inspired from our frustration with the (music) business...It's a pretty personal story that gets in the character's life and shows the difficulty being an artist and growing up in an urban area.

The film received Honorable Mention at the Paul Robeson Awards, which is part of the Newark Black Film Festival. Most of the film was shot in Newark and Hoboken, though there are some scenes at the Rialto. It took a year and a half to complete as Waddell filmed on weekends and worked with a limited budget

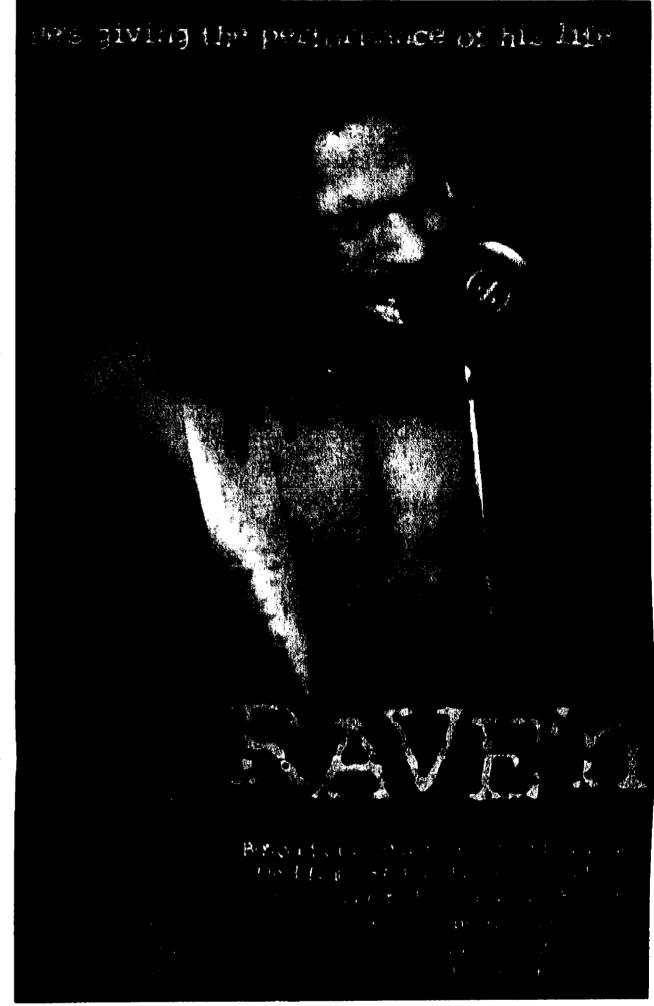
Waddell is a graduate of New York University Film School and has been in the business for 12 years, "Raye'n" is his second feature length film; the first was "Of Love and Fantasy" starring Amy Redford, Robert Redford's daughter.

McMeekan's film is a documentary that follows a platoon of the Westfield Fire Department, "Catching Fire" has received much acclaim, winning a Telly Award and Hometown Video Award, and will be screened in Chicago as a selection of the Digital Visions Film Festival.

McMeekan got the idea for the film from a story of the fire department responding to a call of a car that ran into a pool. He decided to capture the adventures of his local firemen. McMeekan was on staff at Westfield High School when he shot the film, and got assistance from students in the editing process.

"As someone who grew up attending movies at the Rialto, to now have my work screened here, in my hometown theater, is something of a dream come message, but there is an under-true," McMeekan said. "This is a totally unique event for

We're very pleased that the This past Monday featured Rialto has provided us this Waddell and McMeekan's films. great opportunity to share our productions with our fellow Westfield residents."





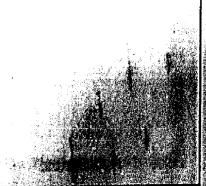




GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kenilworth says hello to autumn with Fall **Festival**

Left, Pam Frank, 15, and Allison Shields, 16, set up chrysanthemums for sale at Saturday's Fall Festival at St. Theresa's. At right, autumn scarecrows and pumpkin candle holders have been put on



Greta Schoenemann

Dorothy Schoenemann, 14, died Sept. 15, 2002 at University Hospital in Newark.

She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Westfield for most of her life.

Greta had just begun her freshman year at Westfield High School, where she enrolled after graduating from Roosevelt Intermediate School in June. She was on the WHS freshman girls soccer team and played on travel teams for soccer outside school.

A swimmer and New Jersey Devils fan, Greta enjoyed trips to Vermont and Germany. As a small child she entertained her family, especially with her impersonations of Michael Jackson. She loved hair, makeup and fashion.

volunteer at Camp Chatterbox in Mountainside.

- Greta for special-needs children. Her mother, Wendy Anderson Schoenemann, and a sister, Elise, joined Greta as volun-

> Also surviving are her father, Robert, a brother, Erik, and two other sisters, Heidi Maria and Tara, all of Westfield; her paternal grandfather, Wilhelm of Staufen, Germany; her maternal grandparents, Henry and Phyllis Anderson of Westminster, Vt.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service was held yesterday at Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the Westfield Rescue Squad, the Westfield Police Department or Over the summer she was a Children's Specialized Hospital

Lillian Bond-Nelson

FANWOOD -- Lillian D. Bond-Nelson, 95, died Sept. 16, 2002, at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, she lived in Fanwood before moving in 1970 to Edgewater, Fla.

Mrs. Bond-Nelson was the first woman named an elder of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school classes. She also was a director of the Edgewater Public Library in Edgewater,

Library and the Grace Community Church in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Surviving are three sons, Oliver "Pete" and Duncan, both of Edgewater, Fla., and James of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Monday at Grace Community Church.

Arrangements are by Dudley Funeral Home in Edgewater, Fla. Donations may be sent to Hospice of Volusia-Flagler, 3800 She was a member of the Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, Friends of the Edgewater FL 32129.

Richard H. Clark; two daughters,

Alison M. and Emily A.; her

mother, Helen Delany Lanzisera;

two sisters, Joan Macus and

Ellen Kane; and a brother,

William Lanzisera.

Patricia Ann Clark

SCOTCH PLAINS — Patricia Ann Clark, 47, died Wednesday, Sept, 11, 2002 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Plainfield 19 years ago.

Mrs. Clark was a sales associate at Enchantments in Fanwood.

She was a communicant of St. **Bartholomew** the Apostle Church and a member of the Home

School Association.

Antoinette DeFellipo

SCOTCH PLAINS Antoinette D'Amico DeFellipo, 97, died Sept. 12, 2002 at Nursing Ashbrook Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. DeFellipo was born in New York State. She lived in South Plainfield, Miami and Warren before moving to Scotch Plains in 1998.

Her husband, Michael, died in **197**3.

Surviving are two sons,

Mass was offered Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Memorial donations may be

Church followed by interment at Hillside Cemetery.

made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of NJ, 117 Kinderkamack Road, Suite 104, Surviving are her husband, River Edge, NJ 07661.

Anthony and wife Shirley of Whitehouse Station and Frank and wife Genevieve of Scotch Plains; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, South Plainfield, following services at James W. Conrov Funeral Home in South Plainfield, Burial was in Holv Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

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Lettie Ann Braxton

WESTFIELD — Lettie Ann Holmes Braxton, 78, died Sept. 16, 2002 at Passaic Beth Israel Hospital.

Mrs. Braxton was born in Locust Hill, Va., and lived in Westfield from 1945 until she moved to Plainfield in 1956. She later resided in Newark most recently Bridgewater.

She worked for the Newark Board of Social Services from 1985-88. Since 1996 Mrs. Braxton was a member of the National Action Network and United African Movement, both in Manhattan.

For two years she attended Paul's College Lawrenceville, Va. Mrs. Braxton was a former member of the Friendship Club in Plainfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Beverly Braxton-Cannon, Mary and Billie; two brothers, Joshua Holmes and John Holmes; two sisters, Dorothy Holmes and Estelle Francis; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held yesterday at Plinton-Curry Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Calvary Baptist Church cemetery, Locust Hill.

Mary Jane Faunce

Hullinger Faunce, 78, died Sept. 15, 2002 at the Hamilton Square home of a son, Jimmy.

She was born in Kokomo, Ind., and had lived in Fanwood since

A pianist and violinist, Mrs. Faunce taught classes in vocal music and string music for 27 years. She also played the first violin in the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra. After her retirement from teaching in 1991 she conducted string music workshops in Plainfield and provided musical support for area school districts.

Mrs. Faunce carned a bachelor's degree in music, English and art education from Ball State

FANWOOD - Mary Jane University. She completed graduate courses in music at Northwestern University.

A reader, bridge player and traveler, Mrs. Faunce was the chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood College Club.

Her husband of 31 years, Dr. Stuart Fred Faunce, died in 1984.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janelle Raupp; two other sons, Dayton F. and Kurt A.; and seven grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, a humane society or a charity of your choice.

Gary M. Ferrao

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gary Ferrao, 53, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002 at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, N.Y., after a brief battle with multiple

Mr. Ferrao grew up in Scotch Plains and played shortstop for Scotch Plains High School. Although he considered himself a poor batter, he loved the game and organized Fourth of July Wiffle ball games and old-timer softball games, where he coached, played, kept score and was named the most valuable

As a teenager, he played drums in several rock bands in the Scotch Plains area, most notably the Renaissance Fair.

A graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Mr. Ferrao worked for 30 years as a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Chris Karwan, who was his high school sweetheart; two sons, Greg and Jack; his parents, Tony and Claire; his sisters, Patty Klastava, Jackie Guerriero and Judy Nanni; and nieces and

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood, followed by a Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, South Street, New Providence, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Rita M. Toye

SCOTCH PLAINS - Rita M. Teague Toye, 82, died Sept. 15, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional

Medical Center in Plainfield. She was born in Bayonne and lived in that city before moving to Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Toye retired in 1982 after 25 years with the Bayonne plant of Best Foods Co. She was a member of the senior citizens club at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Bayonne.

Her husband, Thomas F., is deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Donald J., Thomas F. and George; and three grandchildren.

Mass will be offered 10:30 a.m. today at St. Andrew's Church, 125 Broadway, Bayonne. Entombment will be in Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum, North

Arrangements are by Levis Funeral Home in Bayonne.

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Isydor Gulis

WESTFIELD — Isydor Gulis, 78, died Sept. 17, 2002 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division.

A native of Poland, he lived in Westfield and Garwood before moving to Perth Amboy in 1957.

Mr. Gulis worked for Phelps Dodge Corp. in Elizabeth and Monsanto Corp. in Bound Brook prior to his 1986 retirement. He was a member of the Czechoslovakian Society America.

He was a parishioner of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy.

His wife, Helen, died in 1999. Surviving are a brother, The Kasperovich of Warren; two sigters, Rose Ann Rapp of Seven Lakes, N.C., and Helen Ilsgaard of Fayetteville, N.C.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and, great-nephews.

Services were held yesterday at Skrocki Memorial Home, Perth Amboy, followed by a Mass at Church of the Assumption, Burial was in the church cemetery in Hopelawn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer

Society.

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Lindsay Skokan,11, skates in the Stars, Stripes and Skates event at Madison Square Garden in New York tonight.

Bedminster girl to skate with stars

By LESLIE A. SCOTT THE RECORD-PRESS

BEDMINSTER — Lindsay Skokan will be skating with the

The township girl was picked to perform along with Olympic champions like Sasha Cohen,
Timothy Goebel and Nancy

Spins, she said. I was so excised I didn't think that anything was going to happen."

The spin she did was called a Kerrigan at a special event called Stars, Stripes and Skates at Madsion Square Garden today.

This event is hosted by the Coalition of 9/11 Families and proceeds will go to scholarships for future victims of crime and

This 11-year-old is no stranger to the ice. She has been skating and performing for the past six years and has won 23 medals.

Last Saturday she competed in a Mid Atlantic competition at Chelsea Piers in New York City.

Lindsay competes in the juvenile division, but she wants to move up.

"I love performing. I want to try to get to Nationals but the Regionals are the thing right

Lindsay takes her skating seriously, but she has fun as well. "If I could skate everyday I'd skate for hours." This past summer she was on the ice five days a week

Lindsay had to audition to be a part of Stars Stripes and

"I really didn't know what to expect. When we got there, there were a ton of kids of all ages." At least 160 auditioned on Sept. 4, but only 60 were chosen.

Everyone was given very little ice space, and many people came wearing costumes and sequins but she was told that she didn't have to dress. "I was worried that they didn't think that I

Even with all of the anxiety. Lindsay managed to wow the judges. "I did one of my best spins," she said. "I was so excited

camel. With this move she starts off in a pirouette and spins and catches her leg from behind. Lindsay's favorite move is the

The spin she did was called a

axle. It is a single axle and she recently learned how to do it. All of the stunts ice skaters do are as difficult to learn as they

are as graceful to see performed. Lindsay said her coach explains to her what to do, how to move her body and she just

One wrong move, if a head starts to tilt or an elbow is up instead of down, could leave the skater on the ice instead of on; her feet.

Some of Lindsay's favorite performers, Surya Bonaly and, Philippe Candeloro, will be at tomorrow's show. "To meet all these skaters and to skate at the. Garden is like an experience I never thought I'd be able to do."

She hasn't begun any practicing and is not sure what they will be doing. "We'll probably just skate around in red, white and

Besides skating, Lindsay, who attends Bedminster Elementary School, likes to cook with her mom, Adrian Skokan. Her favorite dish is chicken soup.

She even enjoys singing tunes from Broadway plays and has attended a lot of shows on Broadway like the "Lion King." "Kiss Me Kate," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Mama Mia" and others.

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PRINCETON — Terhune Orchards is celebrating its fall harvest with an Everything Apples festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Events include a special guest appearance by Johnny Appleseed. The Lawrence Repertory Theater will present an original play and music based on Johnny Appleseed lore.

The big barn is transformed into Johnny Appleseed Adventure Land and rides are available in an old-fashioned Conestoga wagon pulled by a

Visitors can pick their own apples, ride ponies and farm wagons through the orchards, get lost in the corn stalk maze and listen to country music by the Daisy Jug Band.

Apple pie, Cider apple salad, apple cider donuts along with hot dogs and a cider-glazed pig roast will be available in the food tent.

Visitors are asked to park at Bristol-Myers Squibb on Route 206 and ride shuttles to the farm. Admission is \$5.

Intergenerational Orchestra rehearsals

CRANFORD — The New Jersey Intergenerational **Orchestra** begins rehearsals for its 2002-03 season Thursday, Sept. 26 at Cranford High School.

The full orchestra of musicians ages 5-91 has its rehearsal 7-8:30 p.m. This ensemble has been under the direction of Lorraine Marks since it was founded in 1993.

A new Advanced Chamber Orchestra holds its rehearsal 8:30-9:30 p.m. New musicians for the chamber orchestra are welcome; previous members need not audition.

Registration for both ensembles is 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.bobdevlin.com/njio or phone (908) 709-0084.

'In addition, the orchestra has a beginners "Nouveau Orchestra" that has its first rehearsal Thursday, Oct. 17.

Creative Arts Program teaches musical skills

BRIDGEWATER — Adults who sing in the shower or who have a desire to be in a musical production can experience their secret ambitions if they enroll in the latest Creative Arts for Adults Program at Somerset County Technical Institute.

The Creative Arts Program is offered for the first time at Somerset County Technical Institute in the Adult Continuing Education Division.

The Broadway Tune-up, which begins the last week in September, will help students with breathing techniques, projection, and harmonies. Students will work with a choreographer on movement, staging and characterization and will present a final performance on the last day of

Adults may learn how to tune a guitar and strum some familiar pop, rock and folk tunes in Basic Guitar. Also new for adults is a Voice and Diction class, Improvisation, which offers a serious approach to comedy and acting using theatre games, and American Sign Language.

Stretch Ballet and All that Jazz, which begins in October, will give students a taste of hip-hop, Bob Fosse and funk.

Finally, a Broadway Dance class which compliments the Broadway Tune-up class will give adults an opportunity to learn the basics of tap, jazz and ballet. Registration is still being accepted for the new Creative Arts for Adults Program.

For more information contact program coordinator, Janet Cantore Watson at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7152.



One of Marion Behr's sculptures remembering Sept. 11, 2001.

Sculpture reflects Sept. 11

Branchburg artist's work is about 'life and death' and honor

together sculpture "Seeking Soles."

"This exhibition is about life and death," she said, "It honors all of those inside the (World Trade Center) who didn't make it out. It also seeks to embrace those on the outside who have contributed time, courage and thought, in endless ways, in seeking that which was lost.

"With regard to life and reflection upon death, this show looks to the future in the hope that artists and all mankind can continue to survive and thrive, and that our 'soles' will someday learn to walk in a peaceful direction,"

"Seeking Soles" can be seen at the Somerset Art Association in Bedminster beginning with a reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. The show runs through Nov. 2.

Also in the show are prints in the ElectroEtch process, which Behr patented 10 years ago with

As a tribute to events that occurred Sept. 11, her lawyer husband. ElectroEtch allows an arti-2001, Marion Behr of Branchburg has put san to create an etching with a nontoxic solution at low voltage.

The artist has had 48 of her prints acquired by the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum at Rutgers University for its permanent collection. Over the past year she has been represented in group shows at two galleries in Berlin, Germany. Behr is listed in "Who's Who of American Artists.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, phone (908) 234-2345.

The Somerset Art Association is on Burnt Mills Road (Route 620) west of Pluckemin, From Somerville take Routes 202-206 North to the Exxon station and turn left at the stop light. From Middlesex County take Interstate 287 North to Exit 22A, then Routes 202-206 South to the second stop light and turn right.



Marion Behr works on one of her pieces in the display.

Listen to the Melody of Hope and fight cancer

in a black-tie gala 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at the Hilton hotel in Short

Proceeds benefit the Lynne Cohen Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research and the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey. The foundation was established in 1998 by the three daughters of Cohen, who died of cancer of the ovaries at age 53. The Warrenbased Philharmonic Orchestra is a professional symphony founded in

Beginning the program is a cocktail hour with music from the Philharmonic Orchestra's String Quartet, plus informal modeling of designer fashions from stores located in the Mall at Short Hills.

Also on display are nearly 50 auction items from name designers and stores. Designers include Armani, Nicole Miller, MaxMara,

A "Melody of Hope" is promised Hugo Boss, Judith Ripka, Chanel, Charles Jourdan, Escada, Polo, Georgette Klinger and DKNY. Stores represented Bloomingdale's, Neiman-Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Cartier, Burberry and Movada.

After the auction comes dinner plus a live auction of 10 articles. Music for dancing is by the Vali Music quintet.

Cost is \$250 per person. Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. Jarmila Sullivan is chairman of the event

For reservations, phone the Philharmonic Orchestra at (908)

Sponsors of the "Melody of Hope" include the Mall at Short Hills, Goldman Sachs, Ortho Biotech, Schering-Plough Corp., the Reed Foundation and Merck &

Jersey Jazz by the Lake returns

Since it began in 1998 "Jersey Jazz by the Lake" has featured the likes of Lionel Hampton, the vibraphone master who died earlier this month.

Last year's edition was canceled after the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. This year the day-long event returns to Nomahegan Park in Cranford beginning 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Among the stars on the open-air stage are Roy Ayers, the vibes star who got his big break doing the soundtrack to blaxploitation classic "Coffey," and Arturo Sandoval, a Cuban-born trumpet player.

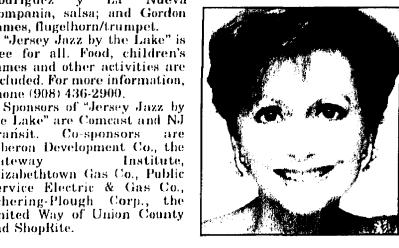
Also on the card are Alex Bugnon, keyboards; Cynthia vocals; Rodriguez y La Nueva Compania, salsa; and Gordon James, flugelhorn/trumpet.

"Jersey Jazz by the Lake" is free for all. Food, children's games and other activities are included. For more information. phone (908) 436-2900.

the Lake" are Comcast and NJ Transit. Co-sponsors are Elberon Development Co., the Gateway Institute, Elizabethtown Gas Co., Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Schering-Plough Corp., the United Way of Union County and ShopRite.



John Pizzarelli's Trio and Marlene Verplank will appear this week-



Laughs at the Comedy Café

BOUND BROOK - Alliance Repertory Theatre presents Comedy Cafe At The Brook Arts Center Sept. 6 through Sept. 28,Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Student and

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Call (732) 469-7700 for tickets.

Alliance Repertory's nomadic existence is over After three years of performing "On The Road" in New Brunswick, Piscataway, Union and Montclair, the company opens a five show season at it's new home, The Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, NJ with a Comedy Cafe. Seven comedy sketches deal with the all too familiar frustration of "Waiting:" Waiting for information, waiting for confirmation, waiting for the outcome, waiting for the

Sketch titles include: "Joe & Stew's Theatre of Brotherly Love and Financial Success" - An atomic blast wipes out the human race, leaving Theatre-loving cockroaches to fend off the critic who wouldn't die. "DMV Tyrant" - Deals with, you guessed it. "Almost Heaven" -Waiting for the Pearly Gates to

Historic house tour along river

The Lambertville Historical Society sponsors its annual house tour in the city along the Delaware River 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

Eight restored sites and three historic ticket sites are on the house tour, plus guided walks along the Delaware & Raritan

Advance tickets are \$15 at the Blue Raccoon, the Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, Dresswell's, the Lambertville Trading Co. and the Marshall House, all in

Lambertville; Phillips Fine Wines, in Stockton; and Farley's Bookshop in New Hope, Pa.

On the day of the tour tickets are available for \$20 at the Kalmin House and the Marshall House, both in Lambertville, and the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead in Delaware Township. Park at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead and take the shuttle bus into Lambertville for the tour.

For more information, visit www.lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org or phone (609) 397-0770.

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and other groups and is orga-

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an demonstrations, musical

performances, games and con-

enjoy food and beverages pre-

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rants as they mingle with

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"Throughout the Years"
opened Tuesday, Sept. 3 and may be seen through Friday, Sept. 27. Also on Sept. 3 the Arts Center opened a "Menagerie" of art by Lorrie Baldwin and "Floral

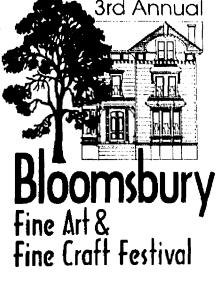
Fantasies" by Jonathan Haklik. Those two exhibitions may be seen through Saturday, Sept. 28. Baldwin creates works in acrylics; colored pencil; pen and ink; pastels; and digital means.

The self-taught artist most recently took third place in the Arts Center members' show. Haklik paints landscapes in watercolors to match the theme of his exhibition. He too is selftaught and took a first place

award in the recent Plainfield Arts Festival. Arts Center hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday plus 1-7:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information,

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Life insurance should be a priority for newlyweds

(NAPSI) — Amidst the hustle and bustle of returning wedding gifts and writing thank-you notes, many couples overlook important insurance planning that will protect the future security of their new family. Once the honeymoon ends and married life begins, couples should consider getting an "insurance checkup" to gauge the impact marriage may have on lifestyle financial situations. Individual insurance policies may no longer meet the dynamic needs of a couple or new family, especially if children are involved.

Here are some basic insurance tips to get your marriage off to a secure start:

 Life-Find out what it really takes to protect your loved ones when you are gone. Although couples often recite the vow, likes to think about what life would be like without their spouse. What would happen to your spouse if you were to die? It's not a pleasant question to ponder, but one that should be addressed before or just after the wedding. Deciding on whether life insurance is a good choice depends on your circumstances-whether you have children or other dependents, what you own, even your attitudes about debt. It is important to evaluate the current cost of insurance versus the benefits received. For younger newlyweds, the cost for life insurance will be relatively low, especially if both are in good health. And if you already have an existing life insurance policy, remember to update your beneficiary.

- Homeowners-Stay shel-

"Until death do us part," no one tered-Protecting your most significant investment. Many newlyweds are also new homeowners. Because a home is usually the largest purchase a couple will ever make, it is vital that a couple research and understand the appropriate policy for their individual situation. There are two basic parts of any homeowners policy: a property section and a liability section. The property section covers damage to the home and personal belongings. The liability section covers expenses like medical, legal, and court-awarded money that might arise out of a lawsuit if a

non-family member has an acci-

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- Renters-Renters Beware: Who is protecting your personal belongings? Many people mistakenly believe that if they don't own a home they don't need insurance. Renters insurance, which has become increasingly popular in recent years, covers personal belongings and liability. Both of these coverages are most likely not covered on your landlord's policy, which generally only covers damage to the actual structure of the building you live in.

Auto-Consolidate and

Fashions in bridal bouquets are changing

with your insurance agent to learn about the benefits of canceling your individual auto insurance coverage, and obtaining one policy that covers both of you. This may result in several discounts, including a lower multi-car rate.

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These games are sure to liven a bridal shower

(ARA) - Celebrating a funny, sexy, wild. friend's upcoming marriage with the time-honored tradition of a wedding shower is a custom that has taken on new wrinkles over the decades.

Many wedding showers focus only on the bride, but if the groom and friends will be in attendance, games are a simple, fun way to involve everyone. If the food, sweets and presents aren't enough, try out some of the shower games below to get the laughter flowing at your shower.

A bride can always use as much womanly wisdom as possible before the big day. To share some of the marriage wealth, "Words of Wisdom" is the perfect idea. On each shower invitation, request that each guest bring her own words of wisdom in the form of a song, **poem or saying**. The saying can be about marriage or life in general. For example, "Give a man a fish and he'll be fed for a day, but teach a man to fish and you can send him away for a whole weekend!"

Another fun game to play at a bride-only shower is a purse scavenger hunt. Divide the guests up into teams and give them a list of items. Each item has a point value, and the more unlikely someone is to have the item in her purse, the higher the point value. Consider your guests when creating a list and be sure to have a gift for the team with the most points.

A more risque game just for girls, "Where's My Pajamas", is sure to add a personal element to your shower - without offending moms or aunts who may be at the party. It's also the perfect game for guests to get to know each other. Ask each guest to bring a brown bag that contains her favorite sleepwear. The bride then proceeds to guess who it belongs to. Whether it's an old T-shirt or a fancy nightgown, the guests will get an idea of the other guest's personality -

If you're throwing a co-ed wedding shower, a theme is a good idea. One of the most popular is a Stock the Bar shower. You can encourage guests to not only bring beverages like beer and wine, but also bar accessories such as wine racks, martini glasses and drink

Another creative co-ed shower game is "Candy Bar Poems." The host of the party places several items on a tray such as a Milky Way candy bar or a YooHoo wrapper. Candy bars work well, but you can use anything that comes to mind. After seeing the tray of items, each group must write a short poem about the bride and groom using the phrases on the tray. The poems are usually hilarious and they make good keepsakes for the bride and groom.

Whatever game you choose to play, keep it upbeat and happy, and remember to try and involve all of the guests, even the ones who are reluctant to bring their PJs.

(NAPSI) — Frank Sinatra's with an Asian-themed wedding, into a more colorful complecomplete with Asian buffet.

A California wedding featured a "pirate" theme. The bride wore a red brocade wench-style gown and carried a royal scepter of dark red roses.

Fresh flowers remain at the heart of the event. According to Florist magazine, the flowers are the second most important wedding element, after the bride's gown, and they consume about 10 percent of the wedding budget. Flowers can help establish a theme, such as sunflowers for a Western wedding, or evoke a mood, such as orchids and lilies for a tropical ambiance. The pirate wedding featured centerpieces of treasure chests overflowing with exotic flowers.

While the tradition of the white wedding gown will not see much change this season, the bride's bouquet is evolving

ment.

Bouquets of cream, blush and champagne are still a strong preference, but some brides are requesting bouquets of rich color, such as red roses, or bouquets with variations of one color.

Tones of pink, from pale to deep rose, golden yellow and hydrangea green are favorite choices this year, says Christopher Norwood, a floral designer in Little Rock, Ark.

The favorite flower choice continues to be roses-spray roses, garden roses and unique varieties. In California, commercial rose growers have developed a vast assortment of "boutique" roses with a wealth of choices among color, flower form and even fragrances to help brides come closer to the bouquet of their dreams.

Bouquet style is also chang-

ing. There is a move away from tight clumps of flowers toward looser, more natural, garden bouquets with a mixture of colors and types of flowers.

California-grown specialty flowers such as sweet peas, stock, freesia, lisianthus, and delphinium, along with fresh herbs and wispy grasses, enhance this look.

Bouvardia, snapdragon, astilbe and gerbera are choices that add bright color.

Today's weddings are limited only by the imagination, For more information on your dream flowers, visit the California Cut Commission's Web site at www.cefc.org. You can also write to the CCFC and request their free Easy Steps to Flower Arranging brochure,

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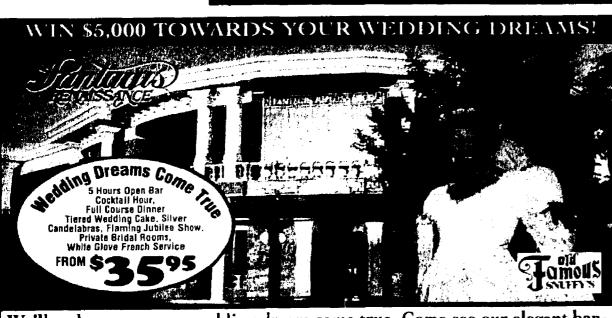
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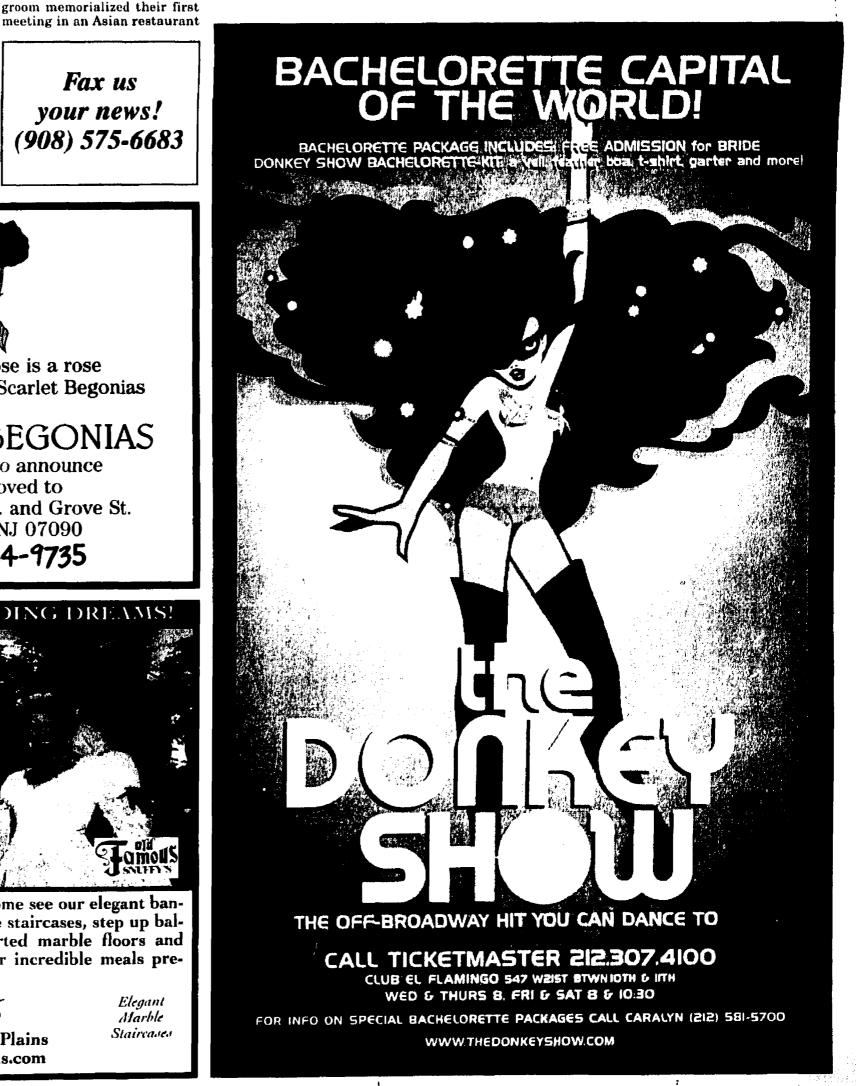
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Newlyweds: Do homework before buying a house

ried and dreaming about buying your first home? There are many questions to ask and decisions to make. Do you want to buy a condo or a house? How big of a home do you need? And, what financial considerations are there? For many couples, just saving for the down payment can seem like a significant obstacle.

"What most people don't realize is that the number of loan products available today makes it much easier to get into your first home," says Lori Vella, senior vice president of National Retail Lending at Washington Mutual, America's leading home lender. "What's important is that you discuss your financial situation with a loan consultant who can help you find the loan that is right for you."

When preparing to buy your first house, there are four simple steps in creating a successful homeownership plan," says Vella. "Get prepared financially, determine how much you can afford, determine how much you will use for your down payment and get prepared for the home search by figuring out what you want in a home. Do this and you'll be ready when you find that perfect home!"

Since many couples incur some debt along with their wedding, it's important to know that debt is one of the first things to manage when preparing to buy a home. Couples with too much debt may have a tough time qualifying for a home loan, and could also face higher interest rates, says Vella. "If you fall into a high debt category, don't worry; just make a plan for paying it down. A loan consultant can help you determine where your debt leyel should be relative to your

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right for them," says Vella. In general, there are four main factors that help determine how much you can afford to spend on a home: debt, income, available cash and the term of the loan.

Mortgage lenders also require that a combination of your mortgage payment plus other monthly debt payments be less than a certain percentage of your income (typically 40 percent of your total gross income). If you have high revolving credit balances or other monthly debt, this could limit the size of the mortgage you can get.

In general, most mortgage lenders require that your mortgage payment be less than a certain percentage of your monthly income. In many cases, your income will impact the size of the mortgage you can get, and how much house you can afford.

Unless you qualify for an affordable home loan, there is a good chance you'll need to save at least 5 percent of your down payment. The amount of available cash you have affects the

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have now opened their own Family

ation to find the loan that is rate, for example). Mortgage lenders have a responsibility to qualify you for a loan that you

can afford. Fixed rate mortgages typically come in 15, 30 or 40 year terms, and are ideal when interest rates are low and for homebuyers who want a set monthly payment. Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) usually offer a lower initial rate that adjusts periodically. A hybrid ARM can offer a fixed payment for a period of time prior to periodic adjustments. "It's really important that you spend some time with a loan consultant who can fully explain all these factors to help you choose the right loan for your particular situation. They will help you analyze such things as the time you plan to live in your home and whether you have income fluctuations, an annual bonus and other unique circumstances," says Vella.

"Flexibility of mortgages is more important than ever in helping first time homebuyers purchase every type of property. In New York, for example, flexible mortgage products can be used to buy co-op apartments or homes with a unit for the owner and one to three rental units, properties unique to this area's housing stock," says Naomi Bayer, Fannie Mae's New York Partnership Office Director."

Vella points out that how much you should contribute for a down payment depends on what you're trying to accomplish.

While many people prefer to have a 20 percent down payment to avoid private mortgage insurance, saving that amount can be a challenge and it takes longer to buy your home. Many lenders offer special loan products for those with less than 20 percent down payment as an alternative, such as Washington Mutual's Advantage 90, which allows for as little as 10 percent down. "The Advantage 90 is great because it doesn't require mortgage insurance, there are flexible guidelines which mean quick approval for the maximum loan amount you qualify for and you can choose from a variety of fixed and adjustable rate options."

While most home loans require at least a 5 percent down payment, "it's possible to get a loan with as little as 3 or 0 percent down if you fall into certain income categories," says Vella. "You should talk to a loan consultant even if you don't have a 5 percent down payment to find out if you qualify for an affordable loan product."

"It's a good idea to figure out

what you want in a home to help narrow down the search," says 2 Vella. Prioritize your needs. If you are handy around the house and interested in trying a remod- " el, an outdated kitchen or bath-in room might be okay. Will you be starting a family soon and need-11 ing an extra bedroom? Do you like to entertain, cook or garden?... What style of house appeals to both of you? "The word 'home' !! represents different things to different people," adds Vella, "knowing what 'home' means to you can make finding the right one much easier and fun.

Buying a home is usually one of the first things a couple plans! for as they prepare for the future together. And, homeownership is closer than ever with a few simple steps and working ! with a loan consultant to find !! the mortgage loan that's just "

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(NAPSI)-Not only is it one of Bessette, "ER's" Noah Wyle, famed designer Vera Wang and Karenna Gore, among othersunderstands all the details and nuances of wedding planning. He has been hailed as "the great wedding photographer of our day" by Town & Country magazine and shares a few simple tips to make your day picture perfect:

Start at the very beginning. Keep in mind that the photographer you choose for your wedding is responsible for documenting one of the most special days of your life. Before you begin

thinking about how you will look in the photos, be sure to hire a photographer who is well-recommended and someone who eases

Stay true to yourself. Your makeup should be as natural as possible on your wedding day. For best results, stick to an enhanced version of your everyday self, and never use a makeup artist that you haven't tested out beforehand.

Use the buddy system. Assign one of your attendants to be your on-site beauty assistant, and plan to touch up both hair and makeup midway through the event to keep your look fresh.

Remember that timing is everything. When you take your pictures is just as important as ?: where. Save the formal group m shots for immediately following X the ceremony-emotions and ... excitement are at their highest and expressions are clearly from 153 the heart.

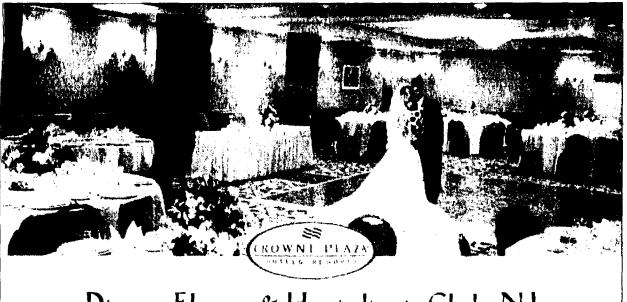
Avoid a color war. Color plays a major role in wedding photographs-everything from the flowers to the bridesmaids' dresses to the mother of the bride will be photographed together at least once during the day. Inform everyone of the color 🚚 scheme early on to avoid major clashes. It's not necessary to ! match, but blending and complementary hues will make your photos more beautiful.

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Even if you're not able to enlist the expertise of wedding photojournalist Denis Reggie to document your wedding day, you 👊 can follow his guidelines to making it picture perfect.

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Police to check car safety seats

MOUNTAINSIDE Children's Specialized Hospital will offer a free child car seat safety check in collaboration with the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program of the Union County Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28.

The program, funded by Allstate New Jersey and the Allstate Foundation, will take place in the front parking lot at Children's Mountainside facility, 150 New Providence Road.

Watercolor class offered Wednesdays

SUMMIT — Aspiring painters who want to learn more about painting with watercolors in a relaxed setting may study at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. Local artist Jutta Hagen teaches an eight-session watercolor course suitable for beginners and painters with more experience. The course features demonstrations, hands-on exercises and individual attention for each painter.

The watercolor class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays through Nov. 13. When the weather is pleasant, students are encouraged to paint landscapes on the grounds of the Arboretum.

The fee for Wednesday Watercolors is \$138. For more information, call (908) 273-8787.

B'nai Brith couples to tour New Hope

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will take a walking tour of New Hope, PA on Sunday, October 6 at 2 PM. Afterwards, the group will eat dinner at the Lambertville Station Restaurant, 11 Bridge Street, Lambertville, NJ.

Non-members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Elaine by October 4 at (908) 232-0062 for directions to the meeting place in New Hope,

JCC sponsoring single parent group

SCOTCH PLAINS -- The JCC of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Ave., is currently accepting registration for the Single Parent Support Group that is scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Thursday, Oct.

Now in its second year, this group gives single parents an opportunity to meet every other week for eight sessions with a professional facilitator. Meet new friends and gain insights in a supportive environment.

Adult participants are invited to bring their children who will have the opportunity to meet separately to develop dialogue and express themselves.

Snacks will be provided and there will be time allotted after the meeting for socialization. Social events will be planned throughout the year.

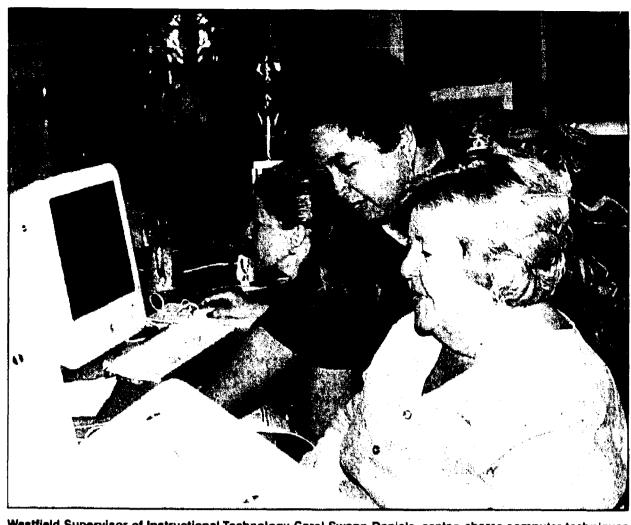
For more information, call Jodi Baxter at (908) 889-8800 ext. 235.

Craft fair will benefit poor, homeless

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — The Little Flower Church Social Concerns Committee will hold its 11th annual crafts fair to benefit the homeless and poor of Union County Oct. 18-19.

A large assortment of handcrafted items for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, as well as other seasonal merchandise, will be on sale. Also featured will be country crafts of wood, patriotic items, wall and door ornaments, a children's specialty shop and homemade baked goods.

The fair will take place at the Berkeley Heights Community Center at 29 Park Ave. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 18 and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 19. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.



Westfield Supervisor of Instructional Technology Carol Swann-Daniels, center, shares computer techniques with McKinley School teacher Susan McClelland, front, and Jefferson School teacher Wendy Hahn.

New computers, training to bring improved instruction to Westfield Public Schools

WESTFIELD — More than 150 new computers were placed in the Westfield Public Schools for the start of the school year, allowing both students and teachers to take advantage of new technological tools and software to enhance curriculum at all grade levels.

At Westfield High School, 40 replacement PCs have been installed in the mathematics lab, open lab and social studies

At the elementary level, five eMac computers are ready for use in each one of the 22 fifthgrade classrooms. Fifth grade classroom software includes "Inspiration" (visual software for organizing any material), software for student slide shows and web page creation, and social studies and math materi-

At the intermediate schools, mobile workstations replaced older computers. Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools each now have two wireless labs for a total of 30 student laptops per school, with access to two wireless printers and three projectors per school.

"This is a more cost-effective replacement method than leasing stationary computers," said Swann-Daniels, Supervisor of Instructional Technology. "They were tested on a 'try-and-buy' basis."

The wireless labs will be share by the social studies, world languages and mathematics departments. A total of 65 teachers in these departments also received laptops, which can connect to the new televisions

and VCRs that have also been purchased for the schools.

Also at the intermediate level, each special education classroom received two new eMac computers and printers.

To make sure the new technology is effectively integrated with the curriculum, about 80 teachers participated in 15 technology training workshops led by Swann-Daniels over the summer, and department supervisors will work closely with teachers during the school year.

We have made real progress in realizing the vision and specifics of the Technology Plan," said Swann-Daniels, "We are nearing the ideal marriage of technology and instructional excellence.

Recycle household special waste items at county collections

SUV but don't know how to get rid of the old oil?

Have a Walkman that goes through a lot of batteries quick-

Finished painting your house and found out you had a lot of paint left over?

Bring 'em all to the "Household Special Waste" collection drive 8 a.m.-2 p.m. tomorrow at Carl H. Kumpf School in

Oil-based paint, varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, swimming pool chemicals, cleaner, pesticides, herbicides, solvent, paint thinner, fire extinguishers, used motor oil, used oil filters, gasoline, car batteries, household batteries, thermostats, mercury switches and fluorescent light bulbs are accepted.

All items brought to the collection drive should be in clearly marked containers.

Latex paint will not be accept-

Change your own oil in your ed; dispose of it with your regular

Separately, you can get rid of your old computers, electronics and car tires between noon-6 p.m. Thursday at Warinanco Park in Roselle.

Monitors, hard drives, key-' boards, modems, CPUs, mouses, printers, scanners, speakers, TV sets, VCRs, fax machines and circuit boards will be accepted on Thursday, Refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, microwave ovens and air conditioners will not be accepted.

At both locations, proof of Union County residency is required. Businesses are not wel-

For directions and full information, visit www.unioncountynj.org/oem or phone (908) 654-

Both recycling programs are sponsored by the Union County Bureau of Environmental

Deadlines loom for unregistered voters

Residents looking ahead to the Nov. 5 general election are reminded this week of two important deadlines in October.

Oct. 7 is the last day to file new voter registration forms and still participate in the 2002 election. New Jersey election laws require voter rolls to be finalized 30 days in advance of Election Day, and new registration forms received after that date will not qualify voters for the November contest. Registration is simple, fast and convenient.

Civilian voters who intend to apply for absentce ballots for the November election should also note that the deadline for applications by mail is up to seven days prior to an election.

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained by contacting the; Elections Division of the County Clerk's Office at (908) 527-4360, After Oct. 29 voters may still

obtain absentee ballots, but they must apply in person at the County Clerk's Office at 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth.

For the second straight year, Union County voters who do pick up absentee ballots in person will be able to drop off completed ballots at the clerk's office. Previously, voters had to drive across town to the Board of Elections offices. County, Clerk Joanne Rajoppi

said the change was designed to increase voter turnout and make voting more convenient.

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Attempted theft thwarted by store manager

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Quick Chek reported a shoplifting incident in which a suspect ran out the store when the manager confronted him. The manager was able to grab the suspect's backpack, which contained 32 boxes of aspirin. The incident was captured on surveillance video.

Three residents of Stony Brook Circle and an Inverness Drive resident reported their vehicles were broken into early morning on Sept. 15. Numerous items were stolen, including money, a cell phone and two check books. A juvenile suspect was taken into custody.

Checks were taken from a resident in the 1900 block of Grand Street on Sept. 9. No forced entry was reported.

A cell phone was taken from a student at Union County Vo-Tech during the day on Sept. 10.

, An Old Farm Road resident reported damage done to a shutter on the house by a brick sometime ${\bf overnight\ on\ Sept.\ 9}.$

Police Log

A power tool and personal items were reported taken from a vehicle parked in the 500 block of Park Avenue overnight on Sept. 11.

A Gales Court resident reported on Sept. 12 someone used his identity to secure credit cards and make fraudulent charges.

A Channing Avenue woman reported someone used her identity to secure a Home Depot credit

WESTFIELD

Claudia Wiggins of 810 E. Sixth St. in Plainfield was charged with shoplifting and possession of burglary tools at Lord & Taylor Sept.

Scotch Plains resident Nonna Kopyl was charged with shoplifting at the same store the next day.

A town resident reported a burglary and theft to his motor vehicle

block of Harding Road Sept. 9.

Rimgaudas Songaila of 633 Willow Ave. in Garwood was charged with driving while intoxi-

Diamond Clark of 1255 Oxford Ave. in Plainfield and Arielle Warren of 310 Moffett Ave., warrants out of Westfield and

business reported her locker was entered and \$300 was taken on Sept. 10.

Stanley F. Budd of 428 Palsted Ave. was picked up on a contempt of court warrant on West South Avenue on Sept. 10. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

A Marcellus Drive resident reported that a check book and some jewelry were removed from her safe on Sept. 14. She discovered the items missing after a repairman left her home.

A Bates Way resident reported that her 2002 Honda Van was unlawfully entered and her purse, containing credit cards, her identification and \$200 was taken.

Criminal mischief to a 1996 Nissan Van parked at Drug Fair on 228 North Ave. East was reported on Sept. 11.

A burglary and theft was reported to a apartment on Elm. Street on Sept. 11. It was unknown what is missing at press

Town police arrested numerous people on outstanding warrants.

John Roane of Cranford was picked up on a warrant out of Pleasantville.

Carl Harrigfeld of Westfield was picked up in Mindowaskin Park on a contempt of court warrant out of Scotch Plains Sept. 11, while town resident Gregory Shaffer was picked up on a warrant out of Rahway the next day. Shaffer was released after posting

And Brenda Petterway of Westfield was picked up on an active local warrant.

A criminal attempt to gain entry to a residence in the 100 block of Cambridge Road was reported Sept. 12.

Miguel A. Cruz III of 130 Livingston St. posted \$590 on two traffic warrants by Manalapan Court Sept. 12.

On Sept. 14, a Farley Avenue Fanwood resident reported she dropped a \$299 money order at her insurance company on Grove Street and the company reported they never received it.

Briefs

Oct. 10 golf tournament to benefit Arc of Union

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

Proceeds benefit programs. for mentally retarded people throughout the county. Lastyear's event drew more than 80 golfers, according to a press release from the Plainfield-, based agency. Sponsorships are

For registration, e-mail poneill@arcunion.org or phones (908) 754-7826.

Historical Society kicks off season with coverlets'

FANWOOD — The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood holds its first meeting for the season 8 p.m. Tuesday in the railroad station on North;

Peggy Foy of Scotch Plains: speaks about "Wonderful Woven Coverlets: The New Jersey Story." Many weavers in the early 19th century crafted coverlets that helped keep people warm. Several styles of coverlets are included in her presen-

Foy and her husband, John,' are antiques dealers and teach classes on antiques in adult schools across the state.

The public is invited and: refreshments will be served. For more information, phone: President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

Children's storytime on tap at Fanwood libary

FANWOOD - Fall storytimes at the Fanwood Memorial Library on North Avenue begin the week of Sept. 30.

Two storytimes require registration: one for boys and girls 3 years old, another for boys and girls 4-5 years old. Registration is required at the library beginning 10:30 a.m. tomorrow and ending 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

A third storytime is for children 2 years old accompanied! by a parent or caregiver. Registration takes place as part of orientation 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Also, a family storytime for boys and girls of all ages will run 5:30 p.m. Monday. Children 4 and under must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Fanwood residents receive priority on registration. For full information, phone (908) 322-1

Sunday is Missionary Day at Baptist Church

SCOTCH PLAINS Missionary Ministry Day is 4 p.m. Sunday at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse

Dr. Odessa McNeil from the Agape Family Worship Center in Rahway is the guest speaker. Missionaries from other churches have been invited.

For more information, phone, (9080-232-6972. The public is

College Club to meet Monday for yoga session

FANWOOD — The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains' meets 7:30 p.m. Monday at UnitedTrust, 45 S. Martine Ave. "Yoga for All" follows 8:15

p.m. with a leader from the Yoga and Healing Center. The public is invited; dress is casu-

For more information, phone. (908) 233-4027.



while it was parked in the 100 Fanny Wood comes to borough Sept. 29

FANWOOD - Fanny Wood, Fanwood's favorite lady will be stepping out to strut her stuff on Sunday, Sept. 29. The seventh annual Fanny Wood Day will be held at Martine and South avenues in downtown Fanwood. The event begins at noon and continues until 5 p.m.

"I want to invite all of our neighbors and friends of all ages to join us for a fun afternoon at our Fanny Wood Day street fair to'take advantage of the vendors, rides, food, and live entertainment," said Fanwood Mayor

Louis Jung. There is a full slate of musical entertainment this year, beginning at 12:30 with the Bantry Boys, an Irish folk music group. At 1:30, local legend Al Madison will perform traditional Delta Blues and folk ballads accompanjed by harmonica and guitar, followed by Fanwood's own Terri Cerritto singing patriotic songs at 2:45. The Celebration Singers

will provide a mix of Broadway Show and patriotic tunes beginning at 3:15 and an all female barbershop quartet, the Sweet Adelines, will complete the musi-cal program at 4 p.m.

This year, Enchantments, a local store on South Avenue, is again sponsoring a contest for Little Miss Fanny Wood. Girls interested in participating should meet downtown at 3 p.m. For more information on the contest, call Helen at (908) 322-

In addition to the music program and contest, there will be a craft and vendor fair and other entertainment. "There's lots of fun for children, including a rock climbing wall, pony rides, a trackless train ride, an inflatable moon walk, and the fire truck slide," said Jung.

The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 6. The afternoon event is coordinated by the Fanny Wood Day Committee.

cated Sept. 10.

Plainfield were charged as disorderly persons after a fight on Sept. 9. Warren was also arrested on South Plainfield.

A bike was stolen from the Westfield Library on 550 E. Broad St. The bicycle was a metallic green Trek Mountain model valued at \$600.

And a Cumberland Street resident reported on Sept. 14 his white Trek Mountain bike was removed from the rack at the South Avenue train station after the bike lock

An employee of a South Avenue



Serving the community

Raymond Jajko, left, was recently inducted as new president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. A successful businessman, Jajko has been an active volunteer with many church and youth organizations and has served as president of Prevention Links, Inc., a nonprofit organization that works to prevent alcohol and substance abuse. At right is past Rotary President Nell Shembre.

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Registration open for JCC senior programs

Senior Adult department at Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., is accepting registration for the following pro-

Restaurant Review - 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. Dine with others in a local restaurant and then critique the service, food and atmosphere. Reservations are made through the JCC and participants meet at the restaurant. Participants are responsible for their own expenses and transportation, RSVP by

--- H a.m. Friday, Oct. 11. The performance by Rick Berger and friends blends ventriloquism, singing and humor to emphasize that it's never too late to develop new skills and pursue new goals. Audience participation is encouraged and becomes an integral part of the show. Brunch will be served. Registration deadline is Friday, Fee: \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot or for more information call Nan Statton, director of Adult and Senior Services, at (908) 889-8800, extension 207.

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Used CDs, videos on sale at library Sept. 28

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library are holding a used CD sale to coincide with Scotch Plains Day.

Sale hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Municipal Building on Park Avenue. VHS videos and Books on Tape also will be offered.

Donations of CDs, videos and Books on Tape for the sale are welcome. Bring them to the Bartle Avenue library 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today, tomorrow or Sept. 23-27. Home videos and programs taped off the air will not be accepted.

Westfield program offers Internet skills

WESTFIELD - Not savvy enough to handle the Internet? If you hold a Westfield Memorial Library card, you can learn Internet skills in any of

three classes. "Help! I'm in a Book Discussion Group" 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Sept. 28. Learn how to look up titles, author biographies and literary criticism.

"Job Searching on the ternet" runs 7-8:30 p.m. Internet" runs Monday, Sept. 30.

All programs are in the library at 550 E. Broad St. Pre-registration is required; phone (908) 789-

Printer cartridges can be recycled in town

FANWOOD - If you use inkjet or laser cartridges in your printer, you know how messy it can be when the cartridges are empty and have to be replaced.

You can now recycle those empties where you live: The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association is collecting used inkjet and laser cartridges on a test basis.

Bring the empty cartridges, preferably in their original boxes, to the recycling center on North Avenue. All the empties will be refilled for resale.

For more information, phone Bob Sommerich at (908) 889-1891 or Alan Ebersole at (908) 889-

The Recycling Association has 22 participating organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, school groups, the Lions Club and the Women's Club. Each participating group earns money for its activities by selling items that are brought to the recycling center.

Open house scheduled at women's center

SCOTCH PLAINS - The public is invited 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday to an open house at the Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St.

New programs announced as part of the open house. Schedules will be available and refreshments will be served.

Volunteers are especially needed; phone (908) 322-6007.

Cats, dogs can receive free rabies inoculation

SCOTCH PLAINS - A free rabies clinic for local cats and dogs is Saturday, Sept. 28 in the firehouse behind the Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave.

Cats may be brought in 8-9 a.m. Each cat must be in a carrier and accompanied by an adult.

Dogs may be brought in 9-10 a.m. Each dog must be on a leash or in a carrier, accompanied by an

For more information, phone (908) 322-6700, Ext. 309.



Soaring high

Westfield residents Richard Brautigam, left, and Michael Kazazis became the newest Eagle Scouts in Boy Scout Troop 72 in a June 3 ceremony at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield. To obtain the highest rank in scouting Brautigam and Kazazis each obtained at least 21 merit badges in the area of citizenship, family life, communications and first aid, among others. Brautigam also helped to stabilize and renovate the stone basement walls of the United Fund building located at the Westfield train station, while for his community project, Kazazis designed and built a paver garden pathway at Franklin Elementary School.

Rail coalition meets Monday in Westfield

WESTFIELD - Jack DiSarro, Senior Operations Planner, Rail Service Planning with NJ Transit Corp., will address the next meeting of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Monday, Sept. 23, starting at 8:15 a.m. in the Town of Westfield Court Room located at 425 East Broad St. A short question-and-answer session will follow his presentation.

DiSarro will unveil the longawaited and highly anticipated operating plan and train schedule for the soon-to-open Union Station. The new Union Station is scheduled for completion in December 2002 with rail service beginning in January 2003.

Union Station is a \$27-million, center-island station that will provide rail service to the 50,000 residents of Union Township and surrounding towns for the first time. The project includes a new station building, center-island platform, 500 parking spaces, retail space, a new rail bridge over Morris Avenue and fully ADA-compliant rail station facili-

serve an additional 800 passen- 1749, gers a day. It will provide new rvrc@co.somerset.nj.us.

increased access University, Schering-Plough and other corporations located along Morris Avenue in Union. The station also is part of a larger transit-village project that will bring 50 new town homes, a new long-stay hotel, restaurant and additional small retail/commercial space and 1,097 total new parking spaces to the area.

There is free parking for the Sept. 23 meeting in the Town of Westfield Municipal Building parking lot behind and on the side of the Town of Westfield Municipal Building. Street parking also is available on the west side of the municipal building. Public transit access is a short walk from NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Westfield train station, and from NJ Transit bus routes. For NJ Transit bus and rail schedule and fare information, call 1-800-772-2222 or visit www.njtransit.com.

For more information about the meeting and directions, contact Kenneth Wedeen, RVRC staff person, at (908) 231-7000, The station is projected to ext. 7239, by fax at (908) 707-

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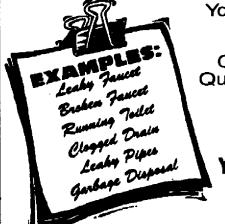
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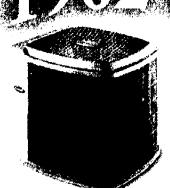
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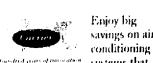
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Sports

Raiders defeat Devils in 'dominating' style

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Relying on its always stingy defense and taking advantage of its scoring opportunities the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team posted a 3-0 victory over Westfield in the first meeting of the season between the two arch

Scotch Plains improved to 2-0, after shutting out Ridge 1-0 Saturday, while the Blue Devils dropped to 1-1. The Raiders host Cranford 4 p.m. today and travel to Kinnelon for a 7 p.m. contest tomorrow.

Westfield travels to East Brunswick 4 p.m. today and will host Elizabeth 4 p.m. Monday before traveling to Kearny for a 4 p.m. rematch of last year's Group

4 semifinal Wednesday. "It was a good win," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Tom Breznitsky, "We've had the better of Westfield for the last several years, but I don't think we've won one as convincingly for as long as I can remember. It was a pretty dominating performance."

"I thought we were outplayed." said Westfield Head Coach George Kapner. "They were ready to play and we weren't ready to play. We did some good things, but by no means did we outplay them at any point in this match."

The Raiders controlled play early on and got on the board in the 17th minute when Ryan Breznitsky blasted a free kick from 35 yards out through the Westfield wall and into the lower right corner of the net.

Westfield finally shook off their bus legs and began possessing the ball for longer stretches of time for the final 20 minutes off the first half but couldn't capitalize on any of its scoring opportunities against the defensiveminded Scotch Plains unit, ending the half trailing 1-0.

In the second half Westfield stepped up its play more, and generated better scoring chances but was unable to get a foot on the ball several times inside the box. The play began to get more chippy and tempers began to rise, resulting in several yellow cards handed out to the Raiders during the second half.

Taylor Cole, who picked up one of the cards, came off the bench and quickly scored on a move along the right side of the box in the 60th minute to pad the Raiders lead at 2-0. Westfield began pushing most of its players up, desperately trying to get on the board and the Raiders capitalized in the 71st minute when Billy Alibizati blasted a 25 yard shot past Westfield's keeper.

"(Alibizati) strikes the ball well, and is an opportunistic type of guy," said Breznitsky. "He's impressed us quite a bit and has worked his tail off to win a starting position.

"What I liked here was the fact that we put a few numbers on the board. We're good in the goal and in the back. Our backs and midfield are strong, I was concerned about up front but today we were able to put a few in."

While Westfield gave up three goals, overall its defense played well. Dan Kane and Brendan Egan did a good job slowing down the Scotch Plains counter attack while Andrew Tucker was solid marking up on Cole. Lee Tomasso was also strong in the midfield



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS Westfield's Paul Cognetti controls the ball in front of Scotch Plains' Terrence Charles Tuesday. The Raiders defeated Westfield 3-0 in their

for the Devils.

first meeting of the season.

"I thought our defense played great," said Kapner. "I thought the four backs and the keepers did their job. We just had brenkdowns. The wall broke down, the second goal one player broke down, and then we were pushing up. (Scotch Plains) did their job,

waited for an opportunity, buried one and kudos to them."

"We played very, very well in the first match. But we didn't play very well today. The key to me is how we play Friday and if we can bounce back from a bad performance. We're definitely not as bad as we played today."

Adams ignites SP rout

A crop of new faces opened the season with an impressive performance, but it was another sturdy effort from a veteran player and a dominating performance from the defense that led the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team to a 34-7 victory over East Side Saturday.

Kyle Adams, last year's leading rusher, paced the offensive attack with 121 yards rushing and three touchdowns as the Raiders opened up a 27-0 halftime lead and led 34-0 after three quarters.

Lakeem Lockery carried seven times for 73 yards, quarterback Michael Walker had four carries for 26 yards, Travis Boff had one carry for 17 yards and Roland Adeyemo had four runs for 17 yards as the Raiders amassed 334 yards in total offense. Josh Wexler had the lone 72 yard reception, a halfback pass from

"I think we played outstand-

See Adams, page C-3

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LeBlanc leading **Devils**

By DANIEL MURPHY RECORD-PRESS

With weapons at spread out across the court and a setter taking command of the offense the Westfield High volleyball team is

hoping to return to the top of

Union County this fall.

The Blue Devils have raced out to a strong start, winning their first two matches and finishing in the top-eight at the highly competitive Northern Valley Invitational Demarest Tournament in Saturday, Westfield hosts Linden 4 p.m. today and will square off with Rahway 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The Devils strong start comes as little surprise with the return of four starters and the powerful hitting of senior Nikki LeBlanc. LeBlanc has led the Devils in kills in their first two matches, tallying eight a season opening sweep of Kent Place and six more in a three set victory over East Brunswick Tuesday, while putting on an impressive showing in Demarest. She also posses the Devils top serve, registering three aces against Kent Place and four more against East Brunswick.

"She's definitely one of the top players in the county," said Head Coach Bev Torok. "Her and Jennifer Monroy of Union Catholic stand out the most.'

She's also not the only LeBlanc who can put the ball away for Westfield. Her sister, junior Jackie LeBlanc, is also a dangerous weapon the Devils have at their disposal at the other outside hitter position. Both LeBlancs also serve as Westfield's primary passers.

Cari Rock and Lisa Venezia serve as the middle blockers and add two more viable options to Westfield's offense.

The one making it all happen is junior setter Sophie Hall. She's stepped right into the starting position after playing with the junior varsity last season and has shown all the tools necessary to run a variety of attacks and spread the ball around to all of Westfield's hitters.

"She's really mixing it up a lot," said Torok. "She has quite a number of sets, she's very good on the block. She can do it all. She's taking command out there. I'm pleasantly surprised with how she's been able to put it all together with the team. They're all working

well as a group."

Jill Woodbury McMahon get the call playing the opposite position, with Maggie Curran and Christie Jensen scoop-

ing balls up on defense. We seem to be putting it all together," said Torok. "We gained a lot of knowledge and experience last year. We've got a great centerpiece in Nikki, and if team's compensate for her too much we can go to other people."



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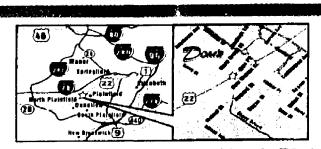
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Devils looking to be tops in county

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

The Westfield High girls cross country team will be the target once again of everyone in the county, while the Blue Devils boys squad is looking to take aim at the top two teams in it's path.

The girls squad got off to a strong start, finishing fourth at the St. Dominic's Cross Country Invitational Saturday and winning it's 80th consecutive dual meet Tuesday, 19-36 over Scotch Plains. The boys squad didn't do as well, falling to the Raiders 23-34. Both squads will be at Warmanco Park Saturday for the class meet and will take on Cranford Tuesday.

While many teams may look at the Westfield girls squad and see a team vulnerable for the first time in a long time, the Devils are determined to maintain their firm grip on all of the local awards. County titles and seven straight conference titles and are confident they have what it takes to hold on to both of them.

"We're a young team in terms of experience," said Head Coach Tom Hornish. "As a result it will be more of a challenge — not to say it wont be a good season, but we'll have to work a harder."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils will be senior Kathleen Salmon, who placed first Tuesday in 21:09 and 15th overall Saturday in 22:38.38. Carolyn Harbaugh figures to be towards the front of the Westfield lineup, after scoring their top finish Saturday, 10th in

But Westfield will rely heavily on running as a pack with senior Michelle Madorma, senior Sara Ackerman, juniro Melissa Richey, junior Deenie Quinn, junior Irina Sheremetyeva and junior Ariel Garfinkel rounding out the lineup.

They've won 11 straight Union Junior Mary-Kate Maher should also provide depth to the Blue Devil lineup.

"We have a good solid group of runners," said Hornish. "But we're not going to be able to bully our way through the way we have in the past. We have to work hard and run as a pack. With the depth we have we have the ability to rise to the occasion. It should be a good season."

The Scotch Plains and Cranford boys squads have battled it out atop the conference and the county the past few seasons, but the Blue Devils hope to make that a three-way tussle this fall. With a deep squad and experienced runners leading the way Westfield hopes to be able to challenge both clubs when the championship season heats up in October.

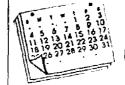
Dan Driscoll and Charlie Healy lead the way for Westfield, serving as co-captains. Sophomore Josh McMahon, junior John Boyd and seniors Matt Azzerra, Dan Rea, Kris Kagan, Michael Gorski and Alexis Gonzalez round out the top of the lineup.

McMahon finished fourth overall Tuesday in 18:11, with Gonzalez taking sixth in 18:22, Boyd seventh in 18:26, Kagen eighth in 18:30, Driscoll ninth in 18:41 and Healy 10th in 19:03.

The Blue Devils hope with more race experience they'll be able to make up the difference with the Raiders later in the season when it matters most.

"I think down the road we're going to be pretty good," said Head Coach Jack Martin. "We have a lot of untested kids, but they're working pretty hard. I think we'll be a much better team in October.

"When you have 60 kids you're going to be good. We just have to get them in shape and get them ready to compete against Cranford and Scotch Plains.



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted) FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

Football Westfield at Cranford, 7 Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 7 Boys Soccer Westfield at East Brunswick, 4 Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4 Girls Soccer Westfield vs. East Brunswick, 4

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Scotch Plains vs. East Side Union 4 Tennis Westfield vs. Elizabeth, 4 Scotch Plains vs. East Side, 4 Gymnastics

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Lessner, Cocoziello lead Blue Devils past Randolph

The Westfield High football team kicked off the season in grand fashion with a convincing road-victory Randolph Friday night.

Holding on to a slim 3-0 lead in the third quarter Andrew Lessner, who's 22-yard field goal gave Westfield the lead, recovered a fumble forced by Pat Daly in the end zone to boost the lead to 10-0. Junior quarterback Jan Cocoziello picked off a pass, then scored on a two-yard touchdown run to give the Blue Devils a 17-0 lead 3:22 left in the final quar-

Westfield piled up 282 yards in total offense, led by Mike DeFazio's 70 yards on 11 carries. Daly had 46 yards on 13 carries, Tyshon Blackman ran eight times for 27 yards and Cocoziello rushed 11 times for 13 yards.

Cocoziello also completed 8 of 14 passes for 122 yards, with tight end Brian Butts hauling in three passes for 87 yards.

"It was a win," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "We went there to win and that's what we did. We had a lot of young kids playing their first game. We did some things well, but we also made lot of mistakes. If we can get those things fixed we can get a lot better. It was a good way to start."

The Devils will take on Cranford 7 p.m. tonight, as the Cougars use their brand new lights for the first time. Westfield edged Cranford 14-7 in overtime last season and it could shape up into another hard fought, tight game again this season. Cranford fell to Shabazz 27-14 Saturday.

"They're an improved team," Tranchina. "They're well balanced. They have good size.

Westfield said It'll probably be

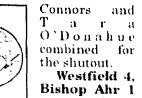
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a very, very close game again."

GIRLS SOCCER

Westfield was concerned about it's ability to score goals this season, but so far it hasn't been a problem.

The Blue Devils improved to 2-0 with a 5-0 victory over Scotch Plains Tuesday as four different players scored. Susan Williams led the way with two goals and an assist. Laura Schelman scored her second of the season, and Beth Mokrauer and Pryce Gaynor each added goals. Megan



Williams and the Blue Devils raced out to a quick start to the season, defeating Bishop Ahr 4-1 Sept. 12.

Williams, last year's leading scorer, recorded a hat trick and Laura Schelman scored once.

FIELD HOCKEY

Westfield slipped to 0-3 to start the season, falling to Oak Knoll 4-1 Tuesday, Tracy Rood has the lone goal for the Blue Devils.

Voorhees 1, Westfield 0 -Mollie Gibbons stopped 16 shots

Connors and but Voorhees slipped one by two Jackie LeBlanc had four kills minutes into the second half to and three aces and Sophie Hall | Westfield | (0-2) | 1-0 drop Saturday.

East Brunswick Westfield 0 — Mollie Gibbons made 14 saves for Westfield, but the Blue Devils were unable to generate much offense in a 2-0 loss to East Brunswick Friday.

VOLLEYBALL

Westfield topped East Brunswick 15-2, 12-15, 15-2 Tuesday to improve to 2-0. Sophie Hall and 13 assists while Nikki LeBlane and Cari Rock combined for 10 kills and seven

Westfield def. Kent Place **15-6**, **15-5** — Nikki LeBlanc had eight kills and three aces to guide Westfield to a 15-6, 15-5 victory over Kent Place Friday.

had 14 assists and three kills for the Devils.

BOYS SOCCER

Westfield fell to Scotch Plains 3-0 Tuesday, See C-1.

Westfield 2, St. Peter's 0 -Billy Schultz scored twice and Gil Arbitsman made four saves to lift the Blue Devils to a 2-0 victory over St. Peter's Friday.

Schultz scored on a free kick in the first half and on a penalty kick in the second half.

TENNIS

West Orange swept the doubles matches to edge Westfield 3-2 Sept. 12. Danielle Coleman scored a 6-0, 6-1 win at first singles and Jessica Bender won 6-2, 6-1 at third singles.

Adams ignites SP rout

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ing defense," said Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "Our first team defense held them to minus-11 yards. Offensively we're still struggling, but we were able to score some points. We're still trying to get our offensive identity. It will work, but it may take some time."

Adeyemo put the Raiders on the board first returning a fumble five yards for a touchdown, then Walker scampered 18 yards for a touchdown to put the Raiders up 13-0 after one quar-

Adams scored twice in the second quarter, on runs of one and nine yards, to build a 27-0 halftime lead. Adams scored again on a run of three yards in the third period for the final Scotch Plains points. Josh Wexler kicked three extra points and David Baumwoll added one

Scotch Plains will look to go 2-0 when it battles Shabazz 7 p.m. tonight in Newark. It should be a battle between two of the top running backs in the conference ' as the Raiders will again rely on Adams and the Bulldogs will rely almost exclusively on standout back Amir Pinnix.

"Pinnix is very good," said 3-0 win Tuesday. See C-1.

Ciccotelli. "He's a Division I player and it's going to be a challenge to stop him. They've got great team speed on defense. We have

our work cut out for us. "I love the heart of this team. They work hard and play hard. We have a good group of kids who are very physical and play

Shabazz rode the legs off Pinnix to a 27-14 victory over Cranford Saturday. Cranford led 7-6 at the half before Pinnix exploded for 150 second half yards and three touchdowns, including scoring runs of 48 and 42 yards. The Bulldogs amassed little offense outside of Pinnix, who carried 43 times for 182 yards. He was also a dominating force at outside linebacker against Cranford. Scotch Plains defeated Shabazz twice last season. 27-6 in the season opener and 33-6 in the first round of the playoffs.

TENNIS

The Raiders swept Cranford without dropping a set Friday. Karina Botliboym and Joanna Rosenberg led the sweep with a 6-0, 6-0 win at first doubles.

BOYS SOCCER

Scotch Plains knocked off arch rival Westfield with a convincing



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS Travis Boff was part of a dominating defensive unit for Scotch Plains that held East Side to negative yardage and scored a touchdown

Scotch Plains 1, Ridge 0 -Sean McNelis put home the rebound of a Ryan Breznitsky shot with five minutes left in the first half to lift Scotch Plains to a 1-0 victory over Ridge Saturday.

Ricky Fleissner posted the shutout with seven saves.

GIRLS SOCCER

Scotch Plains fell to Westfield 5-0 Tuesday and will look to get on the winning track today when it travels to Cranford.

Pingry 5, Scotch Plains 0 The Raiders suffered a 5-0 setback to Pingry Saturday.

SPORTSCENE

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LIGHTNING TRIUMPH If strange weather breeds strange games then perhaps that helps explain Sunday's bizaire sea son opener between the Scotch Plains Lightning Ut3 Guls Soccer team and the Edison Unite

Independence won by the flightning 5-4. The game was a rematch of teams that a week nation had battled to a tense 0.0 tio at the Piscalaway fournament decided 1.0 on penalty kicks. The Lightning figured to be at disadvantage this time because they would be missing goalie Bachel Parker, so instrumental in the earlier game. Even more omnous than the opposition was the weather forecast which forced the fearns to have an alternate field to play at in case the rain get too. forrential. Thirty minutes before the game was to start the rain pelied the field but almost as an omen the son come out as the game was too stud-

Only two minutes into the game Angelica Glover served notice that this game would be different by converting a long pass, from Cathy Harley into a spectacular breakaway goal Glover showed remarkable patience placing the ball high into the middle of the goal as the Edson goalie never left her line. Only minutes later Gloverwas sprung free again by an excellent through pass by Javonoi Costello. This time the Edison goaler came out to try and stop Glover but assved a split second late. and Glover had her second goal for a 2-0 lead. The collision left Glover slightly brussed but the Edison. goalie needed Emergency presonnel to remove her from the field to an autholance, slopping the gaine for 25 minutes.

Edison quickly out into the least several min ntes after resumption converting on a penalty kick The ball ended almost right after that containing perhaps 45 minutes of game action and 25 min utos of stoppage time. With the weather shill coop. erating the hightning increased their cushion in the second half with two goals that originaled off the strong right foot of Cathy Hailey On her first direct kick the Edison goalle was unable to hold onto the ball and Joanna Naugle alertly lipped it in Five minutes later the goalie was unable to catch another hard Harley kick that made it 4-1.

Costello, a standout on delense showed her oftensive skill by converting a pass from Kristen And as the game ended and the players and fans

went to the safety of their automobiles the sky linally opened up and it poured. Although giving up their first goal of the year on a debatable hand ball the Lightning defense romained unyleiding. Cloubes Judyn Lazarus, Britany Biondi and Hadey combined to fill in well for Parker.

The defensive wall of Alyssa Stranlero , Costello and Maria Pia Rivero, melded with fine midfield play by Katie Comacchia, Nina Brownstone and Heather Rodriguez and fine performances by Jessica Nagourney, Rachel Kreyer, Joanna Naugle and Cheryl Monteiro. The Lightning play again on Sunday September 22 at the Central New Tidalwaye

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Roosevelt School announces 2001-02 student awards

of the 2001-2002 school year, the following recognitions were presented to these Roosevelt Intermediate School students:

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Allopenna/Franzen The Language Arts Award — pre-sented to Brian Burdulia, Kevin Devaney and Katherine Itz.

(Nada Allopenna taught reading at Roosevelt School from 1970-1980. The award is given to a student(s) who demonstrates a commitment to reading. Carol Franzen taught language arts and reading at Roosevelt School from 1961student(s) who have demonstrated the most improvement

WESTFIELD - At the close in language arts during the year.)

> The Cueman/Veit Social Studies Award -- presented to Ravenna Neville and Anne Wu.

(Mary Cueman taught U.S. history at Roosevelt School from 1978-1986. This award is given to a student(s) based on scholarship, courage, integrity, service and enthusiasm, all qualities that Cueman exhibited in her teaching. Richard Veit taught geography and ancient and medieval history at Roosevelt School from 1961 to 1985 and was department supervisor from 1962-1976. This award is given to a student(s) who has demon-1968. The award is given to a strated the highest achievement and scholarship in the study of Western civilization.)

The Kashuba Science Award - presented to Mike Ruskin and Caitlin Jennings.

(Matthew Kashuba spent 23 years at Roosevelt School. He taught science from 1950-1958, served as department supervisor from 1953-1973, and assistant principal during 1958-59. This award is given to a student(s) who shows the greatest improvement in science and to a student who demonstrates the most enthusiasm in the science pro-

The MacRitchie Technology Award --- presented to Jeff Thomashaw.

(The award was established by Evelyn MacRitchie in memory of her son Ian MacRitchie

(1956-1982), a former Roosevelt presented to Dana Barrasso and Mrs. MacRitchie student. taught typing at Roosevelt School for many years. This award is given to a student for excellence in typing/word processing skills.)

The Keller Music Award presented to Jonathan Maimon, Rachel Mack and Yuchen Zhang. (Nelson A Keller was a pri-

vate music teacher and ran a musical instrument business in Westfield until his death in 1985. This award is given to a student(s) who has demonstrated interest and notable progress in instrumental music.

Other Eighth Grade awards

Mathematics Award -

Erica Greene.

World Languages Award -- presented to Miriam Becker-Cohen, Caitlin Jennings and Carrier Palumbo.

CitizenshipD.A.R.Award - presented to Jesse Cohn and Chris Byrne.

Character Award - presented to Caitlin Jennings, Nicholas Colucci. Hannah Cataldo, Jeanine Clark and Kevin Smith.

Teddy Roosevelt Scholars --These are highly motivated students who pursued a rigorous independent project under the guidance of a mentor and organized a presentation of the results for an evaluation committee.

Lee Banta, Noelle Kandigian, Danny Schwartz and Kristina Fietkiewicz — art; Jane Eilbacher and Caitlin Jennings — French: Revenna Nevill<mark>e,</mark> Sarah Patankar and Monica Dreyer — Spanish; Yuchen Zhang and Lisa Chen — language arts: Kevin Liang math; Brian Yee, Erica Greene and Lauren Sinnenberg - sci-

ence. The following students earned straight A's for three

Kristen Aguero, Miriam Becker-Cohen, Lisa Chen, Jesse Cohn, Jane Eilbacher, Diana Goodman, Cartlin Jennings, Feng Kevin Liang, Caroline Luppescu, Rachel Mack and Yuchen Zhang.

Westfield church to host justice forum

WESTFIELD —The First Louis Ruprecht, Esq. Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., will host a forum on Restorative Justice from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in the newly renovated Rev. Dr.

Robert Harvey Fellowship Hall. Speakers include the following practitioners in this field: Bonnie Kerness, American Friends Service Committee; Rev. Dr. Dwight Lundgren, American Baptist Churches ~

"Restorative Justice" is a systematic national response to crime that emphasizes healing the wounds of victims, offenders and communities caused or revealed by the criminal behav-

ior. Practices and programs reflecting restorative purposes will: (a) identify and take steps to repair harm done, (b) involve all stakeholders, and (c) transform the traditional relation-USA; Bob and Ellen Papa, ship between communities and Prisoner's Web; and the Rev. their governments. Research

has found "restorative justice" programs to have high levels of victim and offender satisfaction with the process and outcome, greater likelihood of successful restitution completion by the offender, reduced fear among victims, and reduced frequency and severity of further criminal behavior.

Co-director of the forum, the Rev. Jeremy Montgomery of the First Baptist Church, said "It's hard to imagine a victim, offender and community sitting down to talk and work together to heal and rebuild the lives and future of all concerned, but in states like Minnesota, New York, Oregon and others, it's taking place." According to him, little is currently being done in New Jersey to consider

restorative justice as an option. Cost for the forum is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and materials. To register, or for more information, contact the church office at (908) 233-

SP-F schools awarded grant for world language

SCOTCH PLAINS - The school district is one of 18 statewide to receive federal grant money to strengthen and enhance their world languages programs, Commissioner of Education William L. Librera has

announced.

The district was awarded a grant of \$29,728; overall, New Jersey school received \$479.804 of approximately \$6 million made available nationally by the U.S. Department of Education

"New Jersey has strong academic standards in world languages at the elementary school level, and we will continue to help our students obtain essential knowledge and skills in this core content area," said Librera.

Education research shows that world language study can increase children's capacity for critical and creative thinking skills, and children who study a second language show greater cognitive development in areas such as mental flexibility, creativity, tolerance and higher order thinking skills. Furthermore, studies report that children who have learned a world language in elementary school achieve expected gains and score higher on standardized tests in reading, language arts, and mathematics than children who have not stud-

ied a foreign language.



Reeling them in

At Lake Suprise, Scotch Plains resident Kelsey Ames casts a line under the watchful eye of her grandfather, Dennis Kadian of Smithville. The two are taking part in Family Fishing for Beginners, a new Friday Family program run by Trailside Nature and Science Center. Children six and up, accompanied by an adult, learn and practice basic fishing techniques.



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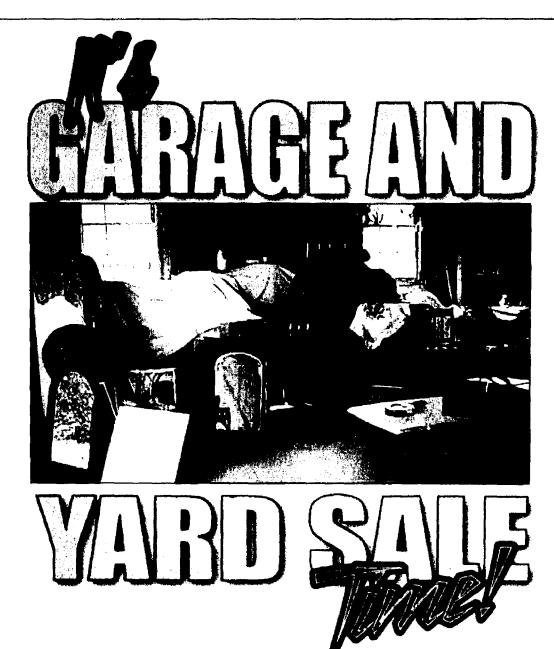
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The country ranch style Kincaid has a sunny disposition.

The Kincaid (D6710) offers a large dormer providing light into an unfinished storage room upstairs. Large windows across the face of the home bathe the interior in sunlight.

This home is narrow and compact, ideal for the smaller lots available in today's real estate market. There is a two-car garage and a large covered porch. Inside, the Kincaid has 1,297

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square feet of living area divided between two floors. An unfinished basement is available.

Once across the covered porch, entry is direct into the living room. A large fireplace is on the outside wall. A closet is just inside the door on the right and the sweeping staircase is just beyond. Dividing the living room and kitchen is a half bath.

The kitchen and dining room spread across the rear of the home. The kitchen features a cabinet pantry and a window over the sink. Large dining room windows overlook the

back yard. A door between the kitchen and living room opens onto a

three-season porch. Numerous windows make this room bright and cheery. A side door leads to the yard area.

The second floor holds the master suite and two more bedrooms. The master suite has a large walk-in closet and its own bathroom with tub.

Between the master suite and the other two bedrooms is another full bath. Across the hall from the bathroom and behind folding doors is the washer/dryer. A door opens from this area to the unfinished storage room.

While listed as an unfinished storage room, it sports numerous windows and could be made into a playroom, a sewing room or a hideaway computer room. The ideas are limitless

Bedrooms 2 and 3 each have wall closets and built-in desks, ideal for young students. Both rooms have large windows and are good-sized.

Overall, the Kincaid is a great home for the new family with parents who need to keep younger children nearby at night. It would be ideal for a family that needs a smaller home now, but foresees the need to expand into the unfinished storage area or the optional basement in the future.



This compact country ranch is perfect for today's smaller lot sizes.

Cold, flue season headed this way

BY GENE GARY

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. When I recently inspected our roof, I noted some crumbling mortar and loose bricks on our brick chimney. I was surprised to find this deterioration, as our home is only 10 years old. What would you recommend as far as repairs and maintenance for this type of problem? I will probably have to hire it done, but I would like some basic information on what to expect and look for in a repairman for this kind of work

A. Unfortunately, so many homeowners give chimneys attention only when there's a crisis. That's because chimneys often do their jobs reasonably well, even though there may be problems festering behind the brick, asphalt and mortar exterior. With homeowners, it's sort of an out-of-sight, out-of-mind mentality when it comes to chimneys.

Chimneys, deteriorated by constant exposure to the weather, can be a potential safety hazard. Weather-damaged lining systems, flue obstructions and loose masonry materials all present a threat to residents. Regular chimney maintenance is essential to prevent damage, deterioration and future highcost chimney repairs.

Every chimney should be inspected annually by a professional chimney sweep certified by the Chimney Safety Institute of America. This is a qualified expert who can recognize problems quickly, evaluate the entire system, and make recommendations for safer, more

Even in newer homes, a common source of the problem you describe is a cracked chimney crown. Most homeowners don't realize that often chimney crowns aren't very well-made and require constant maintenance or replacement. Another major trouble spot is the point where the chimney connector passes through the wall.

In some older homes, masonry chimneys were unlined. When old bricks and

mortar have deteriorated and cracked. problems arise and smoke and other flue gases can easily escape into your home. This also happens when the chimney is missing portions of clay liners, or from a cracked or broken liner, loose mortar or open joints.

A faulty flue is a major problem. Flues are essential for venting fumes from your home-heating appliances, as well as for keeping the moisture-laden exhaust warm enough so that it doesn't condense within the flue.

All flues should be inspected yearly for damage and corrosive buildup by a professional who is trained to recognize the danger signs. If you need a new flue, you can avoid an expensive rebuild by inserting a metal or masonry flue within the existing unit. The flue type and size must match the heating appliance perfectly, or you run the risk of dangerous back drafting.

The build up of creosote is another source of problems. It forms in different fashions and textures, including a hard tar-like glaze, a crusty type that resembles corn flakes, and a light fluffy powder. When too much builds up, it can cause odors, but more importantly, it can ignite quite easily. That's when a chimney fire occurs. A buildup of only oneeighth of an inch of creosote means it's time to clean.

A professional chimney sweep will check for these problems and external deterioration, as well as make sure that a 2-inch clearance for combustibles exists on all sides of an internal chimney (an important safety rule).

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With the right window treatments, corner windows can assure privacy, look beautiful and still allow a full ration of daylight.

Creative mortgages are in the works

BY JAMES M. WOODARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

There are some creative new mortgage programs on the drawing boards. They plug in special benefits to borrowers never before offered

For example, one program being developed by Fannie Mae (the nation's largest buyer of existing home mortgages) would include basic home warranty coverage as an integral part of the mortgage package. The warranty would cover all major mechanical systems in the home

It would be set up as a "preferred provider" program, meaning the consumer borrower could use the contractor of his choice, as long as the contractor is listed by Fannie Mae as one who is authorized to participate in the program. The price of such

a mortgage has not yet been determined. Another plan, also being developed by Fannie Mae, would protect the borrower against unexpected interruption of income, such as a job loss or other emergency that could stifle the consumer's income flow. Several mortgage plans are now being developed that would offer protection against major household financial

One such plan would provide up to six months' worth of mortgage payments when the borrower encounters financial disaster. The cost of such a mortgage and the precise type of insurance add-onthat will be required—is still under study.

These and other new mortgage concepts will probably be ready for implementation by early next year, according to a Funnie Mae spokeswoman, Freddie Mae, Fannie Mae's biggest competitor, is also working on new mortgage programs with warranty coverage and other new insurance-type benefits.

As the mortgage market heats up, so too does competition among lenders to come up with innovative new plans that will be popular and salable to prospective borrowers. The pressure is on. And that can only result in unprecedented benefits to mortgage borrowers.

Q. Is it true that cost of private mortgage insur-

ance is increasing A. There's been a lot of press in recent weeks about the rising cost of "private mortgage insurance" coverage. These premiums are high and should be avoided when possible.

Private mortgage insurance (PMI) is usually required by mortgage lenders when the loan is more than 80 percent of the property's value. The cost of this coverage was recently increased by 11 percent to 69 percent for sub-prime borrowers those with poor or marginal credit histories.

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Corner windows can be living room focal point

By ROSE BENNETT GILBERT

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Q. Two windows come together in the corner of my living room and I don't know what to do with them. I thought of curtains tied back to the sides, but they covered too much of the windows and lost the daylight. The curtains were expensive and, besides, they match the fabric on two other straight windows and a club chair. I hate to throw them away.

A. Don't even think of it. Your answer is as easy and elegant as the corner windows in the photo we show here (dressed in fabrics from Stroheim & Romann). Move your patterned curtain panels to either side of the two windows, out on the wall far enough to clear the glass itself.

Here, they're hung from a decorative wrought-iron rod that butts ends in the angle of the window frame. Now install esecond tier of rods to hold what used to be called glass curtains ("sheers" today) to cover the windows. The floaty, filmy fabric filters the view and glare, but it lets in the daylight you

If your side curtains are wide enough, you can use an operstive rod that will draw them all the way across the sheers, totally securing the windows at night. If not, you might want to add roller shades or honeycomb blinds to each window, Mount them under the frame so they can be drawn up and

By the way, this combo of decorative fabri By the way, this combo of decorative fabrics and sheers was once the de rigueur treatment for most formally dressed windows. And despite all the options that have evolved in the past few decades, it's still one of the prettiest, and most practi-

Q. We are adding a Great Room to our home and are arguing over what kind of floor to put down. My husband loves

wood. I do too, but we want to install heating coils under the flooring since we have small children and live where it's really cold most of the year. I know you can have a tile floor heated from below, but how about hardwood?

A. Modern technology to the rescue! It is indeed possible to install a low-voltage heating system under wood. Parquet tiles are recommended, but you can also lay planks up to 3 inches wide. It's not recommended as a do-it-yourself project. Learn more from the Hardwood Information Center, sponsored by the Hardwood Manufacturers Association www.hardwoodinfo.com or (412) 829-0770.

Q. I come from California, where I seem to remember that everybody had decorative ceramic tiles on their kitchen counter tops. When I asked my kitchen designer-consultant about using tiles in our new kitchen, she almost freaked! I got an earful about stains and molds and other horrors, but I still think there has to be a way. Please inform me.

A. There is certainly a way, more than one, in fact. New epoxy-based grouts go a long way toward banishing the horrors that can afflict ordinary tile installations on a counter top where you're constantly chopping and dripping things, such as

beet juice and olive oil. Another - better - idea: Use really large tiles, 20-inch by 20-inch or bigger, and you obviously eliminate most potentially troublesome grout joints

In many cases, I'm told, the tiles can be installed directly over old tile, wood or even man-mades, such as Corian. Mottled and multicolor stone-look tiles work superbly. High-fired porcelain tiles are actually harder than natural stones, espetially marble. They're totally impervious to heat, and refuse to stain or scratch. Because it is so square and true, porcelain tile can also be installed with grout lines us thin as a credit card. Ask your installer to use grout that matches the tiles and the

joints will virtually disappear. Another bit of visual magic: Using the same tiles on the floor will blend the counter top into the floor and make the entire kitchen look larger. Tiles are relatively inexpensive, too, compared to naturall stone and man-made solid surfaces. So it's a win-win all the way around. Do her other clients a favor and let your kitchen consultant in on the news.

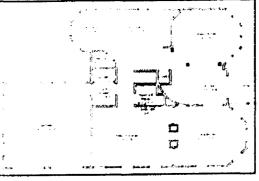
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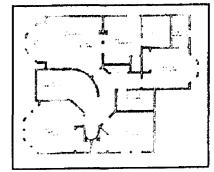
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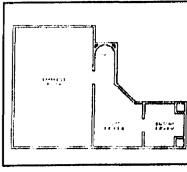
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Nissan reclaims spot in the sports car market with 350Z

BY MARK MAYNARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The media drive for the launch of the Nissan 350Z was a gift from the driving gods: balmy and blue from the briefing in Santa Monica, Calif., to the drive route that tracked the Pacific Coast Highway into the hills above Malibu.

The tangled maze of roads we sought were remarkably free of traffic, and the narrow blacktop roads got a good massaging from our wide Bridgestone Potenza rubber.

It's predatory sports car. With its 287-horsepower engine, solid chassis and race-inspired suspension, this rear-drive two-seater can poach in Porsche Boxster territory and strafe the once-exclusive domain of the BMW Z coupe.

Sold in five models with variations for standard six-speed manual or optional 5-speed automatic with manual-shift mode, prices range from \$26,809 for the base model to \$34,619 for the top-line Track.

The engineering team bought up the top competitors — Acura NSX, Porsche Boxster, Honda S2000, Corvette, BMW Z coupe and a few others — and focused on the best qualities of each.

What they built is a full-strength sports car with everyday drivability and a hatchback trunk.

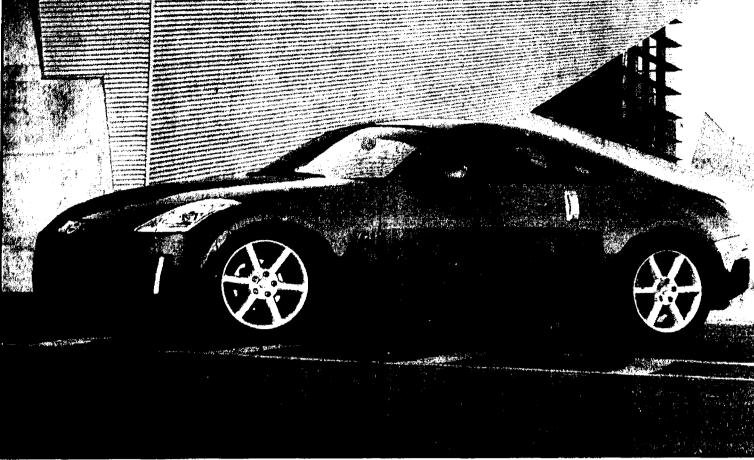
The new Z encourages enthusiastic driving from the first turn of the ignition and a blip of the throttle. Then you'll be hooked for some foot-down, redline shifts in first, second and, maybe, third, if you've got some open road.

The six-speed gearbox was developed for this car and doesn't have the spindly feel of the shifter in Maxima or Altima.

. The aluminum 3.5-liter V-6 uses continuously variable valve timing, fly-by-wire technology and then exhales through dual exhaust. The 10.3-to-1 compression ratio requires premium fuel.

Just longer than 14 feet, the Z is about the same curb weight as a Corvette—
3,200 pounds give or take a few between models—and a couple hundred pounds henvier than the BMW Z coupe. To help lighten the load, Nissan used aluminum for the hood, suspension and rear subframe.

The plastic drive shaft, reinforced with carbon fiber, is about 40 percent lighter



Nissan's new 350Z is an impressive return for the company to the sports car market.

than steel.

Crisscrossing the switchbacks of Mulholland Drive, Yerba Buena and Malibu Canyon roads, the curb weight was not a consideration. The Z was in its playground.

The chassis is tight and, like a picture, communicates a thousand words in the first quarter-mile — all of them urging the driver to take the next curve a little faster and rev the engine a little higher.

Brake and gas pedals are placed for competitive heel-toe shifting, and the light touch of the clutch and smooth action of the shifter are appreciated. As pleasurable as the horsepower is

the Z's suspension.

Created by Nissan's former Le Mansrace engineer, Kazutoshi Mizuno, the weight distribution is split 52/48 front to rear, which shifts to 50/50 when the driver gets back on the gas coming out of a corner.

Whether braking or turning, the car handles without nose dive or body roll. Wind out the engine toward the next turn, squeeze on the brakes for a heeltoe downshift, blip the throttle hard and grab second gear.

The car stays fast to the blacktop and holds through the corner without a lot of tire squeal. The steering, brakes, acceleration and chassis work fluidly and feel like a complete tool for controlled driving.

The vented disc brakes — all four of them — are large and squeeze the discs without grabbing. The Track model gets an upgrade to Brembos that are an inch larger, 12.7- and 12.6-inch front and rear. The Track also gets lighter-weight alloy wheels that show off the red Brembo name on the caliper.

Electronic brake force distribution, brake assist and four-channel, four-wheel anti-lock braking system are standard.

Despite the Z's high level of refinement and control, there is plenty of seat-of-the-pants exhibitantion and anticipation for the next fun run.

On the daily drive to work, there are 274 foot-pounds of torque that put the peak of pulling power — 4,800 revolutions per minute — at a usable range for in-town driving. The 6,600 rpm redline allows plenty of range in second and third gears, which keeps gear changes to a minimum for performance or commuting. The long wheelbase —

104.3 inches vs. 96.3 in the BMW Z3 coupe — prevents a choppy highway ride.

True to the Z design principle, the new model continues with the long hood, short deck and a big engine.

Somewhere in the exterior design are influences from the previous Zs. The styling also provokes comparisons to an Audi TT coupe and other sports cars.

Put them side by side, though, and the Z design is unique.

The peaked roof prevents a sunroof, but allows generous headroom. The occupants ride low and the tops of the doors are shoulder-high. In models without seat-height adjustment, it can be tough to see over the front fenders, which can be daunting when parallel parking.

Storage space is at a premium — there is no glove box — but small nooks and storage trays have been carved in where possible.

There's a locking compartment behind the passenger seat, large enough for a briefcase and, of course, there's the hatchback area, but even that is compact and confined by the strut tower brace.

The interior is stylish, not gimmicky, and features quality components. The driver faces a simple gauge cluster, and there's three-pod grouping at the top of the center dashboard stack—similar to the early Zs—that shows the trip computer, tire pressure monitor, oil pressure gauge and voltmeter and oil temperature.

A three-spoke steering wheel and aluminum pedals fit nicely in the performance landscape.

Even the front seats vary in design. The driver's seat is more aggressively bolstered on the sides for support when tearing through a slalom. Personally, the bolstering just pushed my wallet into my hip, causing me to scoot around for a comfortable position. It was easier to just move my wallet.

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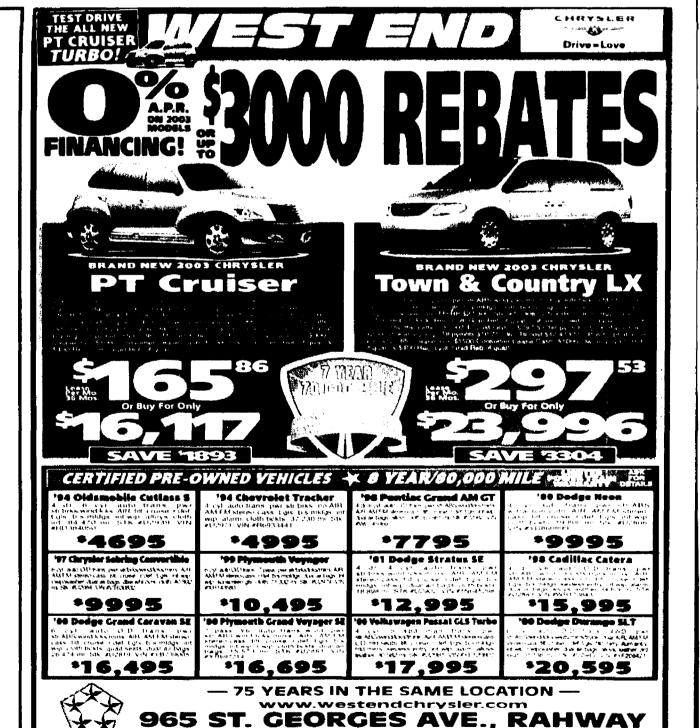
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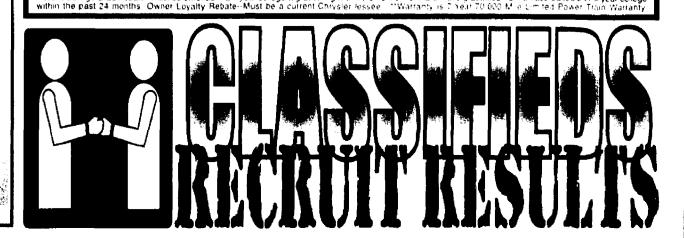




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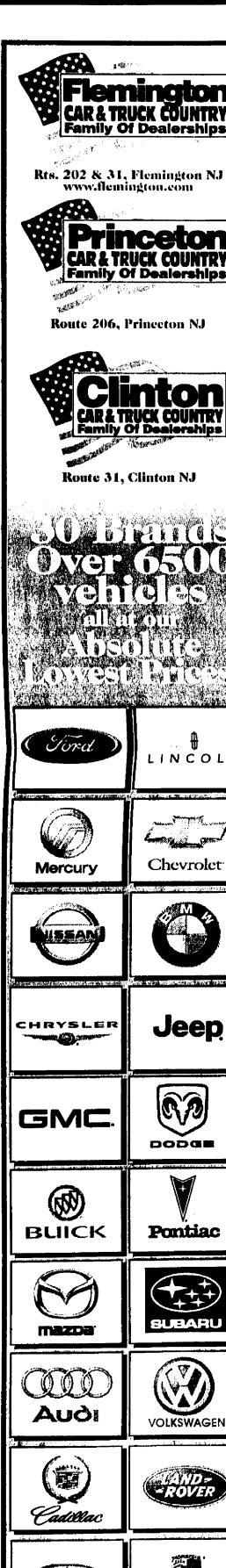
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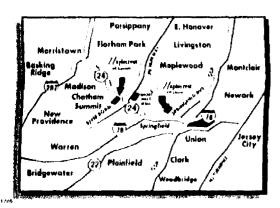
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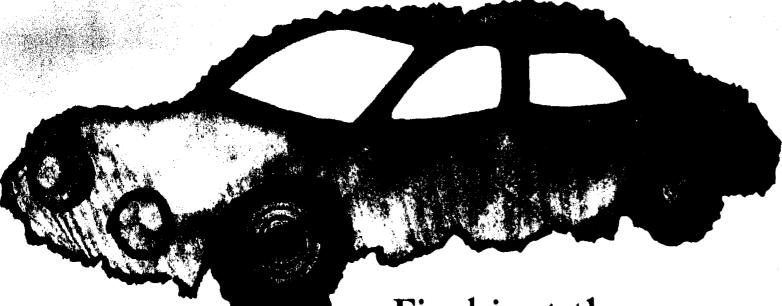


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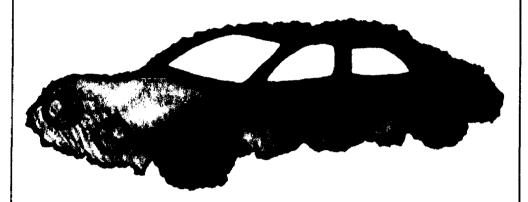
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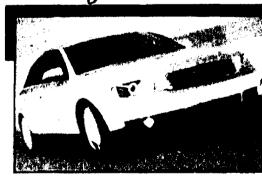


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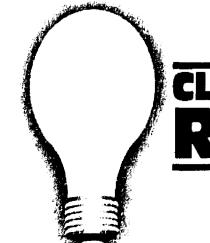
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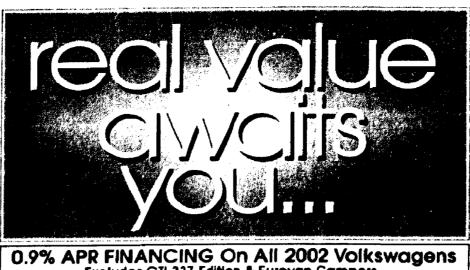
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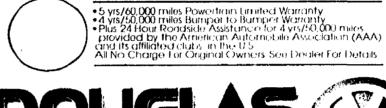
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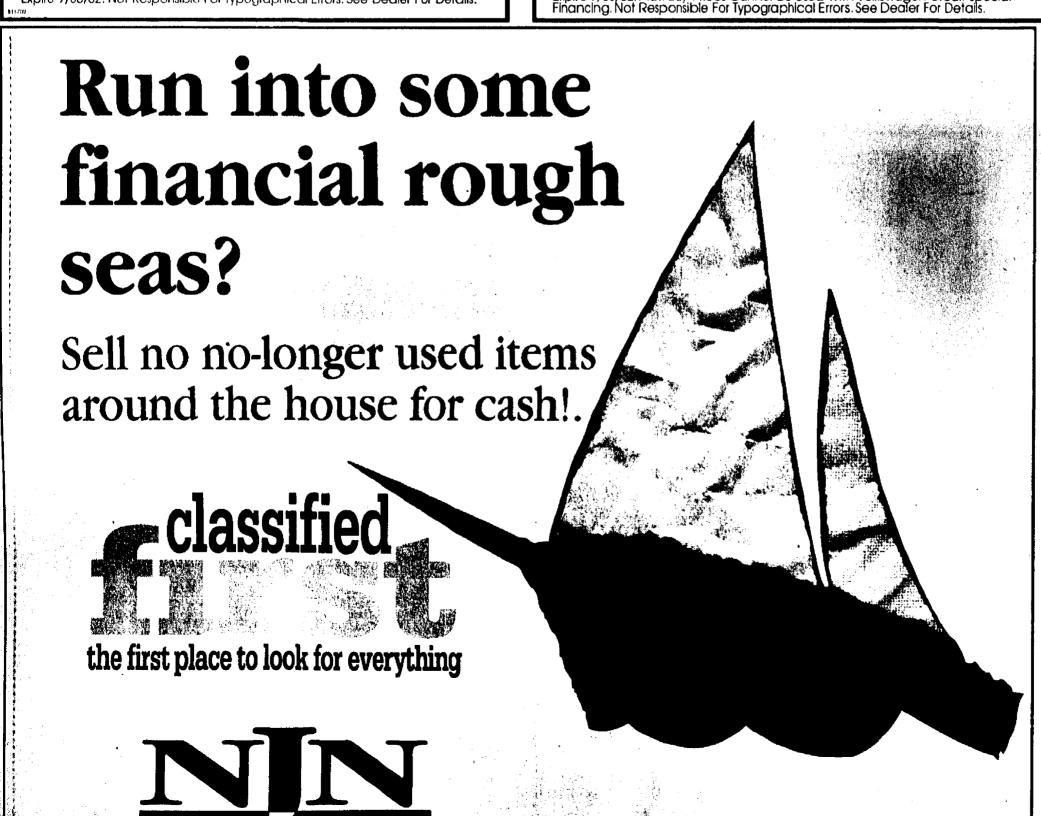


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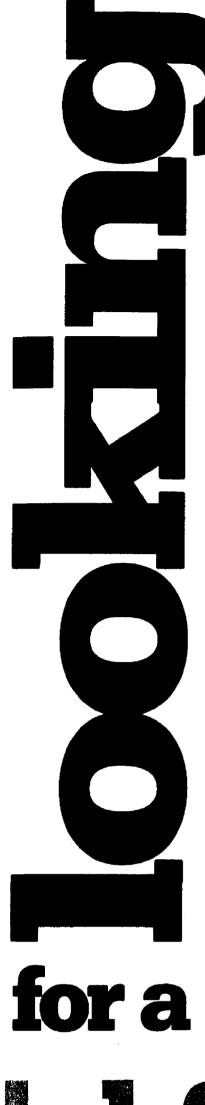
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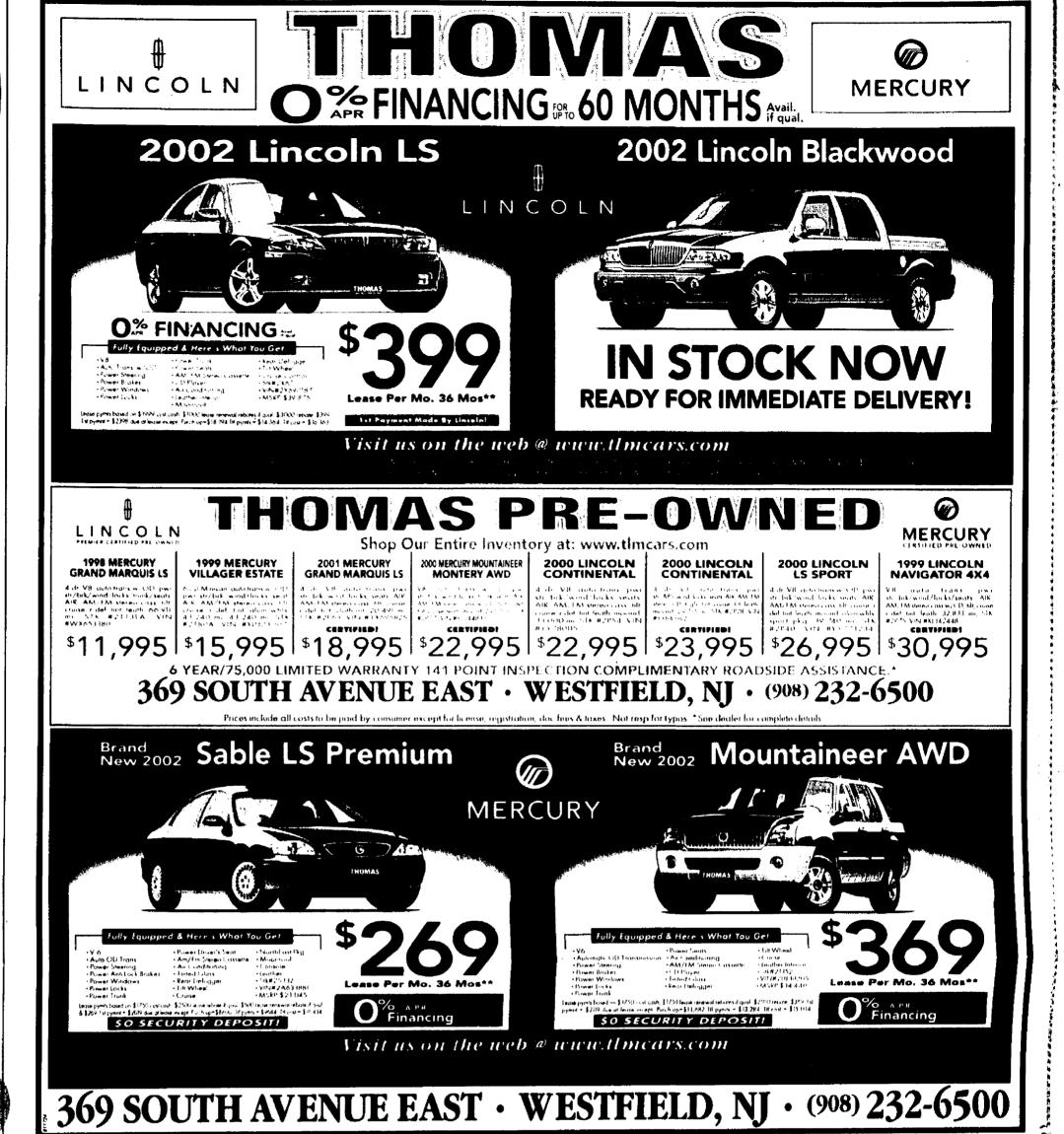


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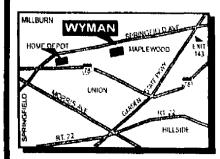
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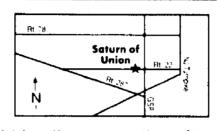
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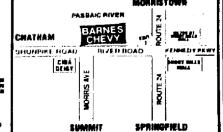
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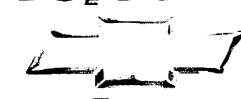
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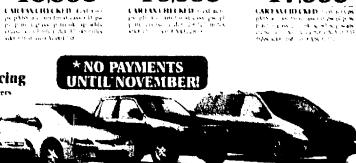
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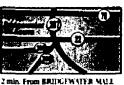
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