Friday, October 4, 2002



### Raiders defense proves stingy

Westfield Blue Devils found little room to run against Scotch Plains-Fanwood Saturday in Westlield. The Raiders won the football game 13-10. See story on Page C-1.



### Good, clean fun

Sixth-grader Whitney Adams safely catches a water balloon during Water Education Day at Forest Road Park, Fanwood. For more details, see Page A-7.



### **Teachers** make their point

Union Catholic High School teachers Laurel MacKenzie, Patty Mascolino, Allen Wright and Kevin Donahue hand out pamphlets during a demonstration that delayed the Back to School Night on Sept 24. See story on Page A-3.

### **REMINDER**

#### Register to vote by Monday

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 5 general election is Monday. Registration forms are ryallable in the clerk's office in the **Municipal Building.** 

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# Town police get tentative deal

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

 $WESTFIELD - The \ Westfield$ police and the town have reached a tentative agreement in the negotiation for a police contract, according to Scott Rodger, former PBA

After being without a contract for nine months and for several

finally appear to be in agreement. The Town Council is expected to approve the agreement next week.

Negotiators from both parties met on Sept. 13 with an arbitrator acting as a mediator. After an eight-hour meeting, the two sides agreed to the mediator's recommendations. The following week, members of the Westfield PBA

negotiation sessions, the two sides—voted to accept the terms of the—behalf of the officers. tentative agreement.

The Westfield police plight gained support after officers from the town and surrounding municipalities held a demonstration in August to notify the public about the state of negotiations. Police also filled the room at the Town Council meeting that night, as Rodger addressed the council on

The officers' main argument is that they are paid less than colleagues in surrounding communities. Rodger said that Westfield's base salary for an officer is 5 to 10 percent less than other departments such as Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Clark. He also argued that other municipal employees, such as librarians,

received raises though the police had not.

Rodger declined to comment on the terms of the agreement until the council approves the contract. However, he did say that the mediator had strong recommendations and the agreement is amicable for everyone. The Town Council will meet Tuesday in a conference ses-

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# Rat probe brings apology

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The Borough Council will apologize to a local resident, after council members agreed the Westfield Regional Board of Health, of which the borough is a member, overstepped its authority in investigating a rodent infestation.

The dispute began when health inspectors responded to the Glenwood Road area on a report of rats in the neighborhood, according to Council Member Katherine Mitchell.

The health inspectors apparently entered several private properties in the area without obtaining a warrant or permission from the residents, Mitchell said. The board subsequently sent letters to several home owners directing them to fix code violations, such as failing to elevate a woodpile, which could be a home for rodents

Most of the area homes corrected the alleged violations. Mitchell said. But one letter to an elderly woman drew an angry response from her son, who questioned the board's authority.

In turn, the board sent another letter informing the woman to correct the violation in short order or face legal action, Mitchell

At Tuesday's borough meeting, council members were critical both of the decision to send the letters and the decision to conduct the investigation in the first place.

"They can't be entering people's property without permission. That's an enormous probsaid Council Member Thomas Ryan Jr. "I think this is unlawful. We can't condone what they've done.'

Borough Attorney Mark Peck agreed. After reviewing the relevant state statutes, Peck said, "I don't see where they have the power" to enter private property in the absence of an imminent health hazard.

Moreover, Peck said, the borough's ordinances make no provision for the elimination of rodents on private property.

Several council members said this was not the first time Board of Health representatives had created disputes with borough residents. "That's the problem with going with a regional board," Ryan said.

The council decided to send a letter to the house in question apologizing for the board's actions, and to seek to clarify the ordinances regarding rodents.



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# Weekend **festivities** celebrate communities

Jacob Roberts, 3, of Scotch Plains, waves to his dad from the train at Fanny Wood Day in Fanwood Sunday. At right, sisters Jamie, 3, and Lauren Sjonell, 5, of Scotch Plains, check out die-cast models for sale at Scotch Plains Day Saturday. See other pictures on Page B-1.



#### By GREG MARX THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD - Continued vandalism and litter problems at the skate park at LaGrande Park are wearing thin the patience of borough officials.

At a Borough Council meeting Tuesday, council members discussed a letter from Public Works Director Raymond Manfra about the latest problems.

"(Local teenagers) are basically doing whatever they want in there," said council member Thomas Ryan Jr.

In addition to the litter problems, officials said, youths have been skating on picnic tables and benches, overturning trash cans, and moving skate park equipment.

Council member Michael Brennan said the best solution to the problems is improved enforcement of existing rules. All the activities in question, he noted, are against borough ordinances

And Ryan said the complaints are just the latest in a vandalism problem at the park that has been ongoing for years.

But Stuart Kline said the skate facility itself had created the predicament, "The kids are ignoring the ordinances. The existence of the skate park has exacerbated the normal operating problems," he said. "I'm getting tired of hearing about this skate park."

# Residents up in arms over work on street

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - A cost-efficient street improvement project turned into a nightmare for residents of Tamaques Way.

With cracks in the road and grass growing in the street, the town decided to make repairs to prevent water from seeping through the cracks and making the damage worse. To seal the cracks, the town hired Dosche-King, a South Jersey contractor who uses a micro-paving method to seal cracks.

Though the contractor had never done work in Westfield, Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh said he saw the contractor's work in other municipalities and it seemed good. In addition, the town would save money with much of its capital budget already allocated to other pro-

However, the work done Sept. 22-23 turned out to be a negative investment, as several residents from the street voiced their complaints to the Town Council and Marsh at Tuesday's council meeting.

"We have tar everywhere. It's a nightmare and a mess," said Bob Beiner, a Tamaques Way resident.

Beiner led the charge, claiming the work was poorly done and poorly supervised. He said that the job left the street pavement uneven and tar on the curb and sidewalk, making the area unattractive.

"We pay our taxes and keep our houses nice. If I were to sell my house tomorrow, I would have to explain why our street looks that way," said Joseph Mandrillo, another Tamaques Way resident.

Mayor Greg McDermott and Marsh said that the sealant was a cost-saving experiment.

Marsh admitted that the contractor did a terrible job and said he was out of town during the project and was perplexed to see the result when he returned. He said that the same type of sealant, which is applied in a 5/8-inch-thick layer to seal cracks, was later done on other streets and turned out fine.

One resident, Vito Scorcia, said that he spoke with workers while they were doing the job and he said that they mentioned that the paving machine was malfunctioning; however, they continued with the work. The contractor has yet to be paid and Councilman Rafael Betancourt said that the com-

pany shouldn't be paid until they have the opportunity to fix the mess.

Council members Larry Goldman and Susan Jacobson. who lives on Tamaques Way, visited the site with residents and explained to the council the severity of the situation. They said that in addition to the mess, manholes and stormwater drain holes are partially covered with tar, causing safety This was an honest attempt

to make a street better," Marsh said to the residents. "We had no ill intentions, we had good intentions to fix the road.

Marsh said that he would be in contact with the contractor to rectify the problem. Residents: demanded that they be notified; when the town decides on a plan of action.

# Loot from burglary spree is logistical nightmare for police

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - What do power tools, board games, jewelry and stuffed animals have in com-

Police believe only Candice Singer can answer the riddle, as they are all items she allegedly stole on a 10-month burglary spree in Westfield, Mountainside and Green Brook.

Singer, a 42-year-old Oregon native, has been charged with many burglaries of homes and

businesses, including storage facilities in Mountainside and Green Brook. Singer and her boyfriend Damon Brown were also charged by Westfield police with operating a drug facility, in which they allegedly manufactured methaniphetamine in their Orenda Circle home.

The burglary spree and the suspect are unique. Singer is a former attorney who practiced family law in Oregon. Though some of the stolen merchandise included valuable items such as jewelry and computer equipment,

much of it was miscellaneous items such as stuffed animals, videos and bicycle parts. Police also recovered several driver's licenses, car registrations and credit cards.

"Some of the stuff they took were non-traditional burglary items," said Sgt. John Rowe of Westfield. "It's hard to fathom some of the stuff taken."

It's also been hard to inventory. The combined effort of Westfield and Mountainside police departments took a week to organize all the stolen merchandise, which

they finally finished Tuesday. Lt. Todd Turner of the Mountainside police said that victims of the thefts will be able to claim items nt the Public Storage in Mountainside on Route 22 West, though no date has been set.

Several places were used to store the stolen merchandise, including Singer's home and a two-car garage in Springfield, which was vacant after the owners had moved. There was an opening for a door into the garage, which allowed easy access. The burglar made a

makeshift door with drywall to secure the items.

Singer confessed to the crimes and was released after posting bail at the Somerset County Jail. Her boyfriend remains in custody at the Union County Jail. All burglaries and thefts are thirddegree charges, while the drug manufacturing charge is a more serious first-degree crime.

Singer had lived in Westfield for almost a year after leaving Oregon in November to care for her father, who died two weeks after she arrived.

# McGinn School playground issue is still unresolved

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRI.

SCOTCH PLAINS Providing an elementary school with a playground seems simple enough, especially when a design and funds for the structure are in place. However, the issue of the McGinn School PTA requesting board financial support for the installation of a new playground has been discussed at three consecutive Board of Education meetings and is still unresolved.

After hearing a presentation from the McGinn PTA Playground Committee at its previous meeting, the board was supposed to decide last week whether or not to provide \$7,500 for the installation of a rubber base for the playground and an additional \$10,000 loan for the cost of the surface. However, the board received a letter from McGinn PTA President Donna Whitaker stating that the group did not wish to endorse a loan and incur a debt.

Board President Lance Porter said that there are apparently issues to be worked out within the PTA so the board would not vote on

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McGinn School, one of the largest elementary schools in the district, has been without a playground since the tire playground was removed due to state safety regulations. The PTA playground committee has raised approximately \$65,000 for a new structure that will accommodate 85-100 children at a time. Additionally, the committee wishes to install a new rubber surface, which is costly, but safer, it

The PTA has enough money for the \$47,000 structure and its installation (\$7,500), however, it falls short of the additional \$28,000 for the rubber surface and its installation. Normally, playgrounds have wood chip bases, as is the case at the other elementary schools.

Some of the PTA's hesitation for requesting a loan comes from examining state PTA regulations. According Cronenberger-Meyer, PTA Council. president, there are some restrictions on PTA fund raising and the organization doesn't want to risk its nonprofit status. Furthermore,

the group would have to enter a

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legal contract by accepting a board loan and pay it back in a specified time period. Cronenberger-Meyer said she will do further research on the issue.

Further discussion by the board revealed some apprehension about giving money to the PTA because it might open doors for other organizations, such as band and athletic boosters, to argue for funds. Board Secretary Anthony Del Sordi said that this is the first time that he can remember an organization requesting school district funds.

Board Member Thomas Russo argued that playgrounds are essential to schools and that it's the district's responsibility to provide them, therefore, he supports funding the playground.

"I don't see why we don't want the safest and least costly facility." Russo said, in favoring the rubber surface as opposed to wood chips Playground committee members told the board at the previous meeting that the cost of maintaining wood chips would eventually exceed the cost of a rubber surface.

Board Saridaki disagreed saving that wood chips are more economical because they can be maintained for 20 years, while there is no guarantee that the rubber surface, which has a five-year warranty, will last long, especially after experiencing

Northeast winters. Superintendent Carol Choye argued against playground structures being "essential" because they are only used for 30-minute recess periods and not for physical education classes, which mainly

"I always ask what is the educational value as we spend taxpayers' money." Porter said. "I don't know if educational has recess value...Those playground structures aren't used for physical education classes.

McGinn PTA member Melissa Sullivan said: "I see playgrounds as a holistic educational environment for a child. It's better for a child to release energy playing on a structure (at recess) and then come back

# Alcohol called teenagers' drug of choice

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Alcohol is the most used substance among high school students according to a survey last year by the school district.

At the Board of Education meeting last week. Elizabeth Knodel-Gordon substance awareness coordinator for the district, presented results of the American Drug and Alcohol Survey, a national voluntary survey given to high school students. The survey measures substance abuse in high schools in order to evaluate ways to educate students and prevent further use.

The survey was given to 280 sophomores and 230 seniors with parental consent. Results showed that most students who drink alcohol start between

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eighth and 10th grades. In addition, alcohol use is most prevalent at parties and at home during the night hours with friends.

Knodel-Gordon said that the numbers for students who do use alcohol is low, but the district will continue to educate students and parents about the dangers of substance abuse.

The district currently has substance abuse education in the form of presentations by police, recovering abusers and mental health professionals during health classes. Short-term counseling for students and evening parent-education programs have also been available. There is also the student club SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), which explores substance-free activities for stu-

Programs Knodel-Gordon plans to implement include a police-student dialogue, information sheets for teachers and parents, mini-grants for staff to create projects in middle schools, a web link for resources and a program in which teenagers talk to middle school students about substance abuse dangers.

Knodel-Gordon said that there is a false perception that most students use drugs and alcohol so students feel peer pressure to do it. Thus, peer programs are used to combat the perception as well as publicizing facts from the survey report.

# Marching band meet scheduled for Oct. 13

SCOTCH PLAINS -- The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association sponsors its fourth annual marching band competition 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, on the campus of Scotch Plains Fanwood High School.

Marching bands from 10 Northern New Jersey high schools plan to take Perry Tyson Field, located behind the main SPFHS building on Westfield Road.

Bands scheduled to participate are those from River Dell High School: Dunellen High School; Secaucus High School; Manalapan-Englishtown High School; Carteret High School; High Westfield School Bridgewater-Raritan School: Morris Knolls High School, in Denville; and John P. Stevens High School, in Edison.

These bands will be judged for best music, best front squad, best percussion, best drum major and best overall performance. The Raider Marching Band from SPFHS also will participate but will not be considered in the judging.

Band musicians spend many hours rehearsing for competitions and for halftime shows at football games. Rehearsals are usually held in the early morning, after class, in the evening and on weekends. In addition, most band students attend a twoweek band camp before the

school year begins. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, free to children under 10. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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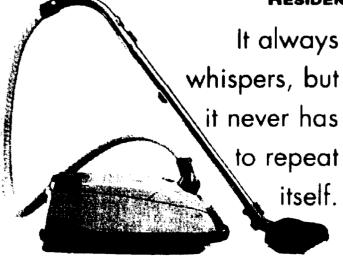
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Union Catholic High School teachers Laurel MacKenzie, Patty Mascolino, Allen Wright and Kevin Donahue hand out pamphlets during a demonstration that delayed the Back to School Night on Sept 24.

# Catholic school teachers make point at high school Back-to-School night

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Catholic school teachers continue to negotiate with the Regional Principals Association, as teachers are working without a contract weeks into the school year

Teachers from the Lay Faculty Association of eight Newark archdiocesan schools, including Umon Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains and Mother Seton in Clark, have staged demonstrations at "backto-school night" at several schools. The teachers passed out fliers informing parents about their situation

The issues separating the two sides include salary, pension and benefits. The parties negotiated all summer, reaching terms on some issues, but still remain apart on economic issues. The previous three-year contract expired on Aug. 31.

We cannot understand why the (Lay Faculty Association) supports the staging of such demonstrations, because we are working hard to achieve what we believe will be a good and fair contract for teachers at the regional high schools," stated the Regional Principals Association in a press release.

According MacKenzie, a teacher at Union Catholic, teachers want information on their pension plan, which she says is not released by the archdiocese. She also said the plan is uninsured and does not

# Campus notes

Two students in The Record-Press area have been recognized by Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

Keith Shaffer of 736 Crescent Parkway, Westfield, has been named a Student Pathfinder for the 2002-03 academic year. Student Pathfinders help new students in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science become acclimated to university life. Shaffer is a senior majoring in computer engineering at Syracuse.

Rebecca Barrett of 320 Wychwood Road, Westfield, attended the six-week "Summer College" in acting and musical theater on the Syracuse campus. "Summer College" allows high school students to begin college studies early with courses that earn college credit.



include medical benefits.

The principals association says that the pension plan combined with Social Security provides an excellent rate of salary replacement. It added that it offers a retirement program that matches contributions made by teachers to a variety of voluntary tax-deferred annuities, and the principals propose a 3 percent increase in contributions for teachers with the most years teaching.

MacKenzie also said that the principals are offering larger raises to new teachers, while teachers who have taught longer suffer with a salary significantly lower than public school teachers. The principals argue that the schools' resources are finite as they rely on tuition, which accounts for 90 percent of operating revenues.

"A factor to consider in the negotiating process is distributing limited resources in a way that will also attract new qualified teachers," the principals association said. "We hope our teachers understand, however, that an excessive increase in

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salaries or benefits for teachers would directly result in what would be a punishing increase in

tuition." MacKenzie said that the teachers aren't trying to raise tuition, but want the money distributed better. The two sides will meet on Tuesday for another negotiation session.

# **Committee** members needed to study rank

WESTFIELD - The Board of Education decided to form a committee to study the issue of class ranks at its meeting Tuesday

After requests from parents to review the policy, the board named it as one of its top goals for the school year. At its previous meeting, there was an extensive discussion on how to approach the topic. Some members pointed out that class rank is for colleges and not necessarily for the district.

The board agreed that the effect of class rank on college admission should be studied, as well as a review of the results from other districts which have dropped the policy. The board reviewed a study by the Ridge school district on class rank from According

Superintendent William Foley, the trend in school districts is to end class rank.

The committee will be made up of about 15 people and chaired by High School Principal Robert Petix. The committee will consist of parents of intermediate and high school students, as well current and former high school students. Those interested in participating should send a letter of interest to Board President Arlene Gardner agardner@comcast.net.

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The dog was also presented with a month's worth of his favorite treat Three people attacked and kidnapped two contractors who

were driving to work Sept. 14 in their van in Linden. The assailants forced the contractors into the back of the van at gun-

Witnesses reported the nucldent and police stopped the van on Route 1. The assorbants fled, but the police caught two quickly. Tarkan was called in to find the third suspect

The 2 year old Belgian Mahmors led his handler through heavy brush to a factory complex off East Linden Avenue, When Tarkan located the suspect, his handler repeatedly warned him, then let the dog loose. Moments later, the dog pulled the suspect out of hiding by his leg.

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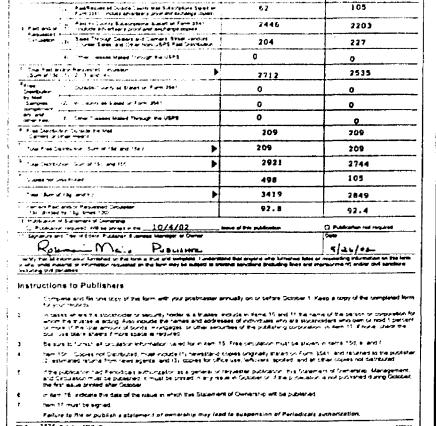
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# Manor Park Tenants plan annual bazaar, flea market

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Mickey Mugavero, Lois Bartik and Florence DePasquale are incharge of the jewelry table. Betty Miller and Pat Condelli handle the crafts table. Anna Urciuoli, Helen Appezzato, Marge Yuschak and Lillian Picaro run the table where used clothing will be sold. Mary Bemis and Ceil Camera staff the table for books.

Phoebe Leedy, Freda Ferraro, Doris Miller, Irene Booker, Ann Costa, Marion DeGroot and Roberta Pinkien sell used household goods at the white elephant table. Miriam Telesnick and Pat Frew handle boutique merchandise and nearly new goods.

Jane Broadwell, Camille Farrow, Eileen O'Mara, Ellie Butler and Libby White sell baked goods and coffee. Jean Dodge and Shirley Kamler sell tickets for the 50-50 raffle.

Ellie Clausen, Harriet Harvey, Ann Fruciano and Marion Koser have their own merchandise to

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shortly for roadwork in the bor-The first of the contracts, for \$70,000, is for improvements to

the ramps leading to the bridge deck at Sheelen's Crossing. Under a state grant, improvements to the deck itself will be made by the state, borough officials said, but Fanwood must pay

up front for the work on the ramps. The state will reimburse the borough for that work including some road milling and curb improvements — next year. The second contract, for just less than \$180,000, will pay for

road milling and reconstruction

on Farley Avenue and First and

### The council agreed to approve

the bids at its Tuesday workshop meeting, and can take action at its official meeting next Tuesday.

#### Food, ethnicity links to be discussed

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Is food your passion?

Join this round table discussion Friday, Oct. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave. Led by Jean Bayrock, the Jewish Balabusta (also known as "The English Epicure"), the program will draw parallels between food and ethnicity. Learn how different cultures approach food and

Born and educated in London, England, Bayrock has traveled

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#### Seniors program at Newark Museum

"A Special Afternoon for Union County Seniors" is planned 1-4 p.m. Monday at the Newark Museum.

Featured for this special event is "The Sport of Life and Death: The Mesoamerican Ballgame." A museum docent conducts a guided tour for the seniors and Gillette Griffin speaks about the

In addition, John Burkhalter plays music on ancient wind instruments and drums from Mesnamerican times

The Newark Museum is usually closed on Mondays but will open to older people from Union County for the special event. Reservations are required; phone (800) 7-MUSEUM, Ext. 6560.

Seniors also can get a special 10 percent discount in the museum shop Monday only.

The special event is sponsored by the museum and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

#### Candidates' Night scheduled Oct. 17

WESTFIELD — The League of Women Voters is presenting a Candidates' Forum at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the council meeting room of the Municipal Building.

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A café and display case of chocolate sit in front of a giant mural of the Westfield downtown at Town and

Country Fine Wines and Spirits Marketplace. The shop was named the Business of the Year by the Westfield

# **Town and Country Fine Wines** chosen 'Business of the Year'

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 54th Anniversary and Faith in Westfield Awards Dinner on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Primavera Regency, owned by the Ferraro Family.

This year's recipient of the "Business of the Year" Award is Town and Country Fine Wines and Spirits Marketplace. The shop is being honored for its outstanding renovation, product lines and Westfield community involvement.

In November 1999, Sean Weinerman and his partners purchased what was Shoppers Liquors on South Avenue in Westfield. On Feb. 16, 2001, the retail space adjacent to the store became available, offering the opportunity to create a much larger operation. Moving quickly, Town and Country Fine Wine & Spirits Marketplace expanded to 15,000 square feet and the goal to add a unique gourmet twist to the store was attainable.

On Nov. 17, 2001, Town & Country Marketplace had a grand opening complete with a ribbon cutting, live jazz music, and numerous cheese makers and winemakers from around the country flying in for the event.

Customers are now treated to a world-class store design. Town and Country features over 5,000 gourmet products, a gourmet cheese shop stocked with 150 gourmet cheeses, pates and pre-

Westfield graces the Town and to have them as a part of the St., (908) 233-3021.



NICOLE DIMELLA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Antonia Lissman, right, slices some cheese to give a customer a taste at Town and Country Fine Wines and Spirits Marketplace in Westfield.

Country Café, which features imported Belgian chocolates, delectable desserts, and gourmet fresh brewed coffee. Town & Country also offers gift baskets to satisfy every gift-giving need.

Town and Country has grown its selection of wines to more than 3,000 types from every winemaking region in the world and offers all products at competitive dis-A large color mural of downtown — counted prices. "We are very happy

Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the business community as a whole," said Diane Barabas, Westfield Chamber chair. The WACC 54th Annual Faith

in Westfield Awards Dinner is open to the public Tickets include cocktails and hors d'hoeuvres, dinner and dancing. Attire is black tie optional. Reservations are available through the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 173 Elm

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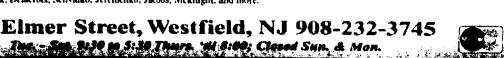
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## Police log

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

A Fawn Ridge Drive resident reported damage to her vehicle on Sept. 23. The front right fender, hood and windshield were damaged. The incident occurred sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning.

A resident reported being robbed while he was walking west on the north side of Front Street on Sept. 24. He was confronted by several males who asked him for a cigarette and then one of the men asked for his money. The victim attempted to walk away, but was grabbed and shown a weapon and ordered to give his money to them. The suspects ran toward Route 22.

The manager of CVS Pharmacy reported that a previous shoplifter returned to the store and began stealing again on Sept. 24. The manager confronted the suspect, who began to run out of the store. The suspect stopped and turned to the manager and said that he had a gun and if he touched him he would shoot him. The suspect fled on a bicycle going west on East Second Street.

The owner of the Getty gas station on Front Street reported a theft of an air ratchet on Sept. 27. An unknown person entered the shop area and removed the tool.

Jamal Boston, 19, of 219 W. Main St., Rahway, was picked up on a warrant after a motor vehicle stop Sept. 27.

A Karen Court resident reported having her identity stolen. She said that she received a letter from T-Mobile cell phones located in Albuquerque, N.M., stating that she owes them money.

The CVS manager reported that a shoplifter was in the store Sept. 29. The suspect left before police arrived, entered a vehicle and ordered the driver to drive. The driver drove into Plainfield and the suspect jumped out of the wehicle at East Second Street and Reeves Terrace. He ran north on Reeves Terrace. The Union County Sheriff's K-9 unit was notified and attempted to track the suspect, however, he escaped. WESTFIELD

A Carleton Road resident reported an attempted burglary to his home on Sept. 23 after discovering several pry marks on his rear door, however, no one entered the residence.

Ottavio Bissell was picked up on two warrants issued by the Westfield Municipal Court totalmg \$113, Bissell was also picked on a warrant by Oakland Municipal Court for \$238. He was released after posting bail.

Jennifer Johnson, 23, of Rahway, was charged with driving while intoxicated and theft of \$20 by means of conveyance on Westfield on Sept. 27.

A Pine Grove Avenue resident reported a burglary to his garage on Sept. 28.

A Massachusetts Street resident reported a burglary to his motor vehicle on Sept. 28.

An employee of Genesis Elder Care reported that a co-worker threatened to "shoot her" if he lost his job due to a prior incident.

A Boulevard resident reported that an air compressor, line trimmer and bike were stolen from his garage. There was no sign of forced entry.

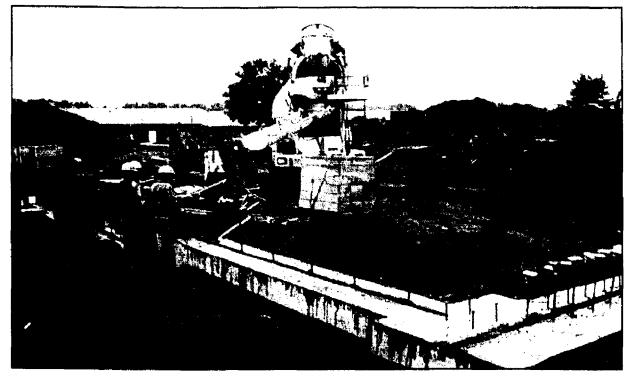
A Floral Court resident reported Sept. 29 a burglary and theft to her garage. A bike was taken.

A Belmar Place resident reported an identity theft when someone tried to withdraw money from a bank account using her name.

A Massachusetts Street resident reported a theft and burglary to his motor vehicle on Sept.

A Connecticut Street resident reported a theft and burglary to his motor vehicle on Sept. 29.





GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### School work

Work on the foundation of a two-story \$14 million building on the Union County Vocational and Technical School in Scotch Plains is well under way even though the groundbreaking was Sept 26. The new building is scheduled for completion next September.

## JCC seniors plan playhouse trip on Oct. 22

SCOTCH PLAINS — Tickets are going fast for a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Tuesday, Oct. 22, sponsored by the Department of Adult and Senior Services at the JCC, 1391 Martine Ave.

The trip includes a matinee performance of "The Butter and Egg Man," along with the luncheon and dessert buffet at the playhouse.

The bus will leave the JCC, 1391 Martine Ave., at 10:30 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m.

Ticket price includes lunch, the show and round-trip transportation from the JCC. Fee: \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members.

Friday, Oct. 11.

Reservations must be made by Adult and Senior Services, at (908) 889-8800, ext 207, for tick-Call Nan Statton, director of ets or more information.

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Elizabeth Bataille, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield Office, has

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Elizabeth Bataille

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Distinguished Sales Club in 1999-2004. She also ranks in the top 1 percent among Burgdorff's 700 full-time sales associates in closed units for sales year to date. Those sales put her in the top 5 percent in sales dollar volume year to

Jama Bowman of Westfield has joined Patricia Morris Associates (PMA) in Clark as a graphic designer. She is responsible for layout and design of all printed promotional pieces for agency clientele.





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# Commentary

# Good riddance to Torricelli

Most New Jersey residents are breathing sighs of relief this week after Sen. Robert Torricelli withdrew from the campaign for a second Senate term. Torricelli's mere presence in the race had been an embarrassment.

Though Torricelli was a smart and articulate politician with a fierce independent streak, he was also a politician with questionable morality and loathsome arrogance. Eventually it was the combination of the two that finally

After Torricelli was severely admonished by the Senate's Ethics Committee this summer, his popularity deservedly plummeted. By last week, it was becoming increasingly evident that Torricelli, who had served two decades in Congress was going to lose badly next month to Doug Forrester, a political unknown who by many accounts is more conservative than most New Jersey voters. To save himself from the overwhelming ignominy of losing to Forrester and to possibly save the Senate seat for the Democrats, Torricelli wisely dropped out of the race on Monday. It was his first unselfish act in a long, long time.

Torricelli would have served his party better had he dropped out of the race this summer when the Senate Ethics Committee concluded he had accepted lavish gifts from a 1996 campaign contributor, David Chang. Chang told investigators he gave Torricelli Italian suits and a \$8,100 Rolex watch, among other gifts, in return for Torricelli's intervention in business deals in North and South Korea. Though federal prosecutors let Torricelli off the hook, the Senate Ethics Committee issued a blistering admonition. Torricelli apologized, but arrogantly continued to deny he had done anything wrong. A memo from prosecutors that Torricelli fought to keep secret was finally released last week; it suggested that Chang's version of events was credible, despite the senator's denials.

That was the last straw for state voters. Tracking polls suggested Torricelli was going to lose badly to Forrester, who had successfully kept the focus of his campaign on the senator's ethics problems. It is a shame that now state voters may not have a Democratic alternative on Nov. 5; surely Torricelli must have known the deadline for any changes to the ballot was last month and it seems a court challenge will be futile.

What was worst about Torricelli's actions was that he tarnished the reputation of the state. It was distressing to read pundits from outside the state say that only in the supposed atmosphere of corruption in New Jersey could a candidate like Torricelli even have a chance of winning. "The Sopranos" already casts New Jersey in a bad light; Torricelli's arrogance and greed only re-enforced that

In his announcement on Monday, a tearful Torricelli reached Nixonian heights of self-pity. He asked plaintively about whatever happened to a public spirit of forgiveness. To the end, he never seemed to realize that what he did was a serious violation of the public trust. The public can forgive a political leader such as President Clinton for a personal peccadillo, but what Torricelli did was beyond tolerance.

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#### Letters to the editor

# Fix gym classes, don't throw them out

To The Record-Press:

I found the column (Sept. 6) from Mike Deak, expressing that it may be time to abolish gym class, quite informative but somewhat disturbing.

The beginning of this column did warrant some serious attention to the fact that there are children who definitely do feel tremendous pressure and sometimes embarrassment in gym class. Toward the end of the column another good point was brought up, that gym classes should be geared to the athletic ability of the student. I do agree with this idea. In the middle of the column is where I absolutely disagree.

I definitely believe that sports builds character, just as much as the child who excels in academic challenges. On the flip side, for every child whose self-esteem is enhanced by academic challenges, along with being in the top of their class, there is also another child who may feel ashamed and humiliated, because they do not have the potential to ever reach that academic level, but that student may be an outstanding athlete.

group of children self-esteem and character also. then I feel you have a valid point. Team sports, like academics, in school builds for the future. Learn to win, learn to lose, work hard,

team effort, and learning discipline. You can never rule academics or team sports out. They both play a very important part in our children's

The column proceeds to discuss about adolescents who are at puberty, and being at this point very conscious about their body image, and I do agree changing clothes and showering in gym lass can be anxiety producing for some kids.

The example used (was) about a 12-year-old sneaking in a video camera into the school locker room and taping his peers showering, then posting the tape on the Internet. I doubt it would get to that. The column went on to this leading up to child pornography along with sex offenders over the Internet, etc., etc. It appeared this column got a little bit carried away in the defense of abolishing gym class. I don't think these are fundamental reasons not to have gym class, and to be involved in team sports.

As I pointed out before, maybe gym class should be geared in levels of ability, but leave the Team sports and physical activity give this anti-team sports and athleticism out of it, and

> **DAVE ANDREWS** Edison

## Who do you think will win the World Series?



"I think the Yankees. They always buy their way into it." Larry Thompson Scotch Plains



"The Yankees. You can't bet against them."

**Craig Sjonell** Scotch Plains



"Yankees, I grew up in New

Feather Foster **Scotch Plains** 



"Anybody but the Yankees. I'm an old Brooklyn Dodgers fan and we always rooted against them.

Ed Sjonell Scotch Plains



"The Yankees, but I'm a San Francisco Giants fan since back when they used to be in New York.'

Jim Sulva Colonia



"The Yankees, who else?"

**Bill Richard** Dunellen

# Jersey Boy Mike Deak

# Let's put civics back into school

Like many people who believe we live in disappointing times, I've reconciled myself that most clerks in stores won't put their private lives on hold to provide customer service. (There was a time, perhaps a couple of decades ago, when personal phone calls were discouraged in the workplace. What cold, brutal times they were! I smirk sarcastically) That's an adjustment in our stan-. dards forced upon us by a culture's radically lowered expecta-

But what I can't believe is the pervasive ignorance about the workings of government, the school subject once quaintly called civics.

Most people don't seem to realize the importance of elections. They believe that life will be the same no matter who occu-. pies power in Washington, Trenton or their own hometowns. That thinking is lazy cynicism. The swings in our national policy over the past three or four decades are enough proof that our lives are affected by who wins elections. It's our duty as voting citizens to understand the issues and then cast an informedvote because it really does make" a difference.

Civics was important in those halcyon days when the primary goal of a public education was to prepare an individual to become a responsible participating member of a democracy. But at a time when voter turnout, even for a presidential election, is a national embarrassment and disgrace, it's not surprising civics does not play a major role in education.

The reason for the decline of civics in public education is diffrcult to determine. Like most issues in public education, it boils down to a chicken-or-egg question. Did the quality of civic knowledge fail because of the failure of the schools or because the schools were simply responding to the fickle standards of apublic who want other subjects emphasized?

There is great apathy and cynicism these days about government and politicians. Part of the fault lies with a small minority of politicians who are dangerously out of touch; unfortunately, they create the most noise and hog the news. The overwhelming number of politicians are honest, hardworking individuals who really want to do what is best for their constituents. That's not sexy ornewsworthy, but it's the truth.

Because of the unfair stigma attached to politicians, it's now difficult to persuade people to become involved in politics at any level. Politics has always attracted its share of kooks, but a screening process usually eliminated these people from achieving responsible positions. But with less people wanting to. become involved, the chances of a kook slipping through to a promi-. nent position are increasing. We all know examples of that at every level of government.

I don't know whether a crash course in civics will restore the public's faith in politicians or. eliminate the cynicism about politics. Apathy can weaken even a strong democracy, but that is something you never realize it. until it's too late. Just as we have lowered'

expectations about public behav-

ior, so have we lowered our expec-

tations about politicians and government. Sen. Torricelli's withdrawal from the Senate race earlier this week unfortunately only added to the public's cynicism and apathy. However, if there is some good to be found in the extinguishing of The Torch, it is the fact that the public outrage over his ethics drove him to quit' before what would have been a humiliating defeat to a political, unknown. It just goes to show that somebody really does care about good government.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Good, clean fun

Sixth-grader Whitney Adams safely catches a water balloon during Water Education Day at Forest Road Park, Fanwood. The program for Park Middle School students emphasized the importance of clean water in our lives, but didn't leave out how much fun water can be

# 50 boxes sent to GIs in Afghanistan

WESTFIELD — More than 50 boxes were shipped Sept. 18, from McGuire Air Force Base to soldiers in Afghanistan from the collections taken through the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In an effort to support our U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the American Red Cross has been continuing its campaign to collect quality of life items for the thousands of troops living under harsh conditions.

But time is running out. The project will end Oct. 15.

For almost seven weeks, volunteers such as Don McGorty and Jack Bilman, both of Westfield, have been collecting items for The Red Cross at the main donation headquarters at The American Legion Hall on North Avenue and from 12 other collection centers.

These two retired friends were asked by Red Cross board member, Mark Kuehn, chairman of the Project of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, to vol-

"These two gentlemen have given the Red Cross an enormous amount of time for this project," said Kuehn. "We really appreciate their efforts and their dedication."

According to McGorty, "this is a terrific project and an opportunity for the people at home to support our troops overseas."

McGorty, who was a captain in the Marine Corps from 1959-1962, also served in the FBI for 25 years until 1987. Afterwards, he served as the director of Security of Airborne Express for 10 years.

"We are indebted to the generosity of this community,' Bilman said. "I hope the soldiers don't get

too lonely and that they, God willing, will be coming home soon."

According to Bilman, who served as a sergeant in the Turkish Army from 1957-1959 before coming to the U.S. in 1960, "this project is a labor of love. I

feel good to give a few hours a week to do something for them (the troops in Afghanistan.)

The local Red Cross has been collecting in-kind donations of new items at the American Legion Post 3, 1003 North Ave. Drop-off times are Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Additional drop off locations include: the Westfield Police Department, Town Hall, Firehouses 1 and 2, Westfield "Y", Westfield Vacuum, Print Tech of Westfield and Mountainside, and

Street.

In addition, the following Westfield churches are also dropoff sites: First Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, Temple Emanu-El, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and Willow Grove Chapel of Scotch Plains.

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The American Red Cross on Elm such as peanuts or pretzels, microwave popcorn, wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm, foot powder, wrap-around sunglasses, batter-t ies, small pencil sharpeners, storepackaged powdered drink mixes. blank greeting cards (birthday, anniversary, etc.) toiletry items, playing cards, small games such as checkers or chess, small jigsaw puzzles, recent paperback novels, videos, DVDs, music CDs, cassettes and handwritten letters (unopened),

For more information, contact



## Clothing donations sought

Children's clothing from infant to size 14 is needed for the annual fall sale sponsored by the Westfield Day Care Center Friends. Clothing should be clean and in good condition. Children's puzzles, games, books tapes and small furniture items are also welcome, but not adult clothing, stuffed animals, cribs or sandboxes. Donations can be dropped off at the Day Care Center Educational Building, 120 Mountain Ave. in the Presbyterian Church between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, through Friday, Oct. 18. Money raised benefits the children at the center, some of whom are pictured above, and the Infant and Toddler Center, 462 W. Broad St.

## This week

# **FRIDAY**

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -"Sabrina," 90's remake of 50's Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

### **SATURDAY** OCT. 5

FLEA MARKET and annual bazaar of Manor Park Tenants Association, Boynton Ave., Westfield, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (908) 233-1733.

# **SUNDAY**

OCT. 6

ROUGH RUNNERS' fifth annual 5K run at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield; check-in 7:30 a.m., run starts 9 a.m. \$10. Registration: (908) 789-4573.

BREAK. COMMUNION FAST — annual event of Altar Rosary Society at the Apostle Bartholomew Church (Scotch Plains). The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, following 9 a.m. Mass at church. (908) 322-5192.

36 YEARS — anniversary services for Rev. Kelmo Porter, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (908) 232-6972

RETIREMENT -- party for Norbert Bernstein, director of Scotch Plains Public Library. Route L'Affaire, **\$50**. Mountainside, noon. Tickets: (908) 322-5007

IN THE ORCHARD "Johnny Appleseed Day." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 1-4 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-

# **TUESDAY**

OCT. 8

INVESTMENT TALK Stewart Ritter on "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make." Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. (908) 322-6007.

# WEDNESDAY

OCT. 9

INVESTING - meeting of New Jersey Chapter, American

of Individual Association Investors. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 6 p.m. Registration: (908) 276-7337.

# **THURSDAY**

**OCT. 10** ARC GOLF — Classic, benefiting the Arc of Union County. Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. Registration: www.arcunion.org or (908) 754-7422.

GENEALOGY LECTURE Chad Linaweaver, director of New Jersey Historical Society library. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 1 p.m. (908) 232-4159.

### FRIDAY OCT. 11

DESSERT & CARD PARTY

23rd annual event for Woman's Club of Fanwood. Scotch Hills Country Club, Scotch Plains, 12:30 p.m. \$5. Tickets: (908) 322-7892 or (908) 322-4772.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK 'Mr. Holland's Opus," mid-90s heart-tugger. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

# **SATURDAY**

OCT. 12

ONLINE SEMINAR — "The Internet and Your Child." John H. Stamler Police Academy, Union County Vo-Tech, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free. Registration: (908) 527-4517.

ART IN WESTFIELD show and sale on sidewalks of downtown Westfield, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (rain date Oct. 19). (908) 789-9444 or (908) 232-7058.

# **SUNDAY**

OCT. 13

PANCAKE BREAKFAST for Scotch Plains Lions Club. Scotch Hills Country Club, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$6; under 6 free. Tickets: (908) 753-8218.

'GET AWAY IN STYLE' fashion show benefiting Center for Hope Hospice. L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountainside, 11 a.m. \$45. Reservations required: (908) 486-0700.

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# FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -

"The Rookie," midsize box office hit from last spring. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Free. (908) 322-6400.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE annual program of Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8:15 p.m. Oct. 18; 10 a.m. Oct. 19, 20, (908) 232-6770.

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THEATER TRIP -- "The Butter and Egg Man" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Bus leaves Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 22. Members \$30: non-members \$50. Reservations: (908) 889-8800, Ext. 207 by Oct. 11.

**LEARNING STYLES** — for disabled children, explained by Arlene Pincus. Evergreen School, 2280 Evergreen Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24. (908) 889-6853.

COFFEE -- for women interested in joining Newcomers Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. Oct. 24. Registration: (908) 789-4842 or (908) 654-5373.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK -"A Knight's Tale," gladiator-style tale from spring 2001. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Free. (908) 322-6400.

SCHOOL PLAY - "Barefoot in the Park," Neil Simon musical. Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. Oct. 25, 26. Adults \$7; students, seniors \$5. Tickets: (908) 889-1600 **OPEN HOUSE** — for Grades

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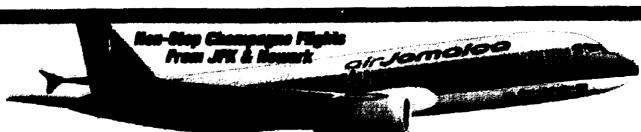
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# Community Life

## **Briefs**

#### Rabbi to speak at scholar program

WESTFIELD - Rabbi Uri Regev will be a "Scholar in Residence" this month at Temple Emanu-El, 756 Broad St

He will speak at Sabbath eve services 8:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18; Sabbath services 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19; and a brunch program 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. Regev also will speak at a formal luncheon at noon Oct.

The "Scholar in Residence" was recently named executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Reservations are required for the luncheon. For full information and reservations, phone Carolyn Shane at (9080 232-

#### Genealogy group to meet Thursday

WESTFIELD Genealogical Society of the West Fields meets 1 p.m. Thursday at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad

Leinaweaver, recently named director of the New Jersey Historical Society library in Newark. The public is invited and refreshments will be

#### Job search class at library

WESTFIELD Westfield Memorial Library is holding two classes aimed at people who are looking for jobs.

"Job Searching on the Internet" is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. You'll learn how to post your resume online for a company or government

"Resumes and Cover Letters for Beginners" is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

Both classes are open to those with a valid Westfield library card. Pre-registration is required; phone (908) 789-4090 or visit the library at 550 E. Broad St

#### Miller-Cory honors Johnny Appleseed

WESTFIELD - Johnny Appleseed is what could be called a "rural legend" from the early days of America.

The Miller-Cory Museum on Mountain Avenue pays homage to this "rural legend" with Johnny Appleseed Day 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

You can help cook applesauce and do a taste-test of same. Sample the many varieties of apples, apple butter, apple jelly and dried apples. For the younger ones there are apple crafts and apple sack races. Museum members will show how apple cider is brewed and apple head dolls are craft-

Apple pies, apple cakes, apple muffins and fresh cider can be purchased in the Frazee Building. Baked goods full of apples also can be found in a separate bake sale.

Donations will be accepted to support museum programs. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

#### Women investors invited to seminar

SCOTCH PLAINS - The public is invited to a seminar on "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them."

The seminar is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Center for Women and Families, 1801 E. Second St. Stewart Ritter from the Westfield office of Prudential Financial is the pre-

For full information, phone (908) 322-6007.

#### Osborn House open this Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Osborn Cannonball House Museum at 1840 Front St. is open to visitors 2-4 p.m.

Sunday. Docents in period dress will be on hand for tours of the 18th century farmhouse.

# Scotch Plains, Fanwood celebrate their communities



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Repertory Theater members Jen Howell, Katle Downey, Tuan Nguyen and Ben Flath sing for passersby at Scotch Plains Day festivities Saturday.

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER After the pie judging at the Fanny Wood Day celebration, the pies were auctioned. This youngster looks like he's barely tolerating the pace of capitalism.

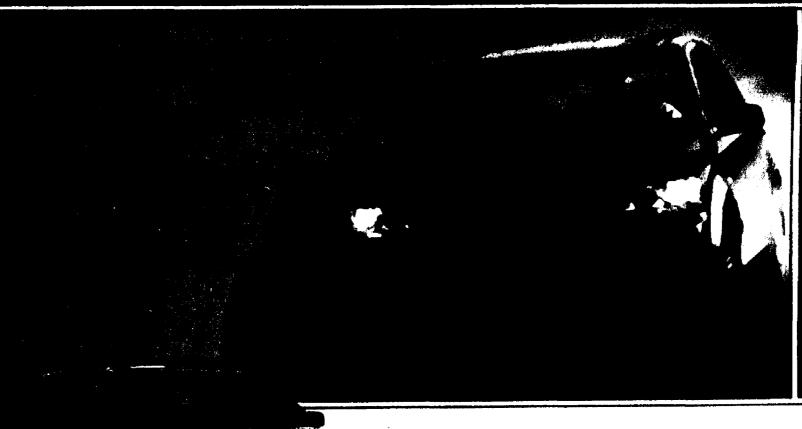


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Renate Maroney of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Historical Society waits to give out information about the society at the Fanny Wood Day celebration Sunday.

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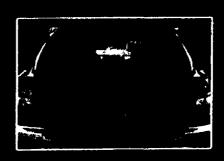


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## Franklin D. Fox

Fox, 68, died Sept. 25, 2002 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

He was born Nov. 14, 1933 in Plainfield, a son of the late George N. Fox and Lena Mae Coffey Fox, and lived in Fanwood from 1960 until he moved to Annandate in 1995.

Mr. Fox was a nurseryman for 46 years, retiring in 1997 as a partner in the George N. Fox Nursery in Plainfield. He was an outdoorsman and sports-

A sister, Gladys Headley, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Mavis Thornton Fox; two sons, George

FANWOOD -- Franklin D. E. of Washington and Lawrence F. of Branchburg; a daughter, Diana Fox Szczepaniak of Cliffwood Beach; a brother, C. Robert of Pittstown; two sisters, Laverne Headley of Brick and Barbara Krasucki of Edison: and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Central Hunterdon Baptist Church, Flemington, of which Mr. Fox was a trustee. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington.

Arrangements were by Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington. Donations may be sent to Central Hunterdon Baptist Church, 325 Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822.

### Jean Kent

Jean Kent, 79, died Sept. 28, a parishioner of St. Luke's 2002 at the JFK Hartwyck at Nursing, Edison Estates Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Edison.

She was born in Poland and lived in Irvington before moving to Edison in 1948.

Mrs. Kent was a former officer of the Parents Association at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, where she endowed a scholarship fund in 1992. Her husband, John F., was a founding trustee of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School as well as co-founder and chairman of Con-Lux Contings Inc. in Edison. He died in 1980.

For more than 40 years Mrs. Kent was a member of the Metuchen Golf and Country Club, located in Edison. She was Imman Ave., Edison, NJ 08820.

Episcopal Church in Metuchen and a former member of the JFK Medical Center auxiliary in Edison.

Surviving are a son, Ronald and wife Mary of Westfield; a sister, Adele Wilewski of Mountainside; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. today at St. Luke's Church, Route 27, Metuchen.

Arrangements | Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. In lieu of flowers, donations muy be sent to CJD Surveillance Center, c/o Dr. P. Gambetti, 2085 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, OH 44106 or Wardlaw-Hartridge School, 1295

## **Audrey Schubert Long**

Schubert Long, 79, died Sept. 29, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Rahway, she lived in Westfield for more than 50 years before moving in 1998 to College Park, Md.

Mrs. Long was a legal secrelary for many years, retiring in Falls, N.Y.; and 14 grandchil-1997 from the Westfield law piffice of Frank Swain. She was namember of the Congregational **Churc**h in Westfield.

Her husband, John, died in 1987. A daughter, Kerry L. Hoffmann, died in 1993.

Newburgh, N.Y., and Summit, NJ 07902.

WESTFIELD Addrey S. Christopher of Scotch Plains; three daughters, Leslie Long O'Leary of College Park, Meredith Humphreys and Alexandra Germinario Cornell, both of Westfield; a brother, Frederick William Schubert of Pondside, Mass.; a sister, Betty Jane Franseen of Montour

> Graveside services will be 10 a.m. tomorrow at Clover Leaf Memorial Park in Woodbridge.

Arrangements are by Dooley Colonial Home. Memorial donations may be sent to Summit \* Surviving are two sons, John Animal League, P.O. Box 1446,

## Joan Winters

WESTFIELD --- Jonn C. Mooney Winters, 79, died Sept. **25, 200**2 at Overlook Hospital In Summit.

Mrs. Winters was born in Philadelphia and had lived in Westfield since 1977. Her husband, Robert G., died

Surviving are two sons, Robert J. and James T.: two

daughters, Joan M. Romine and Mary Louise Maxwell; a brother, Dr. Joseph Patrick Mooney; and eight grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Gray

Funeral Home.

## **Obituaries**

## Alfred J. Hill; labor law attorney

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Alfred J. Hill, 71, an attorney whose specialties included labor law and workers compensation cases, died Sept. 24 at his home in

He was associated for 40 years with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, a major New Jersey law firm; Mr. Hill was a partner based at the firm's Woodbridge office. Since 1985 he was the chairman of the Middlesex County Labor and Employment Law Committee.

The attorney also spent two years on the executive committee of the New Jersey Labor and Employment Law Committee. He was on attorney with the National Labor Relations Board from 1958-62.

Mr. Hill was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1958, the year he earned a juris doctor degree from the Fordham University Law School. He received a bachelor's degree from Fordham University in 1953 and a master's degree in labor law from the New York University law school in 1962.

An ROTC officer in his undergraduate years, Mr. Hill served in the Air Force from 1954-56. He was a fourth-degree knight with the Knights of Columbus council in Iselin.

Mr. Hill was born in Paterson. He lived in Hawthorne, Edison, Scotch Plains and Normandy Beach before returning to Edison two months ago.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Anita Gera Hill; two sons, Alfred J. III of Edison and David of South Plainfield; two daughters, Cheryl Elfvengren of Edison and Linda Harkins of South Plainfield; and 10 grand-

Services were held Saturday at Gosselin Funeral Home in Edison, Entombment was in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association. P.O. Box 31160, Hartford, CT 06150-1160.

## Frank J. Brescher

Frank J. Brescher, 85, died Brescher, died in 1994. Sept. 30, 2002 at his home in Mountainside.

A native of Elizabeth, Mr. Brescher lived in Cranford from 1952 until he moved in 1982 to Port Richey, Fla. He had resided in Mountainside since 1997.

He was a tool and die maker with Thomas & Betts in Elizabeth prior to his 1981 retirement. Mr. Brescher was a member of the Deutscher Club and a longtime parishioner of St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, both in Clark.

Surviving are a son, Frank Jr.

of Denville; a daughter, Carol Boyle of Scotch Plains; a brother. Leonard of Clark; a sister, Catherine Phillips of Linden; and two grandchildren.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Ave., Westfield, Mass will follow 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571Martine Ave., Scotch

Visitation is 7-9 p.m. today at His wife, Domicella Sakotski the funeral home.

# Richard Krajewski Jr.

SCOTCH PLAINS - Richard 2518 in Forked River and the Krajewski Jr., 54, died Sept. 23. 2002 in Canada.

Mr. Krajewski was born in Jersey City. He lived in Secaucus, Scotch Plains. Dunellen and Basking Ridge before moving to Forked River

in 2000

A hunter and fisherman, Mr. Krajewski owned the Bernards Seafood shop in Basking Ridge and loved cooking for his family. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School alumnus served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Basking Ridge Fire Company. the National Wild Turkey Foundation, the National Rifle Association, the Fish Hawks in Forked River, Lacey Elks Lodge

Dunellen. Deceased are his father, Richard Sr.; a brother, Matthew Sullivan; and a sister, Beverly Bruno.

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Surviving are his wife. Janice; his mother, Marion Sullivan; two daughters, Dawn Pasmore and husband Mark of Bridgewater and Stacey of Australia: and four sisters. Patricia Missel Hermann of Delaware, Kim Carroccia of Piscataway, Arlene of Edison and Margaret Hepworth of Carlstadt.

Services were held Monday at Middlesex Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

## R. Roy Rusk

Rusk, 85, died Sept. 26, 2002 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

A native of Iowa, he lived in California before moving to Scotch Plains.

Mr. Rusk was formerly the executive director of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of California, the American Foundation of the Blind and the International Foundation for the Blind. He retired as a consultant to Community Access Unlimited in Elizabeth.

The Scotch Plains Jaycees presented Mr. Rusk with its William B. Mason Distinguished

SCOTCH PLAINS - R. Roy Service Award in 1991 for devoted service to the community. He was a lifelong Mason and played Santa Claus at the annual Holiday Fair of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

He served in a Navy underwater demolition team during World War H.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Ruby; a daughter, Sherry;

and two grandchildren. Private arrangements were by

Rossi Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to SAGE Inc., 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 or Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

## Julia Mae Quarles

SCOTCH PLAINS - Julia Isaac Lee; three daughters, Mae Quarles, 81, died Sept. 21, 2002 at her home in Plainfield. A native of Camden, S.C., she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Plainfield in 1962.

Mrs. Quarles was a home health aide for many years and the current treasurer of the Plainfield Golden Age Club.

Her husband, Alfred Sr., is deceased, as are five brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are four sons, Alfred, Fred, John Henry and

Delores, Celestina "Tina" and Judy "Ann"; a foster son, Andrew White; two sisters, Hazeline Nelson and Martha McCord; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Greater Refuge Church of Christ, Plainfield, of which Mrs. Quaries was a member for 54

Arrangements were by Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in -Westfield.

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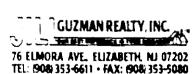
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## Ralph Appezzato; political leader, Marine officer

J. Appezzato, 67, a decorated Marine Corps officer and longtime political leader, died Sept. 16 at his home in Alameda. Calif.

He spent 26 years in the Marines, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, before retiring in 1983 with the rank of colonel. Two of his sons, David and Joshua, are now pilots in

In Alameda, a suburb in the San Francisco Bay area, Mr. Appezzato was elected to the City Council in 1992 and became mayor in 1994. When a naval air station and naval supply depot were closed in his first term he helped with the conversion of the Alameda economy to one based on hightech and white-collar employ-

The Alameda mayor served on many Bay Area boards dealing with land use, housing and transportation issues. He was in a November runoff for a seat on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

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#### SCOTCH PLAINS - Ralph life, Mr. Appezzato was a vice president with the Bank of America, where he worked from

1983-90, and chief operating officer of the Volunteers of America from 1990-94 Mr. Appezzato was bern in

New Jersey and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Alameda in 1962. He earned a master's degree from Villanova University while he was in charge of the Naval ROTC program at that school He held a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University.

Also surviving are his wife of 34 years, Marilyn; another son, Jason at home; his twin brother, John of Scotch Plains; and a sister, Teresa Ley of South Bound Brook.

A memorial service was held Sept. 21 in Alameda Point aboard the USS Hornet, an aircraft carrier on which Mr. Appezzato was stationed in his Marine career.

Memorial donations may be sent to Alameda Meals on Wheels, 516 Willow St., Alameda, CA 94501; Children's Hospital Branch Inc., Attn: Credit Branch Garden, 747. 52nd St., Room 206, Oakland, CA 94609; Alameda Boy Scout Council, 1714 Everett St., Alameda, CA 94501, or Special Olympics, 7700 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621

## **Obituaries**

## **Kimberley Sue Williams**

PLAINS Kimberley Sue Williams, 32, died Sept. 30, 2002 at University Hospital in Newark.

She was born in Jersey City and lived in Scotch Plains all her

Ms. Williams attended Union Catholic High School.

Surviving are her parents, Barry Williams and Judith LoPrete Williams of Scotch Plains: two sisters, Laura of Fanwood and Susan of Scotch Plains; her grandmother, Shirley LoPrete of Jersey City; an aunt, Lois Umholtz of Colorado; two uncles. Donald Umholtz of Colorado and Jeffrey LoPrete of Whitehouse; several other aunts, uncles and cousins; and the family dog, Chula.

Services were held yesterday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood, Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial donations may be sent to Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07063.

## Congregation plans to honor pastor on his 36th anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Special services 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday mark the 36th anniversary of Rev Kelmo Porter as pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave.

He came to Scotch Plains in 1966 after stints as pastor of Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ, located in Montclair, and First Church of God in Christ, located in Newark.

Porter holds a doctor of divinity degree from Trinity Hall University in Springfield, Ill. The Jersey City native earned bachelor's and master's degrees from New York University.

A past president of the Scotch

Plains-Fanwood Association, Porter was for 23 years the executive director of the Golden Age Project run by the Newark Senior Citizens Commission.

He married his wife, Shirley Green Porter, in 1953. The Porters have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Guest speaker for the morning service is his brother, Rev. Nathaniel Porter, pastor of the Memorial Church of God in Christ. located in Haverford, Pa. Guest speaker for the afternoon service is Rev. Donald Hilliard, pastor of the Cathedral Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy.

## More Obituaries On B-2

### **Moonglowers have Atlantic City gig**

SCOTCH PLAINS - A local jazz band is booked to play in Atlantic City this month.

The Moonglowers are scheduled to play Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Convention Hall as part of the New Jersey School Boards Association Convention. This quintet is entirely of student musicians from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Members of the Moonglowers are Rupnath Chattopadhyay,

Dave DeMair, Mike Gleason, David Koces and Aurpon Mitra. The band is under the direction of Vinnie Turturiello, a fine arts supervisor at SPFHS, with assistance from Tom Hardy and Durand Thomas.

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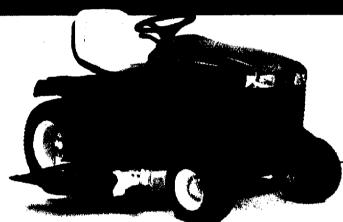
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# Raiders topple Blue Devils

## Defense dominates, Adams scores two TD's in 13-10 win

RECORD-PRESS

In a time where wide-open, runand-shoot offenses have become vogue in football, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team returned to simpler times in defeating Westfield 13-10 Saturday.

After running a 21st century, spread offense the past two year's the Raiders flashed back to the 1950's, using a smash mouth running game and physical defense to dominate the Blue Devils in

Saturday's showdown in Westfield. Kyle Adams was the workhorse

offensively, carrying 29 times for catch and run by Tyshon Blackmon 103 yards and two touchdowns while the Raiders limited Westfield to 40 yards and two first downs through the first 46 minutes of the game to improve to 2-1 heading into their bye week. Westfield fell to 2-1 and will face Shabazz (3-0) 7 p.m. tonight in Newark.

Trailing 13-3 with 1:58 remaining Westfield took over at their own 7-yard line and showed their first signs of offensive life of the day. Using a no-huddle offense quarterback Jan Cocozziello worked the ball down the field, completing six passes culminating in a 45 yard

to cut the deficit to 13-10 with 35 seconds remaining.

But the comeback ended when Scotch Plains' Roland Adeyemo recovered Andrew Lessner's onside kick at the 47, and quarterback Michael Walker took the knee to end the game.

The victory was a huge step forward for Scotch Plains' young squad on both sides of the ball and could serve as a springboard for the rest of the season.

"The big thing is we have the utmost respect for Westfield and we know they're going to come ready to play," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "To beat them and play well says a lot and gives us confidence for the rest of the season."

"(The defense is) playing well. We feel we've got some people on defense. Our backers are playing well and we've got some guys up front. I thought they did a good job."
"Since last week's loss, coming

out here and getting a win was really important to us," said Adams. "We had to have a big bounce back week. We practiced hard all week long, knew we had to come out and win and we got a

"We have to take every game one game at a time, play every game like we played today. If we have a good defensive day and offensively find that identity we've been looking for we can do it."

Finding that new offensive identity has been the theme early on for the Raiders, but they found part of it on their second possession of the third quarter, when Adams ran off right tackle for a three yard touchdown run and a 13-3 Scotch Plains lead to cap a 67 yard, 15 play march that chewed up nearly eight minutes of clock.

Adams carried five times for 23 yards as the Raiders used five different ball carriers to run on 14 of the 15 plays. Walker converted a 4th and 2 with an eight yard run on a naked bootleg two plays before Adams' score.

"That drive in the third quarter was a very good drive," said Ciccotelli. "(Walked) did a good job — on 4th and one we ran naked and he got the first down. We decided at halftime that if we double tight end them and go at them we could get something done and we did."

With Chris Feighner and Shawn Doyle blowing open holes

NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS Tyshon Blackman and the Westfield offense found little room to run

against Scotch Plains' defense. other three lineman growing into their roles and a deep backfield,

the Raiders have become a smash mouth, grind it out team. With a week off before hosting Cranford Oct. 12 the challenge now is to add a little more balance to an offense that passed just six times without a completion Saturday.

"We knew what we had to do," said Adams, "Our line did a greatjob of making holes and blocking everything. I think we found part of that identity today. We have to find the next part against Cranford in two weeks."

"It's not like last year," said Ciccotelli. "But don't get me wrong,

I think we can throw it."

Westfield got on the board first, taking over at the Scotch Plains 41-yard line, and moving the ball down to the 16 yard line where Andrew Lessner booted a 33-yard field goal for a 3-0 edge with 8:38 left in the second quarter.

Travis Boff picked off a Cocozziello pass at the Scotch Plains 44 with 4:58 left in the half to set up the Raiders first scoring drive. Adams carried on eight of the nine plays for 44 of the 56 yards and scored on a 15 yard run behind Feighner and Doyle to put the Raiders ahead 6-3 with 29 seconds left in the half.

# Kent Place edges Blue Devils for county crown

## Bender, Sharpe and Steller capture flight titles

Scotch Plains' Kyle Adams (center) carried the offensive load for the Raiders Saturday, rushing 29 times for

By DANIEL MURPHY

The Westfield High tennis team was unable to defend its Union County Tournament championship, but still crowned winners in two flights.

103 yards and two touchdowns.

Jessica Bender took home the third singles title, while Emily Sharpe and Lauren Steller teamed to win the second doubles championship to lead Westfield to a second place finish in the tournament at Hub Stine

Field in Plainfield Monday. Kent Place was able to edge 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) in the second singles final and Katherine Kielar and Michelle Morawski fell 6-1, 6-2 in the first doubles final.

Governor Livingston was third (64), followed by Summit (37). Oak Knoll (29). New Providence (21), Scotch Plains (15), Union Catholic (8) and Johnson and Roselle Park (5).

"We feel good about what we did, but you always feel like you

the Blue Devils 80-76 for the could do more," said Westfield team title by defeating Westfield Head Coach Ed Tirone. "We had head-to-head in two champi- four in the finals and two of onship matches. Lydia Bull them won. That's about as good defeated Westfield's Ali Bennett as we can do. We're happy and disappointed at the same time."

Bender, a freshman and the top seed, advanced to the final with a 6-2, 6-1 win in the second round and a 7-5, 6-1 win in the quarterfinals Saturday. Monday she earned a 7-6 (7-0), 3-6, 6-0 victory over Allie Soloman in the semifinals then topped Sabrina Govindarajan of Gov. Livingston 6-3, 6-2 in the final to remain undefeated for the season.



"She's just a freshman, which is great for us," said Tirone. "Every year there are a couple of good freshman and we're happy to have gotten one of them.

"Winning the third singles title isn't easy. I think she got a little nervous (in the semifinals). but in the third set she played to win, was aggressive and hit good

Sharpe and Steller, second-

place finishers in last year's tournament, also entered as the top seed and breezed through Saturday's first day with a 6-0, 6-1 win in their first match and a 6-1, 6-2 win in the quarterfi-

Monday they knocked off Scotch Plains' duo of Dani Finkel and Octavia Gomes 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals and battled Michelle Rosenthal and Ashley Ferrell of Gov. Livingston to two tie breakers in the final, winning 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6).

They lost in the final last year, which was disappointing for them, but they bounced back and were able to win it this year," said Tirone. "We've played

some good competition this season and I think it's really helped our doubles team improve." Bennett, who's victory at first

doubles with Kieler last year clinched the title for Westfield, had lost to Bull in the first ping the first set she rallied back in second set but couldn't win the one big point that would have forced a third set.

"She had the girl on the **ropes** a little bit, but couldn't close the deal," said Tirone. "To make the finals as a six-seed is quite an accomplishment. She's been very clutch for us this year. In a lot of our wins she's been the one to win that third point for us."

# Raiders ready to make run at title

RECORD-PRESS

Injuries have plagued the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High gymnastics team through the first month of the season, but the Raiders are still holding out hope they can reach their ultimate goals this fall.

Prior to Tuesday's meet with Union Catholic and Dayton, the expected top-three performers in the Raiders lineup had yet to perform for Scotch Plains. But Head Coach Tracy Brown expects two to be back in time to make a run at dethroning Westfield as the Union County champ and claiming the Raiders' first sectional title since 1993.

Kyle Mendes, Jackie DeJohn and Tayler Montagna have all been sidelined with injuries. Mendes had off-season shoulder surgery and is out for the year, but Brown hopes DeJohn can be back to full strength by mid-October after an elbow injury. Montagna returned to action Tuesday, taking first in the floor exercise with an 8.70 and second on bars with an 8.20.

'We've had a lot of injuries," said Brown. "But the other girls are doing well. We've performed well, but maybe not as well as we thought we would because of the injuries."

While Scotch Plains has missed the services of Mendes, DeJohn and Montagna it has still been scoring between 97-98 points while posting a 3-3 dual meet record. Jackie Tumolo has been performing in all four events, specializing in beam; Katie Zaleski is the Raiders' best on bars and beam while performing all-around and Kate Breuninger has also competed in all four events and is the top scorer on vault. Camille Tiangco is Scotch Plains best floor exercise performer, and has also competed on beam.

The Raiders have been working hard on their balance beam and floor routines, cleaning up small mistakes and increasing the difficulty of the routines and have already seen improvement in their scores. Their focus now is to increase the difficulty of their vaults in hopes of scoring over 100 points and with the addition of DeJohn and Montagna — being able to challenge Cranford Westfield for the county title.

"If we have Jackie and Tayler back I think it will be a nice battle between those three teams," said Brown. "I would also like to win sectionals. If we can clean up our routines and increase the difficulty I think we have a good shot."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS All McMahon puts a shot away in the Devils victory over Scotch Plains Friday. After taking second in the Jersey Classic Saturday Westfield is looking for another impressive performance at the Livingston Tournament tomorrow.

# **Devils impressive** at Jersey Classic

With a balanced attack and gritty overall play the Westfield High volleyball team put forth their best performance of the season Saturday, defeating some of the state's top competition.

The Blue Devils took second place at the prestigious Jersey Classic in Paramus, winning their pool and advancing to the final before falling to New York power Burnt Hills of Ballston Lake, N.Y. 10-15, 15-9, 15-10.

Westfield defeated Cresskill and Eastern, both considered topfive teams in the state twice in pool play, as well as Union Catholic, a top-10 New Jersey team. Another New York power, Minisink Valley split two games with the Blue

Devils. The victory in pool play advanced Westfield to the semifinals where it took on Livingston, and rallied back from a 6-0 deficit

to post a 15-10 victory.
"We were the best New Jersey team there. We played great," said Westfield Head Coach Bev Torok. "That was the best we've played this year. It's still early in the season, but it was quite a perfor-

It also served as a nice confidence booster after a less-then spectacular week. The Blue Devils played flat and were upset by Rahway Sept. 25 then played tight Friday before knocking off Scotch

"It was a rough week," said Torok. "But we were able to go out there (Saturday) relax and just

While just about everyone on Westfield stepped up and played well Saturday the Blue Devils were led by the play of junior setter Sophic Hall. Distributing the ball to all of her teammates, utilizing quick hits in the middle and taking advantage of hitters along the back row Hall was able to keep everyone involved and the defense on its

"We need to spread the ball around," said Torok. "She did a great job of getting everyone involved. We're always going to go to (Nikki LeBlanc) when we need to and she'll still get more (opportunities) than anyone else, but our middle hitters did a very good job and we were able to get some points out of the back row,

Which was essential after LeBlanc had to leave early, Without their top hitter everyone stepped up the offense for Westfield and the Blue Devils served tough to knock off both Eastern and Livingston without their top weapon and battle Burnt Hills to three games.

Westfield (6-1) kept the momentum rolling Tuesday with a 15-13. 14-16, 15-9 win over a strong Bridgewater-Raritan squad. It will face Cranford 4 p.m. today before to the Livingston traveling Tournament tomorrow.

# Schultz scores two more as Westfield tops Union

Led by a pair of goals from Billy Schultz the Westfield High boys soccer team defeated county rival Union 2-0 Monday.

Schultz put Westfield (4-1-2) ahead quickly, converting a penalty kick in the 10th minute and scored an unassisted goal 10 minutes later for a 2-0 lead. Brian Pirot made sure it held up, making 10 saves to record the shutout.

It was the culmination of a strong week for the Devils, who convincingly defeated the Farmers who were previously ranked ahead of the Devils in Union County, and tied Kearny, who was ranked as high as second in the

Westfield will travel to Cranford 4 p.m. today.

Westfield 0, Chatham 0 -Brian Pirot turned aside six shots as Westfield battled Chatham to a 0-0 tie Saturday evening.

Westfield 3, Kearny 3 -Freshman Taylor Thomas scored two goals, the second in the final minute of regulation to help Westfield gain a 3-3 tie with Kearny.

Tommasso scored Westfield's third goal, with Billy Schultz, Brendan Egan and McManus registering assists. Gil Arbitsman stopped five shots and Brian Pirot turned away nine for Westfield.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Gio Palatucci scored two goals to lead Westfield to a 3-1 win over Union Monday

Palatucci lifted Westfield (6-1) to a 2-0 lead, scoring on direct kicks in the 35th minute and 62nd minute. Union cut the lead in half, but Danni Fried iced the win with 37 seconds remaining.

Westfield 1, Chatham 0 -Gio Palatucci scored the lone goal to boost Westfield to a 1-0 win over Chatham Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL Westfield def. Scotch Plains

#### **WRAP UP**

15-6, 15-5 — Sophie Hall had 13 assists and Nikki LeBlanc had eight kills to lead Westfield (4-1) past Scotch Plains (2-4) Friday.

Cari Rock had three aces and Hall added two kills. FIELD HOCKEY

Mollie Gibbons turned aside six shots as Westfield battled to its second straight scoreless tie with Cranford Monday.

Samantha Burns made 17 saves for Cranford.

Westfield 0, Johnson 0 -Mollie Gibbons stopped eight shots to record her second shutout in a 0-0 tie with Johnson Saturday.

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

Five different players scored and Ricky Fleissner posted another shutout as Scotch Plains remained unbeaten with a 5-0

drubbing of Irvington Monday.

Ryan Breznitsky registered a goal and an assist, with Taylor Cole, Ed Zazzali, Joey Bartolatta, and Ray Dinzo each scoring for the Raiders (7-0).

Scotch Plains 4, Plainfield 0 - Ryan Breznitsky and Ed Zazzali each had a goal and an assist to lead Scotch Plains to a 4-0 win over Plainfield Sept. 25.

Taylor Cole and Sean McNelis each had a goal and Rick Fleissner stopped two shots for the shutout. CROSS COUNTRY

Led by Zack McGuire's first place finish in 16:36.04 Scotch Plains won the Passaic County Coaches Invitational for the fourth straight year Saturday, 58-68 of second place Middletown South. Brian Kopnicki was third overall in 16:49.71.

Cranford in their first meeting of rectly reported that the season 26-31, but McGuire won his head-to-head dual with Ed Clinton, finishing five seconds faster in 16:33.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Six different Raiders scored as Scotch Plains cruised for the second straight game, topping Irvington 9-1 Monday.

Jenna Balestriere scored three times and Jessie Sapienza had two goals for the Raiders (3-4). Michelle Fischer, Hallie Mintz, Carlene Bronikowski and Laura Klastava each had one goal.

Scotch Plains 9, North Star 0 - Five different players scored in the first half as Scotch Plains cruised to a 9-0 win over North Star Saturday.

Michelle Fischer, Kelly Rigano, Stephanie Heath, Jessie Sapienza and Jeannette Franzone each had goals in the win.

In the Raiders 4-2 loss to Scotch Plains fell to rival Cranford last week it was incor-

Sapienza scored both Scotch Plains goals, when in fact it was Michelle Fischer who scored both goals.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Megan Reddington had five aces to lead Scotch Plains to a 15-8, 15-3 win over Linden Monday.

Nina Baker had seven service points and eight assists for the Raiders (3-4), while Erin Gallagher served for seven points.

GYMNASTICS

Scotch Plains scored 94.60 points to top Union Catholic and Dayton Tuesday.

Katie Zaleski led the Raiders with a 32.50 all-around score, winning the bars (8.40), and taking second in vault (8.15) and beam (8.15). Kate Breuninger was third overall (31.40), taking first in vault (8.75) and third on the beam (8.05). Tayler Montagna took first on floor (8.70) and second on bars

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WESTFIELD U-14

The Westfield Blue Devils U14 girls team improved its record to 1-0-1 by defeating South Mountain 2-0. Ariel Gale scored her second goal in two games off a great pass from Elizabeth Zordos. Erin Miller then scored 10 minutes later on a great play from Christine Kandigian, and Rachel St. Lifer, The Blue Devils defense was boosted by the return of two of their captains Ayn Wisler and Kristen Ditzeil. Along with Krissy Wendel, Augustine Danieile Infantino, Arielle Magnannini. Jamie Freeman, Allison Oberlander and Mary Mahoney, they only allowed one shot to get through to their excellent goaltender tandem of Erin Scialabba and Erin Bange Stephanie Slodyzcka also had an excellent game from her center forward position. The girls

will face Summit next week The Blue Devils opened the season with a hard fought 1-1 lie with Scotch Plains 2 Sept. 22. The Blue Devils are one of seven teams from Westfield in the U14 age group in the inter-county girls division The leam has 14 seventh graders and

three eight graders on it. Westfield was in control of the game early but had two controversial calls go against them to take away two goals. Jamie Freeman scored the first goal that was disallowed when the reficalled her for offsides on the redirect of a shot by Stephanie Slodyzcka into the goal. On the second call, Erin Miller scored on an indirect kick which tooked like the goaltender touched, but the ref

didn't see it that way and said no goal. minutes into the second half, Scotch Plains scored their only goal of the game on a corner kick that Westfield failed to clear, it was Scotch Plains' second and last shot on goal, but they made it count and led 1-0. The Westfield midfielders led by Elizabeth Zoidis, Augustine Healy. Danielle Infantino, and Christine Kandigan kept putting the pressure on.

Then, finally with 10 minutes to go, Ariel Gate made a great shot from the right side into the far left of the net to finally beat the Scotch Plains goaltender. Their goaltenders made 14 saves in the game. to give the girls a hard fought tie.

In other U14 Girls intercounty action last weekend, the Westfield Jersey Girls lost a tough battle to Scotch Plains 2 by a score of 3-0. The Westfield Waves lost to Scotch Plains 1 by the score of 5-0 and the Westfield Sharks fost to Colonia 3-0. Cranford defeated the Westfield Panthers 5-0. The Westfield Falcons were forced to play two games back-to-back short a player and lost to the Summit Breakers 5-0 and to South Mountain 4-1

**BIONDI STRIKES FOR LIGHTNING** Choosing to shoot from a distance most U13 girls would only pass from, Brittany Biondi made the difference in an otherwise evenly played game between the Scotch Plain's Lightning U13 Girls soccer team and the Montgomery Charge

Biondi's high, looping shot from about 40 yards out midway through the first half was mishandled by the Montgomery goalie and tapped in by an alert Chery Monteiro to give the Lightning the only goal of the game in a 1-0 victory.

The difference turned out to be goal keeping as the Lightning duo of Rachel and Jaclyn Lazarus, aided by the ubiquitous fullback Alyssa Straniero made no mistakes. "We played a very good game. We made a lot of nice passes out there," said coach Luis Rodriguez Parker left the goal in the second half to

provide several exciting long runs down the right wing that almost resulted in the second goal, Lazarus joined Stranjero. Jovanni Costello, and Maria Rivero to provide a tough defensive wall in front of Parker in the first half, aided immeasurably by the solid midfield play of Kristen Thompson, Cathy Harley Biondi, Nina Smallwood, Jessica Nagourney, Rachel Kreyer and Heather Rodriguez, Parker has not surrendered a goal in six games this season. In addition to Monteiro, Joanna Naugle and Angelica Glover were creative in their passing and dribbling and kept the pressure on Montgomery. The Lightning meet South Plainfield this

Sunday at 1 pm at Wardlaw Hartridge PANNURI STOPS MACHINE

Her mother told her she shouldn't play soccer with a cold but Neha Pannuri knew how important the game was and how vital she is to her team. Pannuri's defensive skill turned out to be one of the differences as the Gold Rush, a Scotch Plains U11 Girls' House League team improved their record to 2-0-1 by handing the Green Machine their first loss of the season 2-0. Saturday at Terrill Middle School, Pannuri combined with sweeper Shannon Reimers and fullbacks Sarah Lazarus, Christina Bobyack and Jessica Moore and goalies Mary Beth Fiedler and Katie Gartner to shut down the high powered Green Machine attack which had scored four goals the previous game.

Midfielders Gina Pelosi and Laura Toffolo, who have combined for seven of the Gold Rush's eight goals this season were on target again with two first half goals. The duo along with Caillin Hoynes-O'Conner were dominant in midfield and helped control the game. Niki Hodulik, Christine Murphy, Amanda Rodriguez and Allison Staniec were skillful on offense. providing many excellent passes.

SPARX STREAK The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Sparx U- 12 girls soccer team, coming off a first place finish in the Branchburg Labor Day Tournament, continued their winning streak with victories in both regular sea-

In the season opener against Hazlet leading scorer Gabby Clarke once again ignited the offense, scoring on an assist from Kim Shelus and Allison Goldberg for a 2-0 lead. Shelus scored on a breakaway for a 3-0 halftime lead. Hazlet scored twice in the second half, but Clarke added her third goal off an assist from Jaciyn Law for

In the second game of the season the Sparx battled the Westfield Wave in a tight, seesaw contest. Despite several shots from Becca VonLangen, Erika White, Jennie Altman, Olivia Francavilla and Gabby Clarke the Sparx were denied by Westfield's excellent keeper. In the second half Clarke finally put the Sparx on the board with a high shot over the Westfield keeper off an assist from Corrine Walker.

The strong play of Allison Goldberg, Brittney Veeck, Sheryl Markovitz, Gina Egidio, Samantha Bremer, and Gabriella Pinho were able to contain the Westfield offense and help goalie Brittany Harris record a 1-0 shutout win **REBELS VICTORIOUS** 

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Rebels girls soccer team shocked the Bridgewater Shooting Stars with a 2-1 victory in their season opener. The Rebels, who had never beaten Bridgewater in several previous meetings, combined aggressive defense, great offense and excellent goalkeeping to walk away with the win.

Bridgewater scored first but the Rebels answered when Alana Salituro found the back of the net off a cross from Kim Wenson. Bridgewater attempted a quick rally but was denied when a quick reacting Allison Prestridge jumped in front of the goal to kick away the shot. Strong defense by Kim Many, Devon Daly and Sarah Canfield and goalkeeper Kathryn Dinizo kept the score at 1-1 at the half. In the second half the Rebel midfielders Becky Krakora, Jen Kickenweitz. and Taylor Guiffre kept creating scoring opportunities for Michelle Goldberg. Cassie Zito, Lyndsey Douglas and Nicole Vacca. Morgan Burke finally broke through, sinking a hard shot off a breakaway for a 2-1 edge.



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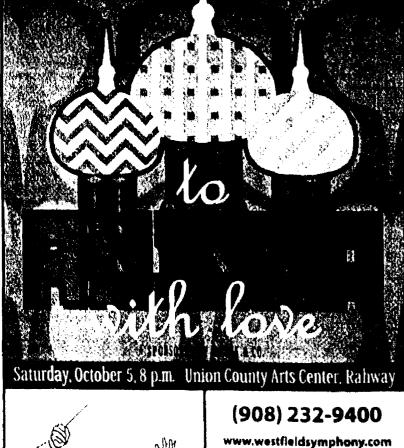
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CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB'S

# 'Charlie Brown' will open Oct. 11

CRANFORD — The Cranford Dramatic Club's production of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown", based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz opens Friday, Oct. 11. This hit musical with book, music, and lyrics by Clark Gesner is directed by Mary Webb of Cranford, Assistant Director and Producer is Liz Howard of Cranford, Assistant Producer is Tiffany Wilson of Plainfield, and Musical Director is Mary Beth McFall of Roselle.

The hopelessly unlucky, yet warm-hearted and loveable, Charlie Brown, will be played by F.J. DeRobertis of Westwood. F.J. started acting in college where he majored in Theatre and Elementary Education. Some of his acting credits include Young Man in "Street Eros" at Producers Club Theatre in New York City. Jeffrey in "Godspell" at CDC, Issachar in "Joseph and the Amazing..." at State Theatre Plays in the Park), and ensemble in "Évita" at Plays in the Park. F.J. says his favorite role, to date, is Charlie Brown, "playing Charlie Brown is a dream, come true. My friends have always called me Charlie Brown, because I always seem to have Charlie's luck. It is so much fun and an honor to work with such a talented cast and production staff." E.J. plans to continue acting and directing, taking acting classes in NYC, and to keep on teaching while getting his M.A. in School Administration to become a school principal. Playing the bossy, but beautiful

Lucy is CDC favorite, Hope Weinstein, of Springfield. Hope began acting when she was 12, and has continued over the years performing in college and community theatre throughout New Jersey. She has been seen on the CDC stage starring in some of her most enjoyable roles such as Eliza-Doolittle in "My Fair Lady" and Agnes Gooch in "Mame." A few other CDC credits include "Mary Poppins", "Fiddler on the Roof", "The Importance of Being Earnest", Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", "City of Angels", "Vanities", "Wait Until Dark", and "The Sound of Music." Hope comments about playing Lucy, "I thought it would be fun to be part of an ensemble of characters... each one is unique and we can all identity to some degree with at least one of these characters. I have a stubborn streak, probably not as strong as Lucy's, but it will be fun to work with that aspect of myself and use it to shape the character." Hope recently made her directorial debut at CDC's children's theatre production of "Sleeping Beauty." She says, "I would also like to direct again, if

given the opportunity." Also, a regular at CDC, is Ken-



Pictured left to right, are: F.J. DeRobertis, as poor Charlie Brown; Hope Weinstein of Springfield as take charge, Lucy Van Pelt; Ken Webb of Cranford as Charlie's very intelligent and thoughtful best friend Linus Van Pelt; Melissa Loderstedt of Garwood, as Charlie's playful little sister Sally Brown; Shayne Miller of South Plainfield, as the quiet and shy Beethoven-loving Schroeder; and Carl Barber-Steele of Westfield, as Charlie's lovable pet Snoopy, bring the comic strip characters to life in this heart-warming favorite based upon "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz.

Webb, playing the blanket obsessed Linus. Ken has been anactive participant in community theatre for over 20 years. He has directed more than a dozen shows and appeared in countless others. Ken started his training while a student at Middlesex County College, and has worked in more than 10 different community theatre groups. A few of these groups include Westfield Community Players, Franklin Villagers Barn Theater, Playhouse 22 in East Brunswick, Philathalians of Fanwood, and

Parish Players in Plainfield. Some of his CDC acting credits: include "Baby", "My Fair Lady," and "Most Happy Fellow". Ken's most enjoyable roles include Stone in "City of Angels, as well as Herman in "Most Happy Fella" in 1995, where he met his wife, Mary Webb, who is Director of "Charlie-Brown." Ken says, "Mary and I met at CDC while playing Cleoand Herman in 1995, ...we began dating during the show, fell in love, and the rest is history. CDC occupies a very special place in our lives." Ken also recently appeared in "It Runs in the Family" at Westfield Community Players and directed "The Sound of Music" in 2001. He says, "I am looking forward to working with the cast and crew of Charlie Brown and would like to continue doing community theatre in the future, as much as my professional demands allow."

Schroeder is multi-talented Shavne Miller of South Plainfield. Shayne has a degree in Theater from Kean University and is currently the Publicist for New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. Shayne is a director, actor, musical director, and producer, and on the board of the Cranford Dramatic Club, while also executive producer for the Rainbow Experience Theater Company of Westfield/Plainfield. Some of his favorite directing credits include "Godspell," -Shop," "Tommy" (South Plainfield High School, "Music Man," "Guys and Dolls," "Dark of the Moon" (Kean University), "Fiddler," "Grease," and "SAI Benefit" (George Street Playhouse). A few favorate acting credits are Tony in "West Side Story," Jesus in "Godspell"(2x), Jack in "Into the Woods," Motel in "Fiddler," Curly in "Oklahoma"," Snoopy in "Snoopy the Musical," Space Punk in "Starmites," and the host of a show for Warner Bros at 6 Flags Great Adventure. Shayne says about playing Schroeder, "I am excited to be playing a role that came out of the latest revival of Charlie Brown... the fact that not many people have had the opportunity to play this revised role gives a lot of room for exploration."

Playing Sally, Charlie's younger sister, is Melissa Loderstedt of Garwood. Melissa's first acting 276-7611.

Charlie's piano playing friend experience was in preschool. "I remember being cast as Cinderella at Geraldine Nursery School in Cranford, but I was too afraid to dance with boys, so I became one of the mean stepsisters." Melissa says, "I love Sally's song. I think she is a great character." Melissa has gone on to perform in many shows in area theaters, including, "Blood Brothers", "Chess" at Chatham Community Players, "Children of Eden" at Villagers, "A Funny Thing Happened...", "Pirates of Penzance", "She Loves Me", "The Secret Garden", and "Fiddler" at Plays in the Park. She has also been an active participant at CDC. Some of her CDC roles include the title role in "Mame", Amnesia in "Nunsense", Pam in "Baby", Glinda in "Wizard of Oz", Catherine in "Pippin", and Deirdre in "I Hate Hamlet". Melissa is just getting settled back into New Jersey after living in Pennsylvania for a bit. "It's wonderful to be home, she comments, I plan to continue to be a part of community theater in New Jersey for a long time."

Performances are Fridays,

October 11, 18, 25 and Saturdays on October 12, 19, 26, at 8PM. Tickets are \$15. The theatre is located at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford, off Centennial Avenue just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For further information, please call (908)

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The event, sponsored by The Arts Guild of Rahway, is a collaborative program with The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and funded in part by a grant from Merck & Co. Inc., which is a major corporate presence in Rahway. It is also made possible in part by The Union County Freeholders and UCDCHA through funding from the NJ State Council on the Arts. Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for The Arts

2002 exhibit is the third consecutive year of the sponsorship and presentation of this exhibit at The Arts Guild. This year it will feature 36 original artworks by twenty two Union County artists. These include a broad range of media: painting, drawing, photographs, prints, and mixed media in a diverse variety of styles and techniques by some of the county's

finest talent. Jurors for the exhibit were Laura Galvanek, curator of exhibits for The Morris Museum, Valeri Larko, director, Tommasulo Gallery, Union County College and Michael Metzger, vice chair and professor of art Kean University. Berkeley Heights artist Jim

RAHWAY - From Oct. 13 to Feuss, former art vice president at The Watchung Art Center, served as curator for this exhibit for The Arts Guild. Artworks featured in The Celebrating Excellence Show were selected from nearly 200 sub-

> For county artists who wish to receive applications next year for the event contact Teya at The County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs (908) 558-2550 to be placed on the mailing list.

> For Celebrating Excellence, gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; Thursday, 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Appointments can be arranged for OST visits by schools or for groups. Call Executive Director Lawrence Cappiello at (732) 381-

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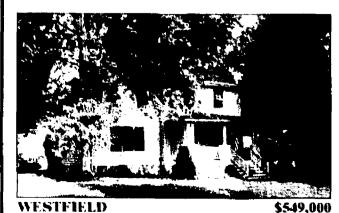
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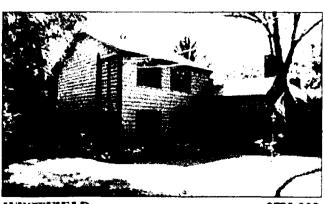
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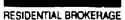
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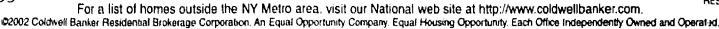
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# Automotive/Classified

# V-Strom is open road tourer with off-road bloodlines

BY JERRY GARRETT

My ride on the Suzuki DL1000 V-Strom was exactly, and I mean exactly, like an eight-hour shift operating a jackhammer. The grips just vibrated and pounded the pavement, because of the harsh suspension settings, for the entire

Expansion joints, potholes, lane seams, bridge transitions, etc., blasted the suspension and the concussion would just about unseat me.

A saving grace about the bike is the seat.

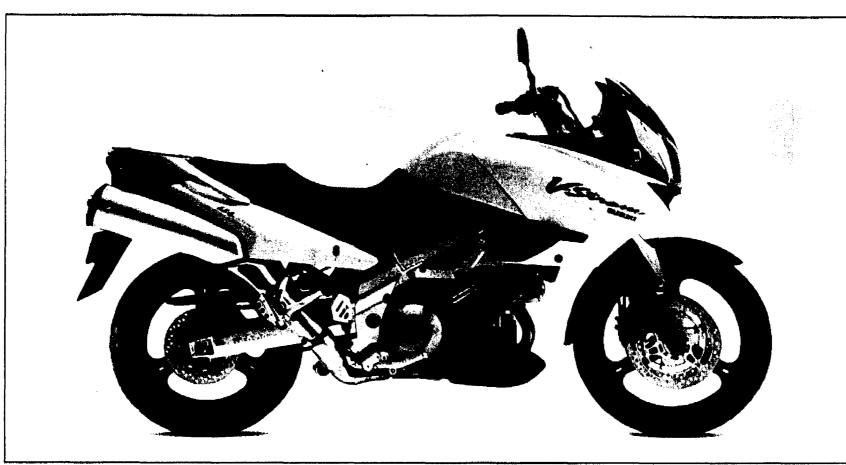
On most bikes, your tailbone jams right down into an almost flat, unforgiving seat, and the impact of the rear suspension drives the shock right up through your spine. The V-Strom's seat is intelligently scalloped not to do that, fortu-

The wind noise on this bike was something I had been warned about. Suzuki offers different optional windscreens (probably worth trying). The stock version was . for this 6foot rider, anyway - like howling banshees from about 45 mph and faster.

Not much wind buffeting of the head or torso, again fortunately, just a terrible wailing that kept my ears "whooshing" like the sound of a seashell held up to each ear for hours after the ride ended.

The rushing of the wind was a godsend in one regard: I didn't have to listen to the motor, because I couldn't hear it over the roar of the wind.

The engine had this odd, walloping note to it, a cross between an industrial sewing machine and an electronic woodpecker hammering away. Maybe it sounded that way because it had been ridden as hard as a circus Shetland all



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day, in extreme conditions.

How could anyone stand

seven or eight hours of that? I loved this bike, by the way. For the record, about the only thing I didn't like about the V-Strom is its quirky name.

When Suzuki suggested that I ride the new V-Strom to San Diego from San Francisco, I welcomed the chance. After all, this is a bike that has been critically acclaimed by a consensus of editors as one of the Ten Best Bikes of 2002.

Suzuki bills it as the world's "touring-enduro-sport bike." But if you've seen recent BMWs, you know the Germans have already explored this territory and have planted their

You can doll the V-Strom up with optional luggage racks, bags and a trunk, to give it a decided Teutonic tourer look; you can also leave it stripped down, lean and mean as a Paris-Dakar desert dog.

It also does a reasonable wolfin-sheep's clothing - albeit one macho sheep imitation, when matched up against unsuspecting sport bikes.

So, what exactly is a touringenduro-sport bike? In the eyes of the editors of Cycle World, "it looks like a big, overgrown dirt bike" (a minus) that also "handles like a big, overgrown dirt

bike" (a plus). In fact, it comes with Bridgestone Trail Wing

The V-Strom also seats its rider in a dirt-bike position, which, for a long pavement ride like mine from San Francisco, was surprisingly comfortable.

The dirt-bike position generally leans you forward enough that your torso becomes intimately involved in machine control, making it much easier to toss the bike around. That quickly became apparent as an especially good idea on my wind-tossed ride.

The crosswind out of San Francisco along the bay just about dismounted me. The

wind died down until coming into Salinas, when I hit such a headwind I thought I could get off and jog alongside the bike. Then it turned into another crosswind, more vicious than

A couple of times it just about turned my belmet sideways on my head. Across one bridge the combination of bumpy pavement and wind gusts had me about two feet off the seat.

Finally the breeze became a tailwind that pushed me along so fast at one stretch that the mirrors blew flat. I passed a California Highway Patrol cruiser going the other way that probably didn't come after

helicopters, and what's a good police chase these days without helicopters?

Admirably, the bike stayed surprisingly planted and man ageable through all that.

Regardless of wind direction the V-Strom got noteworthy gar mileage 42 mpg or so that combined with its 6-gallon tank capacity well outran my kidney and bladder capacity.

The ride wound up being longer than I thought but the miles door to door rideability of the V-Stron. helped me knock it out by din; nertime. When I got home, I just kind of fell off, into my front yard. Great ride, This is what we ride for, isn't it?

(Suzuki: You did know the suspension is rider-adjustable didn't you?)

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2002 Suzuki DL1000 V

Engine: 996cc, 8-valve 90 degree DOHC, liquid-cooled V

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Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 3.4 seconds Suspension: Front, tele!

scopic cartridge type; rear, link type with rebound and preloac) adjustment Fuel capacity: 5.9 gallons

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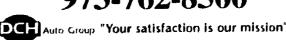
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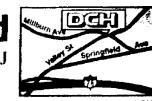
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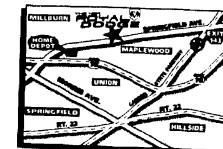
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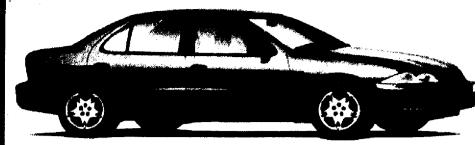
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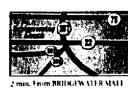
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